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BOISE COLLEGE

Community Symphony Orchestra

John H. Best, Conductor

Soloist-George Zukerman, Bassoonist

Thirty-first Season

November 16, 1966

College Auditorium

Not being a fervent composer of program music, Brahms has left us no specific reference to his title 'Tragic'. Reiman, a foremost biographer of Brahms, indicates that the master has taken only the universal, constant, fundamental emotion of tragedy. (somewhat in the sense of Aristotle). Grandeur, nobility, deep emotional earnestness are the essentials of a tragic character.

The Mozart Bassoon Concerto exemplifies, within one compostion, all the admirable solo qualities of this instrument; its lyricism, its versatility in tone color and range, and its virtuosity.

Within recent years, no one on this continent has been more influential in elevating the role of the bassoon to a position of prominence than George Zukerman. Born in England, educated in New York, Mr. Zukerman soon attracted world-wide attention with his solo and ensemble playing. His virtuosity and profound musicality have inspired a number of new compositions for the instrument. Now a resident of Vancouver, B. C., Mr. Zukerman is making outstanding contributions to Canadian musical life through the chamber ensemble, the Cassenti Players, the CBC, and his numerous solo appearances.

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), one of the most important figures in contemporary English music, is closely associated with the renaissance of folk music that began after World War I. Along with the folk-lorist, Cecil Sharp, Vaughan Williams spent several years in the villages and hamlets of Norfolk collecting traditional melodies. Studying at the Royal Academy of Music in London, with Bruch in Germany, with Ravel in France gave him a breadth of scope that gives his music a universal aspect within its strong nationalistic qualities. The Symphony No. 5 relies heavily on the use of the ecclesiastical modes, occasioned by his study and interest in Tudor church music. The third movement of this symphony, the Romanza, is enscribed with the notation: "Based upon a scene from Bunyan's 'Pilgrims Progress'."

PROGRAM

George Zukerman, Bassoonist

INTERMISSION

The orchestra personnel and audience are invited to a reception honoring Mr. Zukerman, to be held in the Student Union Ballroom immediately following the concert.

ORCHESTRA PERSONNEL

FIRST VIOLINS

Warren Driver, Concertmaster

Leona Underkofler

Elvira McWilliams

Ardith Moran

Joyce Raasch

Christine Nokelby

Edward Haddock

Nona Callister

SECOND VIOLINS

Stephen Cottrell

Martha Schwartz

Steven Durtschi

Rize

Laura Turner

Sylvia Arbelbide

Matilyn Cosho

VIOLAS

Voncille Driver

Mark Griffin

CELLOS

Mary Best

Suzanne Townsend

Kathy Kingsbury

Margaret Von der Heide

John Grossman

BASSES

John Hamilton

Bruce Fuller

TIMPANI

Linda Sue Hawk

FLUTES AND PICCOLO

Lynn Craig

Mary Bass

Carolyn Neice

OBOES AND ENGLISH HORN

Russell Mamerow

Ferne Coonrod

CLARINETS

Michael Schirk

Ronald Morris

BASSOONS

Greg Vaught

Anne Morrow

HORNS

James Henry

Gary Bratt

Roger Walters

Dawn Taylor

TRUMPETS

Douglas Henderson

Gerald Bowman

TROMBONES

Roy Olds

Lawrence DeCicco

John Clark

TUBA

Roy Lindley