# SING, SWING, STRINGS!

19:00 · JULY 8TH, 2017 CARL-ORFF-SAAL · GASTEIG







#### Selections from Requiem in D minor, K.626 .....W.A. Mozart Dies irae, Rex tremendae, Recordare, Confutatis, Lacrimosa

#### L'Arlésienne Suite No. 2: Farandole ......Georges Bizet

### Selections from Variations on a Theme by Haydn ......Johannes Brahms

Theme (Chorale St. Antoni): Andante; I: Poco più animato; II: Più vivace; IV: Andante con moto; V: Vivace; VI: Vivace; VII: Grazioso; Finale: Andante

The Liberty Bell .....John Philip Sousa

Long Time Traveler.....traditional

The Wizard of Oz Choral Revue ......Yip Harburg & Harold Arlen, arr. G. Gilpin

## INTERMISSION 20 MIN

Tshotsholoza ......traditional, arr. J.L. Ames

Hej Sokoły ......traditional, arr. B. Holnaicher

Choose Something Like a Star.....Robert Frost, Randall Thompson



City Called Heaven .....traditional, arr. J. Poelinitz

What Shall We Do With a Drunken Sailor? ......traditional, arr. D. Eddleman

My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord .....traditional, arr. M. Hogan

Chattanooga



A Salute to Glenn Miller ......Glenn Miller / Jerry Gray / Joseph Winner, arr. B. Finegan Medley: Moonlight Serenade, Pennsylvania 6-5000, Little Brown Jug

Choo Choo .....Harry Warren & Mack Gordon

Don't Sit Under The Apple Tree .....Sam Stept, Lew Brown & Charles Tobias

Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy .....Don Raye & Hughie Prince

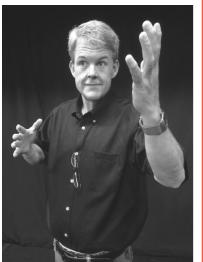
A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square .....Eric Maschwitz & Manning Sherwin

Sing, Sing, Sing .....Louis Prima









## CONDUCTORS

#### BENEDIKT HOLNAICHER ORCHESTRA CONDUCTOR

Showing considerable interest in music at a young age, Benedikt began by studying the violin, later switching to viola. His enthusiasm for music history eventually led him to study musicology, philosophy and theatre at university, where he developed a passion for early music and historically informed performance (HIP). He currently specializes in playing the Baroque viola and is studying singing, conducting and music pedagogy. In addition to conducting the ESME orchestra, he performs in various ensembles in and around Munich.

#### DAVY KAZAN

#### **RESIDENT ALIEN BIG BAND CONDUCTOR**

Davy fell in love with jazz at the age of 12, when he took up playing the saxophone at school. While still underage, he spent many a weekend sneaking into Sydney's jazz clubs to listen to the music being played there, but after qualifying as a chartered accountant he forgot about his sax for over 20 years, until his love of music was rekindled when he joined ESME. Having acted Big Band manager for several years, Davy stepped into the bandleader role in 2016.

#### ERIC WEDDLE SINGERS CONDUCTOR

Eric has been leading the Singers since 2010, and has thoroughly enjoyed watching them grow in both size and ability. His involvement with music began with high school marching band and continued with university jazz band, university choir, musical theatre and barbershop quartets. Eric holds masters degrees in Music Education and Instructional Technology and has been teaching general music and directing school choirs since 1996. He lives and works in Garmisch-Partenkirchen.







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TROMBONE Chris Roth

ALTO SAXOPHONE Philipp Glock

**PIANO** Mayya Bychkova

TIMPANI Daniel Plappert

DRUMS Daniel Schulz

PERCUSSION Elaine Cole Koula Lee Luis de la Osa de la Rosa

GLOCKENSPIEL Florian Roger

\*concert master





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PIANO Léa Vernisse PERCUSSION Florian Roger David Freer

> SOLOISTS <sup>1</sup> City Called Heaven <sup>2</sup> Wizard of Oz <sup>3</sup> Requiem <sup>4</sup> Long Time Traveler <sup>5</sup> Tchetcholoza







## RESIDENT ALIEN BIG BAND

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#### SOLOISTS

<sup>1</sup> Salute to Glenn Miller <sup>2</sup> Sing, Sing, Sing <sup>3</sup> Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy

## **PROGRAM NOTES**

#### **SELECTIONS FROM REQUIEM IN D MINOR, K.626**

In a letter to a musical colleague written in September 1791, Mozart reported: "I feel it, my condition tells me: my hour has struck! I shall have to die. And so I am finishing my funeral dirge. I must not leave it incomplete." The young genius was referring to his Requiem, commissioned by an unidentified individual and indeed left incomplete when Mozart died just three months later at the age of 35. Since that time many myths have surrounded the circumstances of the composition of the Requiem and many uncertainties remain about how much of the work we know today - completed by Mozart's student Sussmayr - was based on Mozart's own notes and instructions. Despite these mysteries, or perhaps because of them, the world has embraced the Requiem as one of the composer's best-loved works. A reflection and intensification of earlier models of musical grief, this Requiem is very much a chamber piece, an intimate evocation of mourning, and stands in stark contrast to the later mammoth Requiems of Verdi and Brahms.

#### SELECTIONS FROM VARIATIONS ON A THEME BY HAYDN

Also called the Saint Anthony Variations, this work was composed by Johannes Brahms (1833-1897) in the summer of 1873 in Tutzing. The theme begins with a repeated ten-measure passage which itself consists of two five-measure phrases and the variations mostly follow the phrasal structure of the theme and, less strictly, the harmonic structure. The finale is a magnificent theme and variations derived from the principal theme. Its culmination, a restatement of the chorale, is a moment of such transcendence that the usually austere Brahms permits himself the use of a triangle.

#### THE LIBERTY BELL

The Liberty Bell was one of 137 marches written by John Philip Sousa (1854-1932), an American composer known as "The March King". It continues to be popular with military bands and was played at five of the last seven presidential inaugurations. The piece has achieved another kind of fame, however, as the theme tune of the television program Monty Python's Flying Circus in the early '70s – perhaps the best-known theme tune in the history of television. The sight of a disembodied foot descending from a cartoon sky at the beginning of each episode to trample over Sousa's jaunty, self-important music came to symbolize the Pythonesque disobedience and naughtiness that was to follow.

## **PROGRAM NOTES**

#### THE WIZARD OF OZ CHORAL REVUE

The Wizard of Oz (1939) is a musical fantasy comedy-drama film produced by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, adapted from a novel by L. Frank Baum, with songs by Edgar "Yip" Harburg and Harold Arlen. An icon of popular American culture, the movie is one of the few films on UNESCO's Memory of the World Register. The plot follows Dorothy and her dog Toto, who are caught in the path of a tornado and end up in the land of Oz, where she meets some memorable friends and foes on her journey to find the Wizard, a mysterious figure who may be able to help her return home and possibly grant her companions - the Scarecrow, Tin Man, and Cowardly Lion - their own deepest wishes. Arranger Greg Gilpin skillfully draws out the musical highlights of the score in this medley, allowing the listener to trace Dorothy's journey while revelling in the rich harmonies of the film's soundtrack. Not surprisingly, however, he places "Over the Rainbow" at the climax of his medley - rather than at the beginning, as in the film - reflecting the perennial popularity of this beautiful ballad.

#### CHOOSE SOMETHING LIKE A STAR

for reassurance from a higher power. Frost plays with the language of both religion and science, blending different aspects of each into the narrator's urgent plea to the star to offer mankind some comfort. When the star finally speaks ("I burn"), its words have nothing to do with the narrator's experience on earth and relate only to the star itself. But Frost asserts ironically that what the star enough to reassure us and somehow to demand of us "a certain height". And the object of our reverence is in any case not crucial: itself. American composer Randall Thompson (1899-1984) set the poem to music in 1959, along with several others by Robert Frost, in a collection called Frostiana. The layering effect of musical meaning over poetic meaning is particularly clear in this piece, in which, in the opening and closing sections, the sopranos sing the text "O star" on a high D and hold the note for several measures while the rest of the choir continues with the text of the poem. By placing the held soprano line high above the other voices, Thompson creates a musical image of the distant star that reassures mankind.



#### CHATTANOOGA CHOO CHOO

The American musician, arranger and composer Glenn Miller (1904-1944) was one of the most popular bandleaders of the swing era. He developed a new sound combination to differentiate his own band's style from the many bands that existed in the late 1930s – an arrangement of lead clarinet over four saxophones – as can be heard in his many famous recordings, including In the Mood, Moonlight Serenade, Pennsylvania 6-5000, Chattanooga Choo Choo, Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree, A String of Pearls, Tuxedo Junction, A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square and Little Brown Jug. At the height of his popularity, he joined the army in order to boost the morale of the Allied troops with his music and went missing in action while flying over the English Channel.

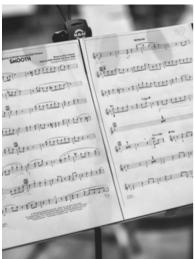
#### **BOOGIE WOOGIE BUGLE BOY**

The Andrews Sisters were an American close harmony singing group of the swing and boogie-woogie eras. Throughout their long career, the sisters sold well over 75 million records – in the 1940s only Bing Crosby was a more successful recording artist. Their 1941 hit Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy can be considered an early example of rhythm and blues or jump blues. The song became a hit all over again in 1973 when Bette Midler recreated the famous Andrews Sisters harmonies by layering her own voice in the studio.

#### SING, SING, SING

Benny Goodman (1909–1986) was an American jazz clarinetist and bandleader known as the "King of Swing". In the mid-1930s, Goodman led one of the most popular musical groups in the United States, especially with young people. According to music writer Donald Clarke, "It is clear in retrospect that the Swing Era had been waiting to happen, but it was Goodman and his band that touched it off." One of the most important members of Benny Goodman's band was drummer Gene Krupa, known for his highly energetic style and showmanship. His percussion playing on Sing, Sing, Sing (1937) elevated the role of the drummer to a solo voice in the band.







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