# BOB COLE CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC 1 PLEASE HALL

# PROGRAM SHORELINE

# SYMPHONIC WINDS

### **Greg Flores—conductor**

Passacaglia in C minor, BWV 582	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) arr. Nicolas D. Falcone
Danse Macabre, Op. 40 (1847)	Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921) trans. Greg Flores
The Imperial March (1980) from Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back	John Williams (b. 1932) trans. Stephen Bulla
The Sorcerer's Apprentice (1897)	Paul Dukas (1886-1935) trans. Merlin Patterson

# CSULB CONCERT BAND

### Jeffrey de Seriere—conductor

Melodious Thunk		David Biedenbender (b. 1984)
Allerseelen		Richard Strauss (1864-1949)
	Robert Martin—graduate conductor	
Lightning Field		John Mackey (b. 1973)
	Tyler Kimball—graduate conductor	
They Hung Their Harps in the Willow	'S	Francis McBeth (1933-2012)
The Cave you Fear		Michael Markowski (b. 1986)

# PROGRAM NOTES

**PASSACA CAGILIA** Presumably composed early in his career, *Passacaglia* is one of Bach's most important and well-known works, and was certainly influential to music of the 19th and 20th centuries. Robert Schumann described the variations of the *Passacaglia* as, "intertwined so ingeniously that one can never cease to be amazed."

The *Passacaglia* has been transcribed for orchestra by Leopold Stokowski, Ottorino Respighi, René Leibowitz, Eugene Ormandy, Sir Andrew Davis, Tomasz Golka and others. This setting was transcribed for Symphonic Winds by Nicholas Falcone for the University of Michigan Symphony Band under the direction of William Revelli.

In popular culture, an arrangement of some initial parts of the *Passacaglia* appears twice in the baptism sequence of the movie *The Godfather* (1972). Roland Petit created a ballet, *Le jeune homme et la mort (The Young Man and Death)*, set to the *Passacaglia*. An abbreviated version of the ballet appears as the opening scene of the 1985 movie *White Nights*.

Macabre is the third of Saint-Saëns' four orchestral tone poems and is easily his most popular work in that medium. In his Le carnaval des animaux (The Carnival of the Animals), composed in 1886, Saint-Saëns parodies the Danse Macabre, as well as works by other composers. Originally, Saint-Saëns did not intend the Danse Macabre as a work for orchestra, but rather a song with the text written by Henri Cazalis, for voice and piano that he later transcribed and modified for orchestra. In this transcription, the solo clarinet is used in place of solo violin utilizing help from the e-flat clarinet to achieve the "double stop" tonality. A few lines from the song's text will aid in understanding the symphonic poem:

Zig, zig, zig, Death in cadence, Striking a tomb with his heel, Death at midnight plays a dance-tune, Zig, zig, zag, on his violin.

The winter wind blows, and the night is dark; Moans are heard in the linden trees. White skeletons pass through the gloom, Running and leaping in their shrouds. Zig, zig, zig. What a saraband! They all hold hands and dance in circles. Zig, zig, zag. You can see in the crowd The king dancing among the peasants.

But hist! All of a sudden, they leave the dance, They push forward, they fly; the cockerel has crowed. Oh what a beautiful night for the poor world! Long live death and equality!

Theme, is a recurring musical theme in the Star Wars movies. It was composed by John Williams and first appeared in the film The Empire Strikes Back. The theme is based on the well-known funeral march from Chopin's Piano Sonata No. 2 in B flat minor and on Mars, the Bringer of War by Gustav Holst. One of the best-known symphonic movie themes, it is a classic example of a leitmotiv, a recurrent theme associated with characters or events in a drama. The Imperial March is the theme music that represents the authoritarian Galactic Empire. As Anakin Skywalker is stripped of all individuality, he, in essence, becomes one with the Empire as Darth Vader; hence the reason the march is often associated with him as well. The Imperial March represents all that is the Empire; therefore, it is nearly equivalent to a galactic anthem. To the Galactic Empire, The Imperial March represents strength, order, and control. To the Rebel Alliance, however, it is symbolic of tyranny, oppression, and hate. Interestingly, it has evolved from its original use as an "evil" theme to widespread use as portraying power at public events such as athletic competitions.

THIS SORCIERER'S APPRIENTICE, or L'apprenti sorcier, was subtitled, "Scherzo after a ballad by Goethe," and inspired by Goethe's 1797 poem of the same name, Der Zauberlehrling.

The poem begins as an old Sorcerer departs his workshop, leaving his apprentice with chores to perform. Tired of fetching water by pail, the apprentice enchants a broom to do the work for him—using magic in which he is not yet fully trained. The floor is soon awash with water, and the apprentice realizes that he cannot stop the broom because he does not know the cancellation spell.

Not knowing how to control the enchanted broom, the apprentice splits it in two with an axe—but each of the pieces becomes a new broom and takes up a pail and continues fetching water, now at twice the speed! When all seems lost, the old Sorcerer returns, quickly breaks the spell and saves the day. The poem finishes with the old Sorcerer's statement that the master himself should only call powerful spirits.

**MELODIOUS THUNK** I don't normally like to begin program notes with dictionary definitions—it feels pretty stuffy to me—but it seemed appropriate for this piece, so here goes:

thunk [thuhngk] noun & verb

- 1. [n.] an abrupt, flat, hollow sound (example: The book landed on the floor with a thunk.); synonym: thud
- 2. [v.] to produce an abrupt, flat, hollow sound
- 3. [v.] colloquial past tense and past participle of think.

Melodious Thunk was inspired by the famous jazz pianist Thelonious Monk. Monk's wife, Nellie Smith, nicknamed him "Melodious Thunk" because of his clunky, awkward, and brilliant(!) piano playing, and his, somewhat scatterbrained and disoriented nature. I really liked the idea of playing around with Monk's name—first, because I personally really enjoy goofing around with "spoonerisms" (silly, ridiculous, mix-and-match letter games, which often happen by accident: for example, slip of the tongue becomes tip of the slung), and, second, because this nickname actually provided great musical inspiration. Melodious—well, that's fairly obvious—and thunk (which is a great onomatopoeia!) became the starting points for the piece. Big, fat thunks are interspersed with pointy, clunky, bluesy blips, which are then transformed into a long, smooth, laid-back melody accompanied by a funky bass line. I haven't consciously borrowed any specific tunes or licks from Monk, although I do use a small fragment of Dizzy Gillespie's tune Salt Peanuts, but I hope you'll hear some similarities between this piece and Monk's iconic musical style and quirky attitude.

—note by David Biendenbender

A LILE IR SELLE N Richard Strauss was a German conductor and composer who is mostly known now for his tone poems and operatic works. He was born in Munich to a professional horn player and began studying, performing, and composing music at a very young age.

Allerseelen was originally written by Strauss as part of a collection of eight leider titled, Acht Gedichte aus "Letzte Blätter" Op. 10, in 1885 when he was just 21 years old. This song cycle was initially intended to be performed by soprano voice and piano, using the poetry of Hermann von Gilm zu Rosenegg (1812–1864) as lyrics. When translated into English, Allerseelen, the last song in the set, means "All Souls (Day)." Since the debut of Acht Gedichte aus "Letzte Blätter," Strauss and a few other composers have scored the movements of the song cycle for full orchestra. Albert O. Davis arranged Allerseelen for wind band in 1955 and Frederick Fennell later made a revised edition of Davis's wind band arrangement. In contrast to the original version of Allerseelen that had only two verses, these newer arrangements include a longer introduction, three verses that are written in a rounded binary (ABA) form with the middle section being of a developmental nature, and a codetta.

All Saints' Day

Place on the table the fragrant mignonettes, Bring inside the last red asters, And let us speak again of love, as once we did in May.

Give me your hand, so that I can press it secretly; and if someone sees us, it's all the same to me. Just give me your sweet gaze, as once you did in May.

Flowers adorn today each grave, sending off their fragrances; one day in the year are the dead free. Come close to my heart, so that I can have you, like one in May

Allerseelen

Stell auf den Tisch die duftenden Reseden, Die letzten roten Astern trag herbei, Und laß uns wieder von der Liebe reden, Wie einst im Mai.

Gib mir die Hand, daß ich sie heimlich drücke Und wenn man's sieht, mir ist es einerlei, Gib mir nur einen deiner süßen Blicke, Wie einst im Mai.

Es blüht und funkelt heut auf jedem Grabe, Ein Tag im Jahre ist den Toten frei, Komm an mein Herz, daß ich dich wieder habe, Wie einst im Mai.

-note by John Lychner and Brad Pulverenti

John Mackey is a contemporary composer of wind band and orchestral music located in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Though Juilliard-educated, Mackey has never formally studied an instrument, but rather began composing through experimentation with computer notation programs. Lightning Field borrows its name from an art installation by Walter de Maria located in the middle of an empty plateau in the New Mexico desert. Consisting of 400 stainless steel poles arranged in a grid spanning a mile, the piece toys with the relationship between forces of nature and the man-made, pointing towards our often fruitless

attempts to harness the chaos and power of the natural world. Mackey draws on these themes in his piece: a stormy, unstable introduction quickly dissipates to make way for the syncopated ostinato that drives the ensemble to thunderous peaks and sudden stalls throughout. Though this piece bears resemblance to parts of *A Wine-Dark Sea*, another Mackey composition, *Lightning Field* uses special Thunder Tube instruments and a large percussion section to create a truly unique and stormy experience.

—note by Tyler Kimball

# THEY HUNG THEIR HARPS IN THE WILLOWS

was commissioned by the Plano East Senior High Band in Plano, Texas, and was premiered on February 16, 1989, with McBeth conducting. The piece was written in memory of Claude T. Smith. The work's title is derived from *Psalm 137*: "By the rivers of Babylon, there they sat down and wept. Upon the willows in the midst of it, we hung our harps." According to McBeth, there are no programmatic connections with *Psalm 137*; rather, the quote provides a general guiding concept for the composition. *They Hung Their Harps in the Willows* is a dramatic musical work that explores dynamic extremes and abrupt textural shifts while maintaining an economical approach to melodic materials.

—note by Chad Nicholson

the opportunities we're given day-to-day to try something new or to go somewhere we've never been before—the opportunity to take a spontaneous road trip, to go see a concert by a band we've never heard of at a venue we've never been to, to try that new restaurant down the street where the menu is in a language we don't quite understand. Some people have an innate sense of adventure, who go-with-the-flow, who live life for the unexplored, and I couldn't be more inspired by them.

For a long time, I was the opposite. I used to prefer to stay at home, working on my computer because it was the safe and responsible thing to be doing, listening to the same albums on my iPod, ordering the same meal at the same, familiar restaurants. And while there's nothing necessarily wrong with having a routine or knowing what you like, I eventually realized that my life was starting to have a certain predictability to it. It was a few years ago, while I was still living in the same state that I was born and raised in, that I had the most terrifying epiphany that I think I've ever had. I was becoming increasingly bored and incredibly boring.

In film schools around the world, Joseph Campbell's book, *The Hero With A Thousand Faces*, is required reading for filmmakers, screenwriters, and storytellers because Campbell has single-handedly identified what we refer to as "The Hero's Journey" —the series of events and conflicts that arise along a character's path as he or she fights their way to some ultimate goal. After studying Campbell, it's easy to question where we are on our own paths. What is our own story? What are we fighting for? What does it mean to be a 'hero' and how can we be more 'heroic' ourselves? When we hear our own call-to-adventure, will we jump up, prepared, or will we ignore it, sit idly and take the easy way out because we would rather life be quiet and comfortable? According to Campbell, each of our adventures are already out there, waiting for us. That's not the problem. For him, "the big question is whether you are going to be able to say a hearty 'yes' to your adventure."

So for the next four minutes, let's take a chance, let's venture into the dark unknown, let's fight whatever monsters we find in there. And although we might not always prevail, at least we'll have a story to tell by the end.

—note by Michael Markowski

# SHORELINE SYMPHONIC WINDS

Founded in 1947 by James Son, the **Long Beach Community Band** is one of the oldest volunteer musical ensembles in Southern California. James Son, who was a baritone saxophonist in John Philip Sousa's band, joined the Long Beach Municipal Band in 1924. He was promoted to assistant conductor in 1939 by Herbert L. Clarke, and also worked with Municipal Band conductors Benjamin Rolfe, John J. Richards and Eugene La Barre. He also served as instrumental music instructor for California Public Schools for over ten years during the late 1920s. James Son retired as Assistant Conductor of the Long Beach Municipal Band in 1953. Seeing the need for a volunteer ensemble for the city in the post-war era, with thousands of veterans returning from WWII, Son decided to start the LBCB. Since so many musicians were being trained in the high schools of Long Beach, and with the veteran musicians returning from the war, fielding a quality band of trained musicians was a very easy and well-received task. The LBCB soon grew and flourished in this environment.

Now in our 70th year, the Long Beach Community Band continues to provide a musical outlet for the citizens of Long Beach and the surrounding communities. Also known as the **Shoreline Symphonic Winds**, we perform classic wind band literature as well as contemporary film score transcriptions. This ensemble performs year-round in the parks and city of Long Beach. For more information please visit: *www.shorelinewinds.org* 

ABOUT GREG FLORES Greg Flores has a MM in Instrumental Conducting from the Bob Cole Conservatory of Music where he studied with Professor Emeritus Larry Curtis and Dr. Johannes Müller Stosch. While at CSULB, his conducting responsibilities included conducting the University Symphony Orchestra and all major wind groups—Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Wind Symphony, as well as the University Brass Ensemble. Mr. Flores was the Graduate Assistant for the University Symphony Orchestra and the advanced Undergraduate Instrumental Conducting classes. He earned his BM in Instrumental Music and Trombone Performance from California State University, Long Beach and was student of Jeffery Reynolds, Retired Principal Bass Trombone with the LA Philharmonic Orchestra.

In 2008, Mr. Flores was appointed Conductor and Musical Director for the Long Beach Community Band. The Shoreline Symphonic Winds—a 60-piece Wind Ensemble, and Blue Pacific Swing Band—an 18-piece Big Band, are part of the Long Beach Community Band that perform free concerts in the Long Beach area. Prior to his work in Long Beach, Mr. Flores was the Director of Instrumental Music at Kasuo Masuda Middle School in Fountain Valley where he directed the band and orchestra, and was the Associate Director of Instrumental Music at Fountain Valley High School. While at FVHS, his duties included directing the marching band, jazz ensemble, percussion ensemble, and conducting the Wind Ensemble. Mr. Flores was also the director of the music theory program at Fountain Valley High where he developed, instituted and taught both basic music theory and Advanced Placement music theory courses.

Mr. Flores is an accomplished arranger in the southern California area where he writes for many marching bands, big bands, salsa, pop and funk bands. His strength of knowledge in a wide cross-section of musical styles makes his arrangements and conducting interpretations very dynamic and expressive. He is also an active bass trombonist in the Los Angeles area in the commercial and symphonic idioms. Greg Flores is a sought-after clinician and adjudicator for marching bands, symphonic bands and jazz ensembles. At the competitive level, he served as brass instructor for the Velvet Knights Drum and Bugle Corps from 1991 through 1996. Mr. Flores now serves as the Program Coordinator and Director of Brass Performance for the City Sound Drum and Bugle Corps. Most recently, he was appointed by Hoshino U.S.A. (the parent corporation for Tama Drums and Ibanez Guitars) as the Tama by Kanstul Marching Brass Product Specialist.

# **ABOUT JEFFREY DE SERIERE** Jeffrey de Seriere, born and raised in Lakewood, California, is an active saxophonist, music educator, and conductor in the Southern

de Seriere, born and raised in Lakewood, California, is an active saxophonist, music educator, and conductor in the Southern California area. He is currently the Director of Instrumental Music at the California School of the Arts—San Gabriel Valley, where conducts the Wind Ensemble and Philharmonic, and teaches courses in music history and music theory.

As a saxophonist, Jeffrey studied privately with James Barrera, performed in numerous ensembles including the Orange County Wind Symphony and the Dana Point Symphony, and has participated in master classes with Dr. Timothy McAllister, Dr. Kenneth Tse, and Leo Potts. As an undergraduate student, Jeffrey performed with the CSULB Wind Symphony, CSULB Symphony Orchestra, and the University Saxophone Quartet. In 2013, as part of the University Saxophone Quartet ,won the MTNA Southwest Regional Chamber Music Competition and was a finalist at the MTNA National Competition.

As a conductor, Jeffrey has studied privately with John Carnahan and Dr. Anthony Mazzaferro. He has also participated in conducting workshops with Dr. Frank Battisti and Dr. Mallory Thompson. In 2012, he won the Inaugural Undergraduate Conducting Competition at the Bob Cole Conservatory of Music. In 2014, he was named one of seven finalists in the National Band Association's Young Conductors Mentor Project, and made his international conducting debut with the CSULB Wind Symphony in Seoul, South Korea. In the summer of 2015, Jeffrey was chosen as one of six young conductors to conduct The United States Army Band "Pershing's Own." In 2016, Mr. de Seriere, and his professional brass ensemble, True Brass Choir, were invited to be a featured ensemble at the California All-State Music Education Conference in San Jose, CA.

Jeffrey earned his B.M. in Music Education from the Bob Cole Conservatory of Music at California State University, Long Beach and is currently an M.M. candidate in Instrumental Conducting at the same institution. Jeffrey holds active memberships in the California Band Directors Association and the Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association.

# PERSONNEL

### SHORELINE SYMPHONIC WINDS Greg Flores—conductor

Piccolo Diane Golden

Flute Kim Bemowski Frank Canlas Teri Cilurso Yakshita Desai Jing Feng Georgia Higgins Elaine Hochhesier

Oboe Lisa Chattler Jayne McKay Montemer \*

**English Horn** Lisa Chattler

Bassoon Lauren Bergh \* Paul Van Välkenberg

Contrabassoon Stan Tyler

Clarinet Harry Bagby Lindá Borla Ken Brown Walter Cabrera Dave Conrad Susan Coutin

Amy Cramer Manuel Flores Daryl Golden \* Michele Goodman William Langstaff Horace Leftwich Alison Levinson Alicia Orabuena Sharon Pan Armanda Pruitt Karen Zelazo

**E-Flat Clarinet** Rachel Friedrichs

**Alto Clarinet** Sarah Cox Robert Reyes

**Bass Clarinet** Mark Day Bill Fox Bill Pernot

Contraalto Clairnet Toni Reid

Soprano Saxophone Victoria Symmonds

Alto Saxophone Keith Conner Victoria Symmonds \* **Tenor Saxophone** Laura Lewis Moises Soncuya

**Baritone Saxophone** Paul Baker

Trumpet Joe Artinger Ray Clouse Sheldon Gordon Wendy Hanson Mike Lynch Pat Mullen ' Brandon Pettis **Bob Raemer** C.J. Sams David Williams Binnarie Yokota

**Horn** Alicia Doyle Kayla Moxley Nick Pastis Liz Royce Dan Tyler \*

**Trombone** John Aulbach Don Burns Harold Cannon \* Charles Lilly Paul Shivers

**Bass Trombone** Don Sawday Steve Underwood

**Euphonium** Rafael Arenas Jerry Byrd Bob Tukua Sean Yeutter

Tuba Leo Dittemore \* Aaron Gordon Steven McLaren

**String Bass** Sean Harvey

Harp Gracie Sprout

Percussion Noah McKeown Mike Pugh Rob Shetland

\* —principal

## **CONCERT BAND** Jeffrey de Seriere—conductor

Piccolo

Summer Wilson

Flute

Rome Ababat Andrea Aguilar Ivan Alcantar Rachel Baik Dayee Chung Kyle Dudley Anna Felten Molly Haun Anaiah Hufstetler Yeah Jin Kim Alyssa Lefevre Mélisa Lock Bri Maloney Rome Piscos Rebekah Redford Grace Sledd

Oboe

Alan Gabriel Victoria Holmes Abiah Padua Jones Sabal Jenascia Wilson

Clarinet Kevin Ai Isabel Barajas Edward Corbett Andrea-Miranda Castañeda Isabella Castañeda Mary Columna

Marissa Espiritu Arturo Gallardo **Emilio Morales** Priscilla Ortiz Juan Perez **Emilie Tellez** Paige Whipp

**Bass Clarinet** Vincent Camuglia **Emily Williams** 

**Bassoon** So Kanazawa Mary Perkins

Alto Saxophone Luis Aguilar Jesse Brouillette Hayden Dekker Erick Garcia Ramon Hernandez Victoria Knighten Bailey Mason Alexis McGuire Vaishnavi Purushothaman Norma Quijano Diana Sims Griffin Stanfield Yuki Yokota Josue Valle

**Tenor Saxophone** Aziza Gomez Shaianne Homann

Jade Murray Vanessa Perales

**Baritone Saxophone** Taylor Shipman

Athena Choeu Luis Garcia Tzu Han-Hsu Virgilio Manalo Scott Morris Ethan Saxe Terrance Yuen

Trumpet David Alvarez Roland Conley Hayden Ford Roland Garcia Emilio Gonzalez Al-Ahmar Adam Grosvirt-Dramen Evan Hamada Bryan Hansen Mégan Horger Steven Leyton Anthony Mora Chris Ramirez Maria Valenzuela

Trombone Emerick Doan Cader Duffy Luke Lizotte Anna Menotti

Marcus A. Osnes Cueto Sarah Sandoval Brandon Silva Selena Vera Evin Wicks

**Euphonium** Paul DeLaRosa Ryan Furness Mark S. Jimenez Mya Sanchez

Tuba Juan Damian Jayden Heddon Michael Lee Shawn OHare Thomas Torcivia Taureece Wilson

**String Bass** Jeffrey Wasik

Percussion Nick Diamantides Will Espinoza Jesse Garcia Ponce . Nathan Ibaral Nanacy Jimenez Summer Le Jessica Lin Jospeh Nazariego Connie Truong

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

\* Events marked with an asterisk are free with a valid Music Major Pass

### • Friday, October 27, 2017:

Faculty Artist Recital, James Barrera, saxophone, 8:00pm Daniel Recital Hall \$10/7 \*

### • Saturday, October 28, 2017:

Fall Choral Concert: Bel Canto, Beach Chorale, & Forty-Niner Chorus, Matthew Hazzard, Marcus Klotz, and Brian Dokko, conductors 8:00pm Daniel Recital Hall \$10/FREE

### • Sunday, October 29, 2017:

Jazz Lab Band & Corner Pocket, Jeff Jarvis and Jonny Arenas, directors 4:00pm Daniel Recital Hall \$10/7\*

### • Thursday, November 2, 2017:

Brass Ensemble, Rob Frear, director 8:00pm Daniel Recital Hall \$10/7 \*

### • Friday, November 3, 2017:

Faculty Artist Recital, John Barcellona, flute with the Caliendo Trio 8:00pm Daniel Recital Hall Tickets 10/7

### • Saturday, November 4, 2017 @ 8:00PM and Sunday, November 5, 2017 @ 4:00PM

Opera Masterpieces, Suzan Hanson, director Daniel Recital Hall \$10/7 \*

### • Tuesday, November 7, 2017:

World Percussion Concert, Eric Hartwell, director 8:00pm Daniel Recital Hall \$10/FREE

### Thursday, November 9, 2017:

University String Quartet, Moni Simeonov, director 8:00pm Daniel Recital Hall Tickets \$10/FREE

### • Saturday, November 11, 2017:

Pacific Standard Time & Jazz And Tonic, Christine Guter and Sean Fitzpatrick, directors 8:00pm Daniel Recital Hall Tickets \$10/7\*

### • Friday, November 17, 2017:

Bob Cole Conservatory Symphony, Johannes Müller Stosch, conductor 8:00pm Carpenter Performing Arts Center Tickets \$15/10

### • Sunday, November 19, 2017:

Piano Showcase, Shun-Lin Chou, director 4:00pm Daniel Recital Hall Tickets \$10/7 \*

### • Thursday, November 30, 2017

Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band, Jermie Arnold, conductors 7: 00pm California School of the Arts, San Gabriel Valley Tickets \$10/7\*



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