

# BOISE STATE COLLEGE

Community Symphony

JOHN H. BEST Conductor

1968-69

APRIL 25

Robert Aitken, Soloist



## PROGRAM

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Long a concert favorite, this overture is considered by many to transcend any other work of Wagner. Spacious and magnificent, the music projects vividly the ancient customs of medieval Nuremberg with its thousand gable-ends, its procession of guilds and crafts, and its watchmen with their horns, calling the hour. Clearly outlining the themes to come in the opera, the overture contains a magical blend of gaiety and tenderness, poetry and homespun, richly comforting earthiness.

FLUTE CONCERTO NO. 2 IN D MAJOR, K314 ..... W. A. Mozart

Allegro aperto Andante ma non troppo Allegro

#### Robert Aitken, Soloist

Alfred Eistein, the eminent biographer of Mozart, has aptly written: "All Mozart's wind concerti have something special and personal about them, and when one hears them in a concert hall, which is seldom enough, one has the felling that the windows have suddenly been opened and a breath of fresh air has been let in." The Flute Concerto in D major is no exception with its brilliant opening movement, its tender andante, and its scintillating rondo, whose theme Mozart borrows for an aria in "The Abduction from the Seraglio."

## **INTERMISSION**

Our solist this evening. Robert Aitken, is a native of Nova Scotia, and began his flute studies at the age of nine. The Vancouver Symphony summoned him for their first flutist when he was nineteen, after which he continued his development with Marcel Moyse in Paris. In 1965 he returned to Canada where he holds the co-principal flute position in the Toronto Symphony and is on the faculty of University of Toronto. A composer of great promise, Mr. Aitken received an award in Novemher, 1969, as the outstanding Canadian composer of the year.

# SOIREES MUSICALES ..... Benjamin Britten

- I. March
- II. Canzonetta
- III. Tirolese
- IV. Bolero
- V. Tarantella

Mildly satirical, these contrasting episodes are based upon themes from Rossini, the popular opera composer of the 19th century. Britten, born in 1913, writes in a style that does not reflect the influence of any one composer, but rather an amalgam of 19th and 20th century ideas with a particular gift for using familiar materials in a way that is at once unique. A great body of oringinal material exists to his credit, including the operas "Peter Grimes" and "Albert Herring", and the stirring oratorio "War Requem".

CONCERTO FOR FLUTE ...... Jacques Ibert

Allegro Andante Alleg<del>r</del>o scherzando

## Robert Aitken, Flutist

The Ibert Flute Concerto joins the Saxophone Concert as outstanding examples of contemporary works for their respective instruments. Ibert, not widely known except for his vivid orchestral poem, Escales (Ports of Call), widened the scope of French instrumental music beyond Debussy and Ravel. Born in 1890, Ibert received the coveted Prize of Rome at the Paris Conservatory in 1919. His composition include most areas of expression, including theater and film music.

# ORCHESTRA PERSONNEL

## FIRST VIOLINS

Leona Underkofler, Concertmistress Elvira McWilliams Gloria Griffin Leah Telford Trudi Johnson Carolyn Chandler Catherin Zillner

#### SECOND VIOLINS

Colleen Puterbaugh Sheri Plumb Sue Rayborn Debra Dutson Sharon Stine Marsha Lambert Rosalie Braun Patricia Huston

#### VIOLAS

Tom Toinkins Peggy Ewing Danette Dutson Dick Ledford

#### CELLOS

Pamela Crookston Ronald Itami Wallis Bratt Christine Carter Karen Wall

## BASSES

John Hamilton Lona Youngberg Robert Bakes David Raffetto

PIANO Larry Clabby

FLUTES AND PICCOLO Susan Clark Mary Olds Pamela Robinette

# **OBOES AND ENGLISH HORN**

Russell Mamerow Joanna Berry

#### CLARINETS

Michael Schirk Deborah Mills

# BASSOONS

William Schink Sue Catey

#### HORNS

James Henry Terry Seitz Carol Crooks Tom Snyder Russell Terrell

#### TRUMPETS

Edward Beisly Jeff Davis Lee Jones

#### TROMBONES

Roy Olds Scott Lund Ray James

TUBA John Clark

TIMPANI Michael Requist

#### PERCUSSION Robert Garrett

Sue Taylor