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Susan Lape, Executive Director

It is my pleasure to welcome you to our 2013-2014 Season. We are looking forward to sharing with you a year of spellbinding music and exceptional talent, and especially to welcoming five brilliant music director candidates to the Lake Forest Symphony family.

Each concert's repertoire has been painstakingly selected to showcase our phenomenal musicians and to reflect the range of talent of our guest conductors and soloists. Though our commitment to presenting the foremost masterpieces of the classical repertoire is unwavering, you will find this season offers a broad range of stylistic and dramatic expression sure to delight music lovers of every palate.

As we embark upon the exciting process of selecting a new music director, we hope you will take this opportunity to get more involved!

Our Search Committee has selected five spectacular guest conductors out of a formidable international pool of 150 applicants. Each guest conductor possesses a unique and inspiring vision for classical music and youth outreach in our community. In addition to enjoying their passion on the podium, we encourage you to get to know these candidates personally through Symphony Guild Teas, pre-concert interviews with Jim Kendros, and complimentary post-concert receptions. Audience members are invited to submit feedback regarding each conductor's performance in the form of paper surveys located in your program book.

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ABOUT THE SYMPHONY

Celebrating more than 55 years, the Lake Forest Symphony is the only fully professional orchestra in Lake County. The orchestra, named Illinois Orchestra of the Year in 2006. The Lake Forest Symphony presents five concert pairs in our Classical Series; prominent guest artists are regularly featured. This season we look forward to welcoming Ralph Votapek, piano; Lukáš Vondráček, piano; Masha Lakisova, violin; and Rachel Barton Pine, violin. This season we will also host 5 guest conductors: Vladimir Kulenovic, Russell Ger, Andrés Franco, Stilian Kirov, and Jacamo Bairos.

A pre-concert lecture by music researcher Jim Kendros enhances each performance. Receptions follow every performance where audience members are given the opportunity to meet orchestra members and relax with refreshments and conversation.

As is often said, "The children of today are the musicians and the audience of tomorrow." Because music education is extremely important, the Lake Forest Symphony strives to reach as many young children and students as we can during the season. Currently, our outreach reaches thousands of school children throughout Northern Illinois. We accomplish this through our age-appropriate Youth Concerts. These programs bring students to the performance hall to hear the full orchestra perform a program specifically geared towards them.

A BRIEF HISTORY

Robert Kalter and William English founded the Lake Forest Symphony in 1957 as a chamber orchestra of volunteer musicians. By 1965 the group had over 60 players, and in 1988 became fully professional. Under the visionary leadership of conductors Victor Aitay, Paul Anthony McRae, and David Itkin, the Symphony firmly established a distinguished reputation. In 1991 the Symphony was chosen from twelve orchestras in the Midwest to be a featured guest orchestra at the American Symphony Orchestra League's National Conference in Chicago. In October of the same year pianist Andre Watts performed two benefit concerts with the Symphony to celebrate its 35th anniversary. In 1995 and again in 2006, the Illinois Council of Orchestras named the Lake Forest Symphony the Illinois Orchestra of the Year.









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Program Cover: "The Firebird" by Margaret Wenzel was commissioned by the Lake Forest Symphony for the Opening Gala Concert. Each concert pair in the 2013-2014 Season will feature a unique commissioned work by Wenzel and all five works will be available for purchase and displayed in the CLC lobby. Please contact the office for more information.

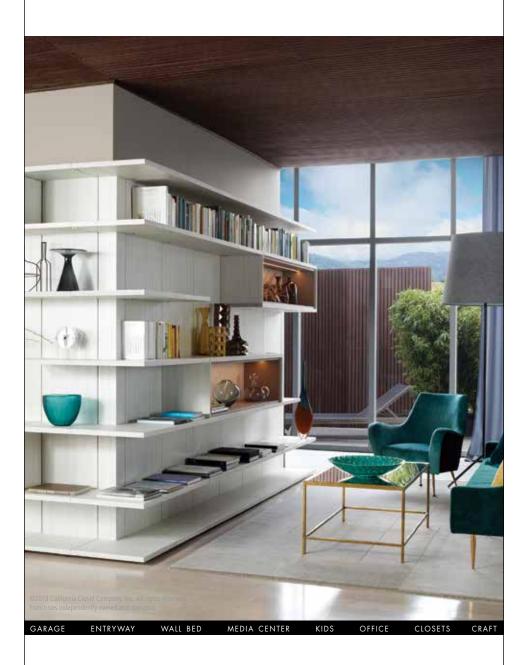
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Post-Concert Receptions

We cordially invite all audience members to attend the post-concert receptions held at the College of Lake County this season.

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Susan Lape, Executive Director



A native of Lake Bluff, Susan Lape is a graduate of Lake Forest High School and a dedicated member of the Lake County arts community. Susan is responsible for all Lake Forest Symphony development, marketing, community engagement and educational outreach initiatives. Susan works collaboratively with the Music Director and Board of Directors on season repertoire and long-range planning in addition to managing all Symphony staff and volunteers.

Susan has built her career in arts management through positions at the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the San Francisco Opera, and the Stanford Institute for Creativity and the Arts. She is also currently serving as Audience Outreach Chair of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's Overture Council. Prior to

joining the Lake Forest Symphony Susan worked for the St. Edmund Hall and Jesus College development offices at the University of Oxford. She also served as financial manager of the Stanford Ram's Head Theatrical Society and assistant to the financial manager at the Stanford University Department of Music.

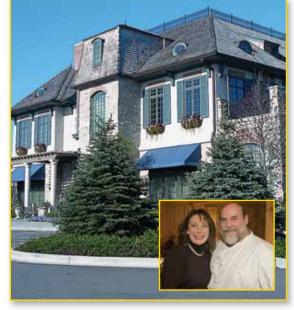
Susan received her Bachelor's Degree with distinction from Stanford University, graduating with honors in Music and a minor in English Literature. In 2011 she was awarded an English-Speaking Union Scholarship for graduate studies in the UK. Susan recently completed a Master's Degree in Musicology at the University of Oxford where she was the 2011–2012 Bowers-Stanford Scholar. Susan's scholarly research at Oxford focused on the use of coloratura technique in Thomas Adès' opera The Tempest. She also presented a modern edition of Alessandro Scarlatti's unpublished cantata "Che mai sarà di me," including critical notes, final performance and recording at the Stanford Symposia of Undergraduate Research and Public Service in 2011.

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Often referred to as "The North Shore's Favorite Music Historian," Jim Kendros is entering his 12th season as Pre-Concert Lecturer for the Lake Forest Symphony. As a much sought-after presenter, Jim is the speaker for the Elgin Symphony Listener's Club and is the Pre-Concert Lecturer for the Northbrook Symphony Orchestra. He has also been a featured speaker for Music of the Baroque.

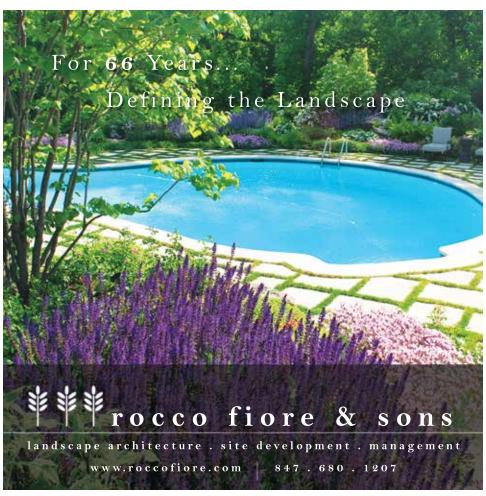
As a composer, Jim has over 250 works in his current catalogue, ranging from solo works for piano, classical guitar and other instruments to large-scale orchestral and choral compositions.

Jim is often commissioned to compose civic works including "The Mount Prospect Overture," "Dance of Destiny" (for the city of Des

Plaines), "Circle of Knowledge" (for the North Suburban Library System), and "The Ballad of Port Washington" (for the city of Port Washington, Wisconsin). His "Wheaton Sinfonia" for viola ensemble has been premiered by the violists of the Houston Symphony.

As a performer, Jim is passionate about performing on Baroque period string instruments. His concerts include music of Bach, Handel, Haydn and Mozart on both the Nyckelharpa (keyed violin of Sweden) and the French Hurdy Gurdy. Jim's concerto, "Adagio's Life" features the Nyckelharpa. His "Winter Solstice Fantasy" includes the Hurdy Gurdy with orchestra and choir, and was inspired by the beautiful winter scenes of Lake Bluff.

Jim has recently released his premier CD of original piano works, "Fermata's Journey," and features these works in his many performances.





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James Stephenson Composer-In-Residence



James Stephenson was appointed Composer-In-Residence by Music Director Emeritus, Alan Heatherington in 2010. His works have been performed by leading American orchestras and hailed by critics as having "straightforward, unabashedly beautiful sounds" and "Stephenson deserves to be heard again and again!" (Boston Herald) His music incorporates a fresh and energizing soundscape that delights the audience while maintaining integrity and worthwhile challenges for the performing musicians. This rare combination has rewarded Stephenson with a host of ongoing commissions and projects.

Recent collaborations include a concerto for Branford Marsalis with Rodney Mack; an exuberant fanfare for the Houston Symphony; and a concerto for the Philadelphia Orches-

tra's principal tromboninst, Nitzan Haroz. In 2010 and 2011, Stephenson premieres included a trumpet concerto in Sydney, Australia, (with repeats in Brazil, Sweden and the UK), as well as concertos for flute and clarinet in Florida and Ohio.

The 2011-12 season included the premiere of two ne violin concertos, performed by the Minnesota Orchestra (Osma Vanska conducting, Jennifer Frautschi, violin) and the Rhode Island Philharmonic (Larry Rachleff with Alex Kerr). Premieres in the 2012-13 season include Magnificat for the Grand Rapids Symphony & Chorus, a bassoon concerto, duo concerto for flute/clarinet, triple trombone concerto among several chamber and recital works. Stephenson is also active in the concert band world, with premieres occurring at major venues such as the 2010 Midwest Clinic, the 2011 American Band Association convention with the US "President's Own" Marine Band, and the TMES Convention, along with two international tours.

His landmark educational work, Compose Yourself!", has now been performed over 200 times since its creation in 2002. Also active as a highly sought-after arranger, Stephenson's arrangements have been performed/recorded/broadcast by virtually every major orchestra in the country.

Before moving to Lake Forest as a full-time composer, Stephenson spent 17 seasons with the Naples (FL) Philharmonic as a trumpeter, a position he won immediately upon graduation from the New England Conservatory of Music. When no writing music, he enjoys spending time with wife, Sally, and four children, or doing almost any sporting activity.

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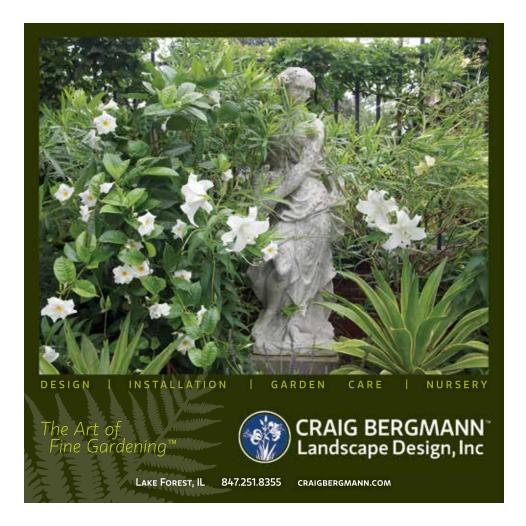
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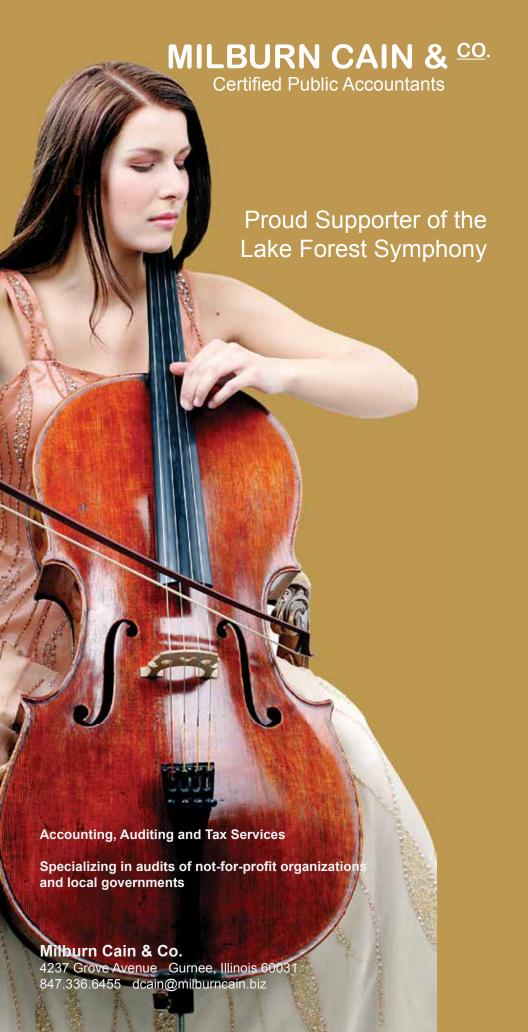
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Tchaikovsky: Romeo and Juliet Overture (1880)

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Fauré: Pelléas et Méliasande Suite, Op. 80

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Vladimir Kulenovic, Guest Conductor and Music Director Candidate



It is infinitely fulfilling for me to bring this meaningful program to life in collaboration with superb musicians of the Lake Forest Symphony and the acclaimed pianist Ralph Votapek, as we share it with a wonderful audience of life-long music lovers of the Lake Forest community!

Each of the four inspiring masterworks on this program are inspired by testaments of love: tragic, forbidden, liberating and finally - triumphant!

Tchaikovsky's musical narrative opens the story of the star-crossed lovers with the wise monologue of Friar Lawrence. From there on, the intense musical development unfolding to the climax of Shakespeare's tragedy is nearly too emotionally intense to handle, whether you are performing or listening. After such a moving account we realize that even in the world of music "there never was a story of more woe than this of Juliet and her Romeo."

Rhapsody in Blue, on the other hand, is an enduring monument to the love affair of our American people with freedom. In Gershwin's own words, this "musical kaleidoscope of America, our vast melting pot", originally titled American Rhapsody, contains five main themes based on the jazzy three-note "Man I love" cell inside of the blues scale, but is developed with superb classical compositional mastery. As such, the Rhapsody created a new, unified American musical language, welcoming the liberated African-American musical idiom inside the traditional concert form.

Simple, yet teasingly cryptic, Fauré's Pelléas and Mélisande is based on the symbolist drama of Maurice Maeterlinck who was inspired by ancient Greek myths of forbidden love. Encompassing emotion on both spectrums of Eros (love/sterility) and Antenos (revenge/chaos), this music infuses us with raw emotion of the tragedy much more than the indirect symbolism of Maeterlinck's writing.

Transporting us into its magical world from the very first notes, Stravinsky's Firebird elevates the ancient Slavic folk legend of the "Firebird" into the stratosphere of artistic expression. Personally, there are very few things not only in music, but in the world at large which mean to me more that this piece. The directness of emotional expression gives us no choice but to immediately identify ourselves with Prince Ivan in his selfless quest for the triumph of love and justice. As we reach the ultimate B-major chord, we find that it continues to ring permanently in our hearts, as we treasure this meaningful ethical message through everything we do for the remainder of our own lives.

Vladimir Kulenovic



Vladimir Kulenovic cont'd



Following the completion of his post-graduate conducting studies at the Juilliard School, Vladimir Kulenovic was named Associate Conductor of Utah Symphony | Utah Opera in the U.S., Principal Conductor of the Kyoto International Music Festival in Japan and Resident Conductor of the Belgrade Philharmonic Orchestra in Serbia. His recent guest conducting engagements included collaborations with renowned orchestras in the US, Europe in Asia, as well as illustrious soloists including Leon Fleisher, Mischa Maisky, Akiko Suwanai, Joseph Silverstein and Augustin Hadelich, to name but a few.

This season in Europe, Kulenovic leads Leipzig Symphony, Belgrade Philharmonic, Slovenian Philharmonic, Zagreb Philharmonic and Macedonian Philharmonic. Following his debut in Asia at the Kyoto Music Festival, he led two critically acclaimed performances with Evergreen Symphony at the National Concert Hall in Taipei, and will return there

in 2013/14. In the U.S., Kulenovic will conduct the final concert of the 2012/13 Utah Symphony subscription season in Abravanel Hall, make his debut with the Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra in Michigan, and conduct the Jacksonville Symphony as one of 6 top emerging conductors chosen by the League of American Orchestras for the biannual Bruno Walter National Conducting Preview.

Recent engagements include performances with the Beethoven-Orchester Bonn at Beethovenhalle, Leipzig Symphony Orchestra, National Arts Centre Orchestra in Ottawa, Belgrade and Slovenian Philharmonic, Juilliard Orchestra at Lincoln Center, Deutsche Kammerakademie Neuss am Rhein, Verbier, Aspen, Salzburg Mozarteum and Cabrillo festival orchestras, and benefit a performance of Mozart's Requiem with members of New York Choral Society and Juilliard Orchestra, which raised significant funds for Japan's Disaster Relief Fund.

An alumnus of the Juilliard School, Kulenovic was awarded the Charles Schiff Conducting Prize for Excellence upon the completion of his post-graduate studies with James DePreist and Alan Gilbert. In addition to his formal studies, he continuously worked with Kurt Masur since 2008 in New York, Bonn, Leipzig and Verbier. As the Conducting Fellow at the Verbier Festival, Kulenovic conducted the Festival Orchestra in two internationally televised performances on Medici TV and was subsequently invited to serve as the conducting assistant to Kurt Masur at the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra. In addition, Kulenovic also had the honor to prepare the orchestra at the Dubrovnik Festival for Zubin Mehta.

Recipient of the Sir Georg Solti Career Assistance Award, Mendelssohn-Bartholdy Scholarship, and Bruno Walter Memorial Scholarship, Kulenovic was the cover conductor of the Baltimore Symphony and Baltimore Opera and graduated from the Peabody Institute under the tutelage of Gustav Meier. He also served as a conducting fellow at the Aspen Music Festival, Salzburg Mozarteum and Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music.

Mr. Kulenovic was awarded the prestigious Alfred B. Whitney Prize for the highest scholastic achievement at the Boston Conservatory, where he graduated summa cum laude as Valedictorian, earning degrees in Conducting and Piano Performance. As a pianist, Mr. Kulenovic won the 2nd Prize at the Rubinstein International Piano Competition in Paris.



Ralph Votapek, Pianist



Pianist Ralph Votapek's early triumphs — as winner of the prestigious Naumburg Award and gold Medalist in the first Van Cliburn International Piano Competition — were an auspicious prelude to an even more remarkable career. Votapek's compelling keyboard style embodies all that is best in twentieth-century piano traditions, combining the fire, poetry and tonal warmth of the grand-manner prewar era with the modern-day virtues of fastidious clarity and electrifying rhythmic flair.

Mr. Votapek has made literally hundreds of appearances with major American orchestras. Featured no less than sixteen times as the Chicago Symphony's guest soloist, Votapek has frequently played with the Boston Pops, also concertizing with the Philadelphia Orchestra, the New York Philharmonic, the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the Pittsburgh Symphony, the San Francisco Symphony, National Symphony, and leading orchestras in St. Louis, Houston Dallas, Louisville and elsewhere.

With concerto appearances abroad ranging through London, Lisbon, St. Petersburg and into the Far East, Mr. Votapek has made a special commitment to Latin America, where he has toured every other year for more than 42 years, performing in Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro, Asuncion, Montevideo, Sao Paolo, Lima, Caracas, Santiago and numerous smaller cities. Mr. Votapek is equally celebrated as a solo recitalist throughout four continents: in New York alone, he has performed repeatedly at Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center. Guest appearances with the Juilliard, Fine Arts, New World and Chester String Quartets are highlights of his extensive chamber music experience.

Born in Milwaukee, Mr. Votapek began his musical education at age nine, when he enrolled in the Wisconsin Conservatory. Continuing his studies at Northwestern University, he subsequently attended the Manhattan School of Music and The Juilliard School, where his principal teachers were Rosina Lhevinne and Robert Goldsand. He has served as Artist-in-Residence at Michigan State University where he is currently Professor Emeritus of Piano at the College of Music.

Mr. Votapek was the soloist on Arthur Fiedler's last Boston Pops recording, a Gershwin program released on CD by London Records, and most recently available as part of the Deutsche Grammophon CD titled "The Arthur Fiedler Legacy." In recent years he has recorded prolifically for the Ivory Classics and Blue Griffin labels. On the former, he has recorded the complete Debussy Preludes, the complete Goyescas of Granados, and a collection of important 20th century works. On the latter there are "Votapek Plays Gershwin," "The

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Frequently joined by his wife Albertine in two piano and four hand recitals, the Votapeks have appeared in Buenos Aires under the auspices of the Mozarteum Argentino, on the Van Cliburn series in Fort Worth, the Pabst Theatre Series in Milwaukee, and have been featured on performing arts series of numerous colleges and universities.



Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893) Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture

Background

"After the concert we dined. No one said a single word to me about the overture the whole evening. And yet I yearned so for appreciation and kindness." This was the sad statement from Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky after the premier of one of his best-loved works, the Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture. Two years earlier, the twenty-eight year old Tchaikovsky was brought to the attention of Mily Alexeyevich Balakirev (1837-1910), a Russian composer, pianist and conductor. Balakirev is perhaps best known as forming a group of composers known as the "The Russian Five" (or "The Mighty Five"). These composers met in St. Petersburg to discuss and create music they felt was dinstinctly "Russian", free from European influences. Balakirev was the mentor of the group. The members included Cesar Cui who joined in 1856, Modest Mussorgsky in 1858, Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov in 1861 and Alexander Borodin in in 1862. It was Balakirev who first suggested that Tchaikovsky compose a single movement orchestral work (or tone poem) based on Shakespeare's tragedy Romeo and Juliet. Knowing of Tchaikovsky's love for literature, Balakirev wanted the younger composer to undertake this project as a learning experience in orchestral composition. Balakirev further stipulated that he would supervise the composer's progress, as he did for the other composers of the group. The overture premiered on March 16, 1870. The response was less than the composer had hoped for, but this may have been because of a legal battle that had befallen Tchaikovsky's friend and Director of the Moscow Conservatory Nikolai Rubenstein. It seeemed the public attention was drawn toward Rubenstein, somewhat ignoring Tchaikovsky's work. Deciding to accept additional assistance from Balakirev, Tchaikovsky made a second version, which was premiered in St. Petersburg on February 17, 1872. Balakirev, while enthused about the romantic second theme, writing 'how delighted everyone is with your D-flat bit", he remained dissatisfied and further reproached the composer: "Although the new introduction is a decided improvement, there were other changes I had wanted you to make. I had hoped that for the sake of your future compositions, this one would remain in your hands somewhat longer." The third and final version was completed on September 10, 1880, and it is this version that is played in our concert halls. The work is dedicated to Balakirev.

The Music

Although Tchaikovsky referred to this work as a Fantasy Overture, it is a tone poem. A tone poem is a form of Program Music, meaning music which tells a story. The story, or program, must be supplied by the composer. Tone poems are single movement works and can be based on fictional themes, historical events, nationalistic references or philosophic ideals. Tchaikovsky's Romeo and Juliet is in sonata form. This format includes an exposition (where the principal themes are presented), a development, (where at least one of the themes are treated with passionate variances), and a recapitulation. Tchaikovsky adds a stirring introduction and a most dramatic conclusion. The lengthy introduction describes a sense of doomed love and the errant Friar Laurence, who tries to help but eventually brings death to the tragic lovers. (This introduction was suggested by Balakirev.) As the exposition begins, the violent main theme reflects the Montague and Capulet families in a swordfight, the cymbals representing the clashing of swords. The second theme (also known as the "love theme"), is one of Tchaikovsky's best-loved creations. The highly lyrical theme sings of Romeo ascending Juliet's balcony. As the development begins, restless variations of the main theme compete with the original Friar Laurence theme. Running scale passages in the strings bring us full circle to the recapitulation, expressing again the warring families. The second theme ("love theme") reappears, only to be thrown aside by another section of the hostile main theme. A sudden pause brings us to the tragic suicide and funeral of the lovers. The glorious second theme returns in triumphant radiance. Are Romeo and Juliet reunited in heaven? Perhaps this coda, like that in the first movement of the Pathétique Symphony, will remain an eternal question-or affirmation-which the composer presents to us each time we hear his music.



George Gershwin (1898-1937) Rhapsody in Blue

Background

"It was on the train, with its steely rhythms, its rattle-ty bang, that is so often so stimulating to a composer — I frequently hear music in the very heart of the noise... And there I suddenly heard, and even saw on paper — the complete construction of the *Rhapsody*, from beginning to end... I heard it as a sort of musical kaleidoscope of America, of our vast melting pot, of our unduplicated national pep, of our metropolitan madness. By the time I reached Boston I had a definite plot of the piece."

These are the words George Gershwin told his first biographer Isaac Goldberg in 1931 concerning the hastily composed and masterfully groundbreaking *Rhapsody in Blue*.

Picture the scene: It was late in the evening on January 3, 1924. Gershwin and several of his friends were playing billiards while his brother Ira was reading the early edition of the January 4 *New York Tribune*. There was an article about conductor Paul Whitman who was announcing that his symposium entitled, "An Experiment in Modern Music" was to be held on February 12, 1924. The article ended with the following announcement: "George Gershwin is at work on a jazz concerto, Irving Berlin is writing a syncopated tone poem, and Victor Herbert is working on an American suite."

It was a very concerned and worried Gershwin who phoned Whitman early the next morning. Whitman had reminded Gershwin that he had asked the composer in late November to contribute a work to his symposium. Gershwin stated that he had said he would only consider it, but had not yet fully committed to this project. Whitman then disclosed that a rival conductor, Vincent Lopez, was planning to steal his idea. Whitman further stated that there was no time to lose, and appealed to Gershwin's sense of artistic experimentation. It was at this juncture that Gershwin conceived of a single movement concerto-like piece for piano and orchestra, utilizing classical, jazz, blues and Latin samba rhythms.

With less than five weeks to compose the *Rhapsody* (and other projects and engagements pressing for Gershwin's time), the composer completed the work in a version for two pianos, the original ideas for the piece materializing and written down during a train trip to Boston. Orchestrating the work would prove even more time consuming, and time was not a commodity that Gershwin had. Whitman suggested that Gershwin turn the orchestration process over to Whitman's arranger, then the finest arranger in the industry: Ferdi Grofe. The final orchestration was completed on February 4, only days before the premier. Gershwin committed the solo piano part to a final version after the concert, so it is not known today exactly how the original premier version sounded.

Patrons like Serge Rachmaninoff, Fritz Kreisler and John Phillip Sousa filled Aeolian Hall for the concert. With twenty-six works on the program (and Gershwin's was second to last) the audience began to lose interest. When the opening glissando from the clarinet was heard announcing the beginning of the *Rhapsody*, the audience's attention was riveted. Moments later there was "tumultuous applause" (*New York Times* review), and the twenty-five year old Gershwin was catapulted to symphonic fame.

The Music

The Rhapsody begins with the famous glissando passage from the clarinet. During an early rehearsal, Ross Gorman (Whitman's Principal Clarinetist) played the opening as a joke, but Gershwin approved, adding the direction to "wail" as much as possible.

After the opening glissando, the two main themes of the work are explored. The first, a grand, yet bluesy theme is announced by the orchestra, then given to the piano. Shortly after this, Gershwin hints at the second theme: a jazzy, confident and wholly irresistible subject. The first theme returns, given first to the piano for extended solo development then answered by the orchestra. After an equally jazz-like transition hints of the second theme return, which is announced seconds later. The piano then further extemporizes on this new theme, ingeniously entering into an entirely new blues theme. The extended cadenza grandly ends with a grand climax of the new blues melody.

Then follows the heart of the *Rhapsody*: the famous slow ballad. After the orchestra emotionally builds upon this ballad, the piano again is afforded an expressive solo cadenza. The mood suddenly turns to one of passion, as the piano abruptly introduces an energetic samba theme. The brass section joins in, climaxing in a joyful return to the jazzy second theme. Pianist and orchestra end grandly with the motif of the opening main theme.



Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924) Pelléas et Mélisande Op. 80

Background

"I will have to grind away hard for Mélisande when I get back. I hardly have a month and a half to write all that music. True, some of it is already in my thick head!" So wrote Fauré in 1898 regarding his recent commission to compose the incidental music for the English premier of the play Pelléas et Mélisande. The commission came from the famous stage performer Mrs. Patrick Campbell, who played the leading female role. Mrs. Campbell was introduced to Fauré during the composer's trip to London in the spring of 1898. Her musical benefactor Frank Schuster said this of Fauré: "She felt sure M. Gabriel Fauré was the composer needed." The play was to open in June. Time was of the essence for the composer.

Fauré reused some existing music for the production, and enlisted the help of his student Charles Koechlin for orchestration. Faure conducted the premier performance at the Prince of Wales Theatre on June 21, 1898. Enchanted by his music, Mrs. Campbell commented that "he had grasped with most tender inspiration the poetic purity that pervades and envelopes Maeterlinck's lovely play." Faure later incorporated his finest selections in a concert suite for orchestra in 1901. It was enlarged in 1909 and premiered on December 1, 1912 in the version we know today.

The Play

Pelléas et Mélisande was written by the Belgium playwright Maurice Polydore Marie Bernard Maeterlinck (1862-1949), winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1911. His themes are most always about life, death and life purpose. He was of the symbolism movement. The symbolist writers believed that the greatest truths in literature could not be described directly, but rather they could be expressed in their loftiest ideals through symbols and imagery. Written in 1892, the story involves a tragic love affair:

Prince Golaud came across the wandering princess Mélisande and was captivated by her. Bringing her to the dark and imposing castle of his grandfather, King Arkel, he marries her. The princess spends her time at her spinning wheel, trying to forget her unhappiness. She then meets and falls in love with Golaud's half-brother, Prince Pelléas. As the lovers become more hopelessly drawn together, Golaud's suspicious nature and desire for revenge becomes the driving core of the play. Pelléas is murdered and Mélisande suffers a slow death. The outpourings of love and emotions of the heart, however, symbolize true triumph of love over jealousy and death.

In the 20th century, Debussy, Sibelius and Schoenberg all created scores based on Maeterlinck's fine play.

The Music

Prélude: Quasi Adagio

A hauntingly slow and expressive work, the Prélude hints at three distinct entities. First, the quietly halting rhythms and tighly-wrought harmonies suggest Mélisande's quiet and reflective nature. Second, a ravishing theme hints at the love between her and Pelléas. Third, the horn call at the conclusion may represent Golaud's discovery of her wandering in the forest.

Fileuse: Andantino quasi Allegretto

Magical interplay of shimmering muted strings, a plantive oboe and bassoon chant and a dramatically lyrical middle section join together to portray the lonely Mélisande at her spinning

Sicilienne: Allegro molto moderato

Perhaps the best-known work in the suite, the Sicilienne was originally a work for Cello and Pinao, dating from 1893. Characteristically lilting and often in a minor key, the wistful and yearning strains of this piece made it an ideal inclusion in the enlarged version of the 1909 score. The pastoral middle secion featuring gentile melodies and drone bass are also an attractive feature of this movement.



Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924) Pelléas et Mélisande Op. 80 continued

Mort de Mélisande: Molto Adagio

Somber flutes and clarinets with tearful strings comprise this tragic ending. The key of d minor dramatically echos the slow death of Mélisande. Climatically building in the strings, the piece fades to a sigh of resignation on the flute before the last chord is softly uttered by the orchestra. Here the breath of life has become extinguished, to be reborn in the hope of afterlife. This same piece would be played at the composer's funeral in 1924. Perhaps the triumph of hope over death has become the lasting coda of Fauré's memory.

Stravinsky: Firebird Suite, 1919

Background

"Mark him well. He is a man on the eve of celebrity." These prophetic words were spoken by Sergei Diaghilev, the famous ballet impresario and founder of the Ballets Russes Company. They were uttered to the principal dancer Tamara Karsavinain who premiered in the 1910 ballet The Firebird. The "man on the eve of celebrity" was the twenty-eight year old composer, Igor Stravinsky. Diaghilev found a most receptive and enthusiastic audience for Russian ballet in Paris. With the 1910 premier of The Firebird, critics were ecstatic and Stravinsky's career was launched. In the ensuing years, the composer provided several orchestral versions, or suites, for the concert stage, the 1919 arrangement being the most familiar to present day concert audiences.

The Story of the Ballet

The inspiration for the Firebird ballet came from combining two unrelated fairy tale elements: the magical Firebird, who could bring both fortune and devastation to its captor, and the Russian tale of Kashchei the Immortal (also Kashchei the Deathless).

The ballet begins with the journey of its hero, Prince Ivan. The Prince discovers the magical realm of Kashchei, filled with mysterious creatures, plants and sounds. Wandering through this unearthly realm, he sees the dancing Firebird, whose feathers constantly change bright colors. He catches the bird, who pleads for freedom by offering his services to the Prince. Next, Prince Ivan discovers thirteen sleeping princesses who are being held captive. He falls in love with one of them and confronts Kashchei to release them. This angers the King and he sends his magical creatures to destroy Ivan. True to his word, the magical Firebird comes to the rescue. He bewitches the evil forces and makes them dance an energetic and relentless dance, the nervous rhythms and pounding repeated notes reflecting the true spirit of the evil kingdom (the Infernal Dance movement). Afterwards, the Firebird sings a magical lullaby and makes the King and his creatures fall asleep (the Lullaby movement). The Firebird then reveals Kashchei's secret to his immortality-his soul is housed in a giant egg. Ivan destroys the egg, thus killing Kashchei. The magical spells are broken and Kashchei's kingdom and creatures disappear. The princesses awaken as the triumphant Finale celebrates the victory of good over evil.



Stravinsky: Firebird Suite, 1919 *cont'd*

The Music

The Introduction expresses Prince Ivan's entry into the supernatural kingdom of Kashchei the Immortal. The mysterious repeating bass (basso ostinato) interrupted with urgent trills from the clarinets and bassoons, beautifully portray the magical objects and creatures of Kastchei's land. The violins respond with equally mysterious tremolo effects before a second theme enters, meditative and reflective. Without interruption, The Firebird and Its Dance and the succeeding movement, Variation of the Firebird, express how Prince Ivan captures the elusive Firebird, the whimsical and amazing mythical bird that can dance, speak and change colors. The driving rhythms and colorful harmonies evoke images of how the dance of the Firebird would cast a spell of enchantment over all who saw it. Round of the Princesses is the emotional core of the suite, a piece of gentle nobility. The melody begins with the plaintive chant of the oboe, echoed by the clarinet and bassoon. The violins then take up the theme, with yearning sighs from the winds. The piece builds with more passionate outbursts from the violins, eventually settling into reflective calm by the winds. The spell of peacefulness is suddenly broken by the menacing Infernal Dance of King Kashchei. A brief middle section features a partially lyrical melody in the violins before giving way again to stormy anxiety. The conclusion (or coda) is unexpected: the tempest gives way to sudden calm. This newfound tranquility leads directly into perhaps the best known movement of the suite, the Lullaby. The Firebird now sings his magical song, making Kashchei and the creatures fall asleep. The mesmerizing patterns from the strings provide the backdrop to the enchanting melody first played by the bassoon, then the oboe. The violins enter with exotic punctuations before the bassoon and oboe again weave their spell of peaceful slumber. The tremolo in the strings announces the arrival of the triumphant brass theme of the Finale. As the strings build in intensity, joyful brass fanfares and elongated responses of the theme from the strings combine to make the Finale an exhilarating conclusion. It may be said that the dramatic final chords leave the listener with a profound reminder of the changing colors of the legendary Firebird.

Recommended recording: The Cleveland Orchestra, George Szell

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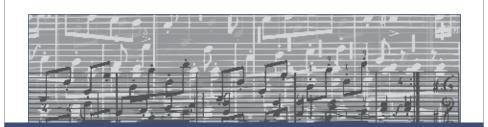


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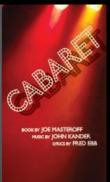
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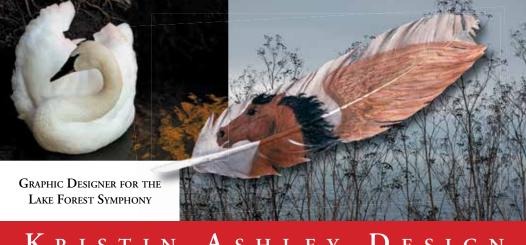
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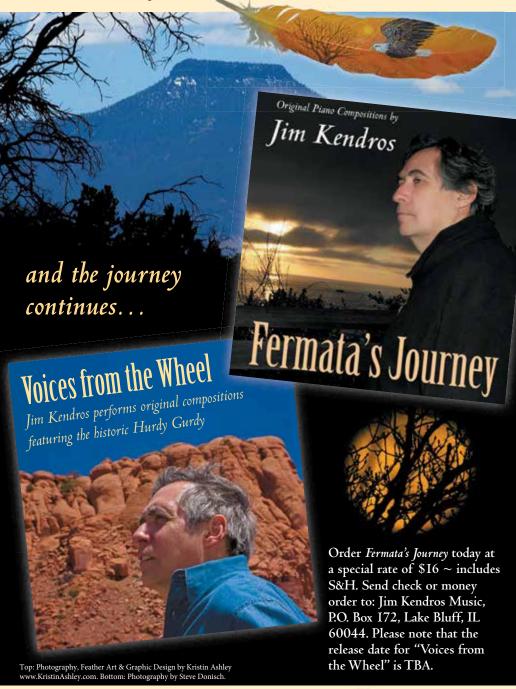
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The Guild's regular programming includes five pre-concert teas at area homes which feature a musical performance, often by the Symphony's guest artist for that concert, as well as a brief presentation by the guest conductor. In addition to the teas, the Guild sponsors pre-concert Ensemble dinners before the Saturday evening concert as well as post concert receptions. Guild members assist at the Youth Concerts attended by over 1,000 students each season. The Guild also sponsors an evening of shopping for the Christmas season, a wine tasting event before Thanksgiving and its annual "Mad Hatter" Luncheon and Fashion Show which will be held on April 24, 2014. The Guild participates in the Lake Forest Shop's "Shop Your Cause" in October as well as assists at the Labor Day Art League week-end and community events in the spring. All of these events raise money for and awareness of the Symphony.

The Symphony Guild was named Guild of the Year in 2011 by the Illinois Council of Orchestras. Co-Presidents Betty Benton and Marsha Temple invite you to join the Guild this year. If you are interested in helping to support the Symphony as a member of the Guild, please call the office at 847-295-2135.

SAVE the DATE – April 24, 2014 – ANNUAL MAD HATTER Luncheon

The Guild invites you to attend the Tea before each concert.

Guild members attend free of charge and visitors are \$20.

September 6, 2013	Ralph Votapek, piano and Vladimir Kulenovic, guest conductor
November 1, 2013	Jim Stephenson describes "Celestial Suite" and Russell Ger, guest conductor
January 10, 2014	Lukáš Vondráček, piano and Andrés Franco, guest conductor
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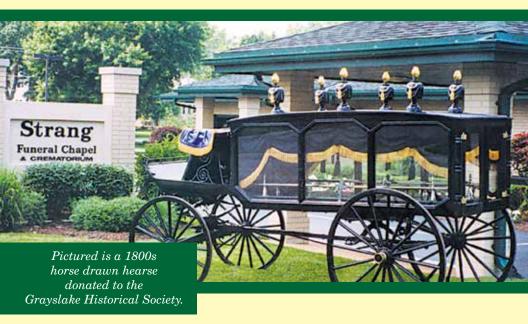
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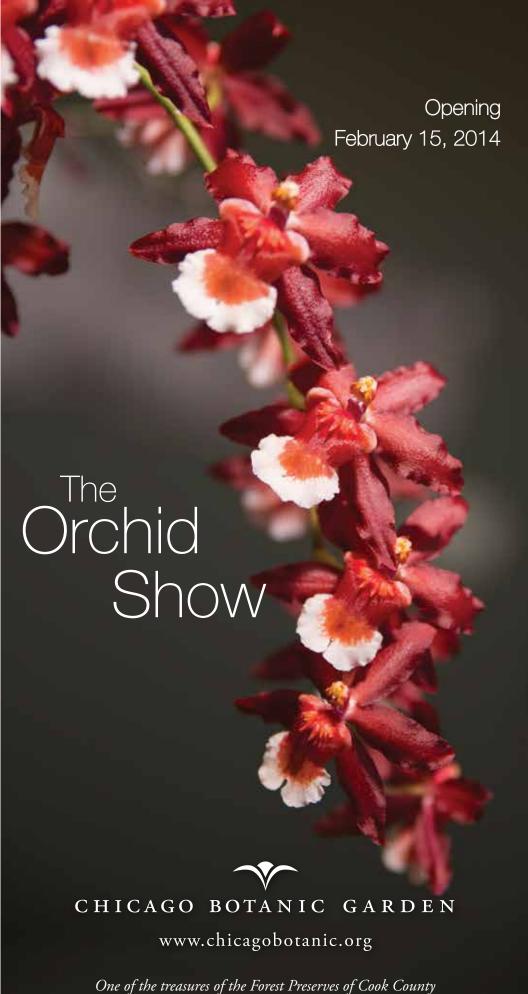
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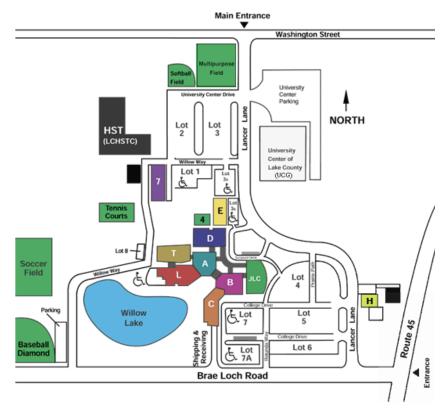


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