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BOISE STATE COLLEGE

Community Symphony

JOHN H. BEST Conductor

1970 - 71

NOV.8

David Hoffman, Soloist



PROGRAM

OVERTURE TO CORIOLANUS, OPUS 62 Ludwig van Beethoven

Throughout the musical world, the year 1970 has been the occasion for commemorating the two-hundreth anniversary of the birth of Beethoven. (Dec. 16) The German master seemed partial to the selection of historical or legendary heroes as the basis of his concert overtures. Coriolanus is the central figure in a tale of valor from early Roman legend. The surname was given him for his bravery in capturing the Volscian town Corioli. He was later impeached by the Roman Senate for his arrogant attitude and ended his days in exile with the Volscians. Beethoven's tragic hero is based upon a drama by Heinrich von Collin and differs only only in detail from the Shakespeare portrait. As is his custom, Beethoven does not attempt to relate musically the events of the Coriolanus drama but rather seeks to capture the emotional states of the poignant legend.

CONCERTO IN Bb for VIOLONCELLOLuigi Boccherini

Allegro moderato Adagio Allegro-Rondo

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Boccherini, who is known to the layman as the composer of a minuet and a cello concerto, wrote at least 467 instrumental works-probably exceeding in output his famous contemporary, Franz Joseph Haydn. Born in Italy Boccherini was the son a bass player who was his first teacher. At age 14 he was sent to Rome to continue his studies, and there he soon made a name for himself as performer and composer. He toured Europe as one of the first cello virtuosi and finally settled in Spain. Despite his success both as performer and composer, he died nearly forgotten and poverty stricken. The Bb violoncello concerto stands with the Haydn D major as a model of the classical repertorire for the instrument.

David Hoffman, formerly of Emmett and Twin Falls, Idaho is presently a doctoral student in performance at Yale University, Studying with Aldo Parisot. He began his cello studies with John H. Best at Boise State College and was graduated from Northwestern University. He served for two seasons as assistant principal cellist with Cincinnati Symphony and is now principal cellist with the New Haven Symphony. He has appeared as soloist with the Northwestern and Yale Orchestras.

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CONCERTO NO. 7 for ORCHESTRAAlan Hovhaness

Allegretto Allegro Allegretto (Double Fugue)

Alan Hovhaness (1911-) grew up in New England, but his identification with the heritage of his Armenian ancestors led him to modes of expression rooted in the music of the Orient. His is a tranquil, contemplative music that often takes on the character of mystic incantation. His melody is a species of rhapsodic cantillation, abounding in repeated-note patterns of fanciful arabesques that capture the improvisational quality of the songs of the Near East. He is an exotic rather than fundementally an experiementalist. The listener is invited to indulge, alternately between a fanciful, diversionary dream and a keen analysis of the Baroque-like mass of imitative devices. A prolific composer, Hovhaness disdains no commission that will allow him to write what he believes to be music suitable for a particular occasion. The Concerto for Orchestra No. 7 was commissioned for the Louisville, Kentucky Symphony.

The term Concerto for Orchestra, although somewhat a confusion of titles, follows the example of Bela Bartok in his work by the same name, which is designed to set the instruments of the orchestra in focus as distinct tone colors as well as erect massive composite sounds.

WALTZES from DER ROSENKALIER Richard Strauss

In this selection from "The Cavalier of the Rose", a light opera, we hear sounds not from the tragedy of "Salome" and "Electra" but from the merriment of carefree Vienna. Richard Strauss here has created an atmosphere in the tradition of Johann Strauss, but quite dissimilar in its harmonic flux and varied instrumental color.

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ORCHESTRA PERSONNEL

First Violins

Leona Underkofler, Concertmistress

Elvira McWilliams Ardith Moran Catherine Zillner

Jim Cockey

Catherine Portsche Colleen Puterbaugh

Second Violins

Marsha Lambert Catherine Crow Donna Morehouse Sharon Stine Jenny Callister Pat Huston Marjorie Cochrane

Roy Williams Margo Michaelson

Patty Strand

Violas

Jan Wallich Norma Dominick Peggy Ewing Kathy VanHouten

Cellos

*Wallis Bratt
Ronald Itami
Pamela Crookston
Suzanne Townsend
Julia Pullen
Patricia Kim

Basses

John Hamilton Lona Youngberg Robert Bakes David Raffetto Brenda Proctor

Harp

Dorothy Larson

Kevboard

Alan Ludwig

Flutes and piccolo Gretchen Edeger

Rilla Berg Carol Deasy

Oboes and English Horn

*Russell Mamerow Joanna Berry

Clarinets

Deborah Mills Laura Leslie

Bassoons

Sarah Stobaugh Kendall Peckham

Horns

*James Henry
Terry Seitz
Tom Snyder
Mary Ann Hopper

Trumpets

Ray Booth Kirt Kitchen

Trombones

Scott Lund Keith Kehler Ray James

Tuba

Jim Kline

Timpani

John Huxsol

Percussion

David Scott