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Symphony in G No. 15, K. 124
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Christy Muncey is director of the CSU Concert Orchestra, assistant conductor for the CSU Symphony and Opera CSU, the assistant conductor of the Thornton Community Band, and an Apprentice Conductor with the Fort Collins Symphony. In May 2011 Ms. Muncey attended a conducting masterclass in St. Petersburg, Russia and was selected to conduct on the final performance. Ms. Muncey is working toward her Masters in Music with an emphasis in Conducting. Before beginning her masters degree, Ms. Muncey completed a Bachelor of Music in Music Education from Colorado State University and taught for five years at Wheat Ridge High School where she was the Instrumental Music director and conducted concert band, orchestra, musi-

cal orchestra, and directed the jazz band and marching band. In addition to her high school teaching experience, Ms. Muncey has also taught flute and marching master classes to high school students in Colorado and Georgia as well as taught at drum major conducting at the Rocky Mountain Summer Music Camp. Ms. Muncey has studied conducting with Wes Kenney and Steven Moore and flute with Michelle Stanley, Greg LaLiberté, and Kelly Via. Ms. Muncey keeps up with her flute, performing with the Thornton Community Band as well as with Thornton-based flute trio, Flute Salad.

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as an instrumental march, it later became popular to add lyrics (often different versions) by major Spanish popular singers. It is a "Pasodoble," a type of Spanish popular march that literally translates as "two-step." Pasodobles are traditional played at bullfights as the Bullfighter enters the ring. The music is infused with Spanish-tinged melodies, harmonies, and rhythms. Program Notes by Nikk Pilato

Prelude, Siciliano and Rondo

Born on October 21, 1921 at Northampton, England, Malcolm Arnold was educated at the Royal College of Music in London, where he majored in composition with Gordon Jacob. He performed professionally as a trumpet player in the BBC Symphony and the London Philharmonic, and since 1948 he devoted his talents almost exclusively to conducting.

Prelude, Siciliano and Rondo was originally written for the brass bands for which England is well-known. It was titled Little Suite for Brass. John Paynter's arrangement expands it to include woodwinds and additional percussion, but faithfully retains the breezy effervescence of the original composition. All three movements are written in short, clear five-part song forms: The ABACA design will be instantly apparent to the listener while giving the imaginative melodies of Malcolm Arnold a natural, almost folk-like setting. The Prelude begins bombastically in fanfare style, but reaches a middle climax, and winds down to a quiet return of the opening measures that fades to silence. The liltingly expressive Siciliano is both slower and more expressive, affording solo instruments and smaller choirs of sound to be heard. It, too, ends quietly. The rollicking five-part Rondo provides a romping finale in which the technical brilliance of the modern wind band is set forth in boastful brilliance.

Notes from score

His Honor March

Henry Fillmore was the most colorful bandsman of his time, and that era stretched across fifty vibrant years during which he probably wrote more band music – much of it under assumed names – than any composer/bandmaster in history. Fillmore's background in his family's publishing house led him at an early age down a variety of productive paths as a composer, including those of the hymn, popular overture, fox-trot, waltz, and his own particularly lucrative specialty - the trombone novelty. His irrepressible talent for marches produced a string of masterpieces uniquely of his won flavor, and among the most outstanding of them is His Honor. He dedicated it to Mayor Russell Wilson of Cincinnati, and according to Paul Bierley, it was probably played for the first time by the Fillmore Band during their concerts at the Cincinnati Zoological Gardens in August 1933. Notes by Fennell



Christopher Krueger is a Graduate Teaching Assistant at Colorado State University, where he is working toward the completion of his M.M. in Instrumental Conducting and Music Education. Through his assistantship, Mr. Krueger works with the bands at CSU, conducting and assisting the Wind Ensemble, co-conducting the Concert Band and the Ram's Horn Pep Band, and assisting the award winning CSU Marching Band. Before beginning his graduate work at Colorado State, Mr. Krueger received a dual concentration Bachelor of Music degree in 2009 in Music Education and in Tuba Performance from Colorado State University. In addition to his work at CSU, Mr. Krueger has taught low brass around the Northern Colorado area and continues to teach tuba and euphonium privately here in Fort Collins. He

performs regularly around the area and is a member of the Fort Collins Four Tuba Quartet in addition to performing with the Wind Ensemble, Symphony Orchestra, and Graduate Brass Quintet here at CSU. Mr. Krueger has studied conducting with Christopher Nicholas, Wes Kenney, J. Steven Moore, and Chad Nicholson and has studied tuba with Robert Brewer, Greg Harper, Steven Dombrowski, and Daniel Perantoni.

Nicholas Curran earned his B.M.E. from the University of Northern Colorado in 2010 where he studied Saxophone and Music Education. Nicholas taught k-2 general music at American Academy charter school as well as founding the school's first Beginning Band. Currently, Nicholas is a Graduate Teaching Assistant at Colorado State University where he is earning his M.M. in Instrumental Conducting. Nicholas has been given the opportunity to conduct and assist the Symphonic Band, co-conduct the Concert Band and the Ram's Horn Pep Band and assisting the revered CSU Marching Band.

PROGRAM NOTES

Notturno, op. 40

Antonin Dvořák composed the material that eventually became the Notturno in 1882 or 1883. Dvořák was fond of taking material from one piece and re-assigning it to another, and this is how his op. 40 eventually came to be. The material for this piece began as the slow movement for a string quartet, although this work was never actually published. Dvořák moved the movement around to different pieces before expanding the material into a stand-alone piece for string orchestra.

The piece begins with a statement of the theme in the cellos and basses before the rest of the orchestra joins in and the first violins take over and expand on the melody. The melody flows over continuous eighth notes in the second violins and violas with punctuations in the basses. Part way through the piece the music becomes somewhat livelier, although there are frequent hesitations and pauses. The piece returns to the gentle and contemplative mood of the beginning before coming to a quiet end.

Little Suite, op. 1

Carl Nielsen was a Danish composer who lived from 1865 to 1931. Born into a poor family, Nielsen was admitted to the Royal Danish Academy of Music, and while he was not considered to be the best student, he went on to play violin with the Royal Theatre in Copenhagen and to compose several pieces that have become part of the standard repertoire.

The Little Suite for string orchestra, op. 1, was written in 1888, just after Nielsen graduated from the Academy. One of his earliest works for orchestra, the music demonstrates Nielsen's budding musical style. The first movement is a slow elegy, whose opening melody is sung by the cello section over an ostinato in the second violins and violas. The second movement is a lively waltz that alternates between two main melodies, one minor, one major. The final movement begins in the same fashion as the first, but then takes of into a lively sonata movement. Typical of 19th century style the work is cyclic, bringing back themes from the first movement near the end of the Finale.

Symphony G major No. 15, K. 124

While it is often discussed that Mozart wrote his first compositions at age 4 and his first symphony at age 8, much more attention and performance time is given to his later works. Mozart's earlier works, while not performed nearly as much as his later symphonies and operas, already show the master's unique compositional style and character. The Symphony in G major was written in 1772 when Mozart was only 16 years old.

The symphony has a typical Classic Era orchestration of two oboes, two horns, and strings – a common orchestration for Mozart's early symphonies. The first movement is a text-book example of the sonata-allegro form, also popular during the Classic Era. The second movement is an Andante in binary form that calls to mind the bass line from Pachelbel's well-known canon. The third movement is the popular Minuetto and Trio, a dance movement that became common in symphonies, and the final movement is a lively Rondo.

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PROGRAM NOTES

A Festival Prelude

Alfred Reed has more than two hundred published works for concert band, wind ensemble, orchestra, chorus, and chamber ensemble to his name. He was professor of music at the University of Miami and established the very first college-level music business curriculum at the University of Miami in 1966, which led other colleges and universities to follow suit. *A Festival Preulde* was written in commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Tri-State Music Festival, held annually in Enid, Oklahoma. It was given its first performance on that occasion by the Phillips University Concert Band, to whom it is dedicated, with the composer conducting. While still in manuscript, it was widely performed throughout the country, and has come to be regarded as one of this composer's most brilliant and powerful works for the modern concert band.

Notes from score

When the Stars Began to Fall

When the Stars Began to Fall is a spiritual setting of "My Lord, What a Morning", one of the many anonymous spirituals sung in the fields and in worship by the African-American slaves in the 19th century. In this setting, sonorities of the band are utilized which express a longing for the end of time, when there would be no sorrow, no pain. The last line of the refrain serves as the title for this setting.

Notes from Publisher

Cajun Folk Songs

Cajuns are descendants of the Acadians, a group of early French colonists who began settling in Acadia (now Nova Scotia) around 1604. In 1755 they were driven out by the British, eventually resettling in South Louisiana. Today there are nearly a million French-speaking descendants of the Acadians living in Louisiana and parts of Texas, preserving many of the customs, traditions, stories, and songs of their ancestors. Although a rich Cajun folksong tradition exists, the music has become increasingly commercialized and Americanized throughout the twentieth century, obscuring its original simplicity and directness. In response to this trend, Alan and John Lomax traveled to South Louisiana in 1934 to collect and record numerous Cajun folksongs in the field for the Archive of Folk Music in the Library of Congress. By doing so, they helped to preserve Cajun music in its original form as a pure and powerful expression of Louisiana French Society.

La Belle et le Capitaine and Belle can both be heard in their original versions on the Lomax recordings (Swallow LP-8003-2, Swallow Records Co., Ville Platte, Louisiana). La Belle et le Capitaine tells the story of a young girl who feigns death to avoid being seduced by a captain. Its Dorian melody is remarkably free, shifting back and forth between duple and triple meters. In this arrangement the melody is stated three times. The third time an original countermelody is added in flutes, oboe, clarinet, and trumpet. Belle is about a man who goes away to Texas only to receive word of his sweetheart's illness, forcing him to return to Louisiana. Finding her unconscious upon his return, he pawns his horse to try to save her, to no avail. The folk melody is sometimes varied rhythmically, texturally, and coloristically, and an original melody is added for variety.

Cajun Folk Songs is composed as a tribute to the people of the old Cajun folksong culture with hopes that their contributions will not be forgotten. The work is dedicated to the Murchison Middle School Band, Austin, Texas, Cheryl Floyd, Director, who commissioned the work and gave its premiere on May 22, 1990.

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Suspiros de España

Antonio Álvarez Alonso (March 1867 - June 1903) was a Spanish pianist and composer. Orphaned at a young age, Alonso studied music at the National School of Music in Madrid. His teachers included Damaso Zabalza and Emilio Arrieta Corera. Alonso was a virtuoso pianist, but began focusing more on composition after graduation, and wrote more than 20 operettas in collaboration with famous lyricists of his time, Tomás Rodríguez Alenza, Eugenio Fernandez Gullón, and Enrique García Álvarez. He moved back to Cartagena in 1897 and resided there until his death.

Suspiros de España (literally, "sighs of Spain") was written in the Spanish city of Cartagena in 1902. Although written