

# Program

## Oy Es Dia de Placer

(Today Is the Day to Rejoice and Sing) by Tomás Pascual, arr. Jody Noblett

#### Chindia

by Alexandru Pașcanu based on a Romanian folk dance tune

## **Space Oddity**

by David Bowie, arr. Dominic Stichbury

#### **Baba Yetu**

music by Christopher Tin, words by Chris Kiagiri

## Tell My Ma

traditional, arr. Jon Washburn

#### Afternoon on a Hill

by Eric William Barnum based on a poem by Edna St. Vincent Millay

#### Wade in the Water

traditional spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan based on a poem by Edna St. Vincent Millay

#### The Best is Yet to Come

music by Cy Coleman, lyrics by Carolyn Leigh, arr. Scott Ragsdale

## **Nothing from Nothing**

by Billy Preston and Bruce Fisher, arr. John Wasson

## (I've Got the) World on a String

music by Harold Arlen, lyrics by Ted Koehler, arr. Dave Wolpe

## Forget You

by Cee Lo Green, arr. Paul Murtha

#### **Stuff Like That There**

music by Jay Livingston, lyrics by Ray Evans, arr. Myles Collins

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## **Runaway Baby**

by Ari Levine, Christopher Steven Brown and Philip Lawrence, arr. Paul Murtha

## **Feeling Good**

by Leslie Bricusse and Anthony Newley, arr. Roger Holmes

intermission - 15 mins

## **Overture to "Egmont"**

by Ludwig van Beethoven

## Menuet (No. 2) from L'Arlésienne Suite I

by Georges Bizet

#### Danzon No. 2

by Arturo Marquez

#### **Pavane**

by Gabriel Fauré

## Elijah

Chorus No. 5: Yet doth the Lord see it not Chorus No. 7: For he shall give his angels charge by Felix Mendelssohn

## Star Wars Epic Part III

by John Williams, arr. Robert W. Smith

#### **Summertime**

from the opera Porgy and Bess music by George Gershwin, lyrics by DuBose Heyward and Ira Gershwin, arr. Mark Hayes

#### Sunday

from the musical Sunday in the Park with George by Stephen Sondheim, arr. Jason Carr

## **Conductors**

#### **Benedikt Holnaicher**

**Orchestra Conductor** 

Benedikt showed considerable interest in music at a young age and began by studying the violin, later switching to viola. His enthusiasm for music history eventually led him to study musicology, philosophy and theater at university. During this time, he developed a passion for early music and historically informed performance (HIP). Benedikt is currently specializing in playing the Baroque viola and taking classes in singing, conducting and music pedagogy. In addition to conducting the ESME Orchestra, Benedikt performs in ensembles in and around Munich as a viola player and singer.

#### **Eric Weddle**

Singers Conductor

This is Eric's sixth season conducting the ESME Singers and he has thoroughly enjoyed watching them grow, both in size and ability. Eric's been involved in music for most of his life - from his high school marching band, university jazz band, university choir, musical theatre and barbershop quartets, to teaching general music and directing school choirs for the last fifteen years. He holds masters degrees in Music Education and Instructional Technology and currently teaches in Garmisch-Partenkirchen. Eric would like to thank his family for their patience and support and ESME for this wonderful opportunity.

#### **Armin Holnaicher**

Big Band Conductor

Armin has been passionate about big band music since his father took him to see *The Glenn Miller Story* in the early 1960s. While he was still a teenager, he founded the first of several swing bands. Over the years, he has been a member of several concert choirs and is also a dedicated singer of German Lieder - all this while simultaneously pursuing a career as an attorney and mediator. Upon retirement, it was Armin's intention to get back to his jazz roots and the ESME Big Band provides an opportunity for him to share his deep musical knowledge and enthusiasm.

# Singers

## Soprano

Laura Daitsch
Elizabeth Elliott
Anna McNamara
Roanna Mottershead
Sarah Mulloy
Marije Nieuwenhuis
Sabine Pröllochs
Larissa Ratschinsky
Alvin Selfa-Lück
Casey Sublett
Claudia Winkler

## Bass

Wojciech Chlebosz
Stephen Crane
Mark Hammond
Chris Lynch
Jason Meade
Luis de la Osa de la Rosa
Martin Viertler

## Alto

Petra Barnes
Jolanta Barszczewska-Godenir
Dagmar Burnett-Godfree
Genevieve Cory
Annette Curran
Sarah Flowerdew
Frances Hughes
Anne Janssen
Emily Petrou
Kate D. Smith
Kathrynne Terrell
Emily Tuffley

## **Tenor**

Jeffrey Angus
Stewart Black
Samuel Gelletly
Michael von Glasow
Marilyn Hölzemann
Felix Janssen

## **Piano**

Léa Vernisse

# **Orchestra**

## **Violin**

Adam Backhouse
Caroline Bechhofer
Lauren Bradford
Christian Brandel
Sybille Fischer
Manuela Gfrörer
Dagmar Jasinowski
Theresa Page
Edward Pickering
Jane Ross
Katharina Schewel
Léa Vernisse
Daniel Wytrykus
Corrine Zeller

#### **Trombone**

Brian Eve Chris Roth Gudrun Tomlinson

## Cello

Miriam Breckner
Damien Delobel
László Faskerti
Mark Hammond
Barthélemy Pecquet
Ágnes Szűcs

## **Double Bass**

Mark Hammond

## Timpani

Daniel Plappert

## **Alto Saxophone**

Carina Kraft Michael Mosch

## **French Horn**

Thomas Mühldorfer

#### **Clarinet**

José Antonio Casas Pierre-Henri Girard Maximilian Messelken Mette Holmark

#### **Flute**

Karine Oh
Julia Priestley
Alissa Wiengarten
Liselotte Wolters

## **Trumpet**

Elizabeth Weedon

## Viola

**Gudrun Tomlinson** 

#### **Piano**

Mayya Bychkova

# ESME's Resident Alien Big Band

## **Trumpet**

David Freer Bénédicte Jeanson Siegfried Wagner

#### **Trombone**

Koula Lee Bren Osberg Chris Roth

#### Vocal

Sanne Hulst Marije Nieuwenhuis

## Leader

Armin Holnaicher (not present this evening, led tonight by Benedikt Holnaicher)

## Rhythm

Mayya Bychkova Cristian Fioravante Richard Sargent Daniel Schulz

## Saxophone

George Burleigh
Elaine Cole
Philipp Glock
Davy Kazan
Michael Mosch
Rudolf Neuhaus
Sarah Ready
Tobias Wedig

## Notes

#### **Baba Yetu**

The words of this catchy song - first created as the theme of the video game Civilization IV - are a Swahili adaptation of the Lord's Prayer. The piece has proven tremendously popular and garnered critical praise, becoming the first song from a video game to be nominated for and win a Grammy award.

#### Afternoon on a Hill

Maine-born poet Edna St. Vincent Millay (1892-1950) was the first woman to receive the Pulitzer Prize for poetry. Unconventional and independent-minded, she became a prominent member of the American literary scene from the 1920s through the 1940s. Her work remains renowned for its lyrical beauty, technical skill and intense sensitivity. Afternoon on a Hill, with its delicate, contemplative tone, considers one of Millay's most frequent subjects - rejuvenation through observation of nature.

#### **Stuff Like That There**

Written in 1945 and first recorded by Betty Hutton, this irresistible tune with hip and clever lyrics paints a word picture of a former cynic ("I used to think that love was just a load of rubbish") whose point of view has been dramatically - and deliciously - altered. The song was performed more recently by Bette Midler in the film For the Boys.

Feeling Good

Described as a "booming song of emancipation," this number from the 1964 musical The Roar of the Greasepaint - The Smell of the Crowd has been recorded by many artists, including Sammy Davis Jr., Nina Simone, John Coltrane and more recently by English rock band Muse.

Felix Mendelssohn began composing his famous oratorio "Elijah" in German, based on words from scripture. Once completed, the piece actually premiered in 1846 at the Birmingham Triennial Music Festival with the text sung in English. The oratorio - which tells the story of the prophet Elijah's campaign against the sinful behavior of the people of Israel - is one of Mendelssohn's most frequently performed sacred works. The first chorus performed this evening expressed the Israelites' feeling that God has forgotten them and explains their turn towards idolatry; the second is a calm reflection on the blessing of Elijah's coming.

#### **Sunday**

This life-affirming anthem forms the Act I finale of Sondheim's musical Sunday in the Park with George. Inspired by Georges Seurat's pointillist painting "A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte," the musical explores the nature of creative obsession and the struggle of all great artists to reconcile their art with their personal lives. The musical won the 1985 Pulitzer Prize for Drama.

## **About ESME**

ESME e.V. is a non-profit organization dedicated to establishing and promoting English-speaking music ensembles in Munich, Germany. We now have more than 100 members from all over the world rehearsing and performing in three ensembles: an orchestra, a choir and a big band.

As you will find out this evening, our music is as diverse as we are. We perform everything from Beethoven to the Beatles.

If you are looking for an enjoyable way to meet new people and make music at the same time, come along and find out more.

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