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WORLD YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA JoAnn Falletta, conductor

Sunday, July 9, 2017

8:00pm, Kresge Auditorium

Tsingtao Overture.....Zhou Long (b. 1953)

Scheherazade, Op. 35......Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov The Sea and Sinbad's Ship (1844-1908) The Legend of the Kalendar Prince The Young Prince and The Young Princess Festival at Baghdad. The Sea. Ship Breaks upon a Cliff Surmounted by a Bronze Horseman

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Interlochen dedicates this July 9, 2017 performance of the World Youth Symphony Orchestra to Bill and Martha Paine of Manistee, Michigan. As faithful concert goers for four decades, and loyal supporters of Interlochen Center for the Arts and Interlochen Public Radio, Bill and Martha established the William and Martha Paine Orchestral Scholars endowment, supporting full-tuition scholarships for World Youth Symphony Orchestra members. They have Created Amazing at Interlochen.

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PROGRAM NOTES By Amanda Sewell

Tsingtao Overture

Zhou Long

Composed in 2015, Zhou Long's *Tsingtao Overture* is the newest piece to be performed on this year's World Youth Symphony Orchestra series. In 2014, Long and Chen Yi (his spouse and fellow composer) were appointed to serve as cultural advisors for the Tsingtao Municipal Government. Tsingtao is a city in China's eastern Shandong Province, located about 450 miles north of Shanghai. Part of the appointment includes commissions from the Tsingtao Symphony Orchestra for both composers. The *Tsingtao Overture* was composed specifically for a Zhou Long and Chen Yi orchestra concert that took place in June of 2015. No commercial recording is yet available of this piece, which means nearly all members of the audience will be hearing it for the first time on today's program.

Tsingtao is also known as "Zither Island" because it is shaped like a guqin, or an ancient seven-string zither. The area was once home to many small fishing operations, but in the last hundred years has become an educational, tourism and technological hub. It is the home of the Tsingtao International Beer Festival and the Ocean University of China, the largest university of maritime sciences in the country. Long has explained that the *Tsingtao Overture* traces the history of this island, looking at the intersections of its past, present and future.

According to the composer, the first part of the *Tsingtao Overture* was inspired by a scene of a fishing village at dawn. The first part evokes a combination of traditional Laoshan chanting and the slow rhythms of temple blocks, the sounds swirling together in the breeze. The second part of the *Tsingtao Overture* is signaled by chimes in the timpani. The texture is augmented with low-register instruments, eventually rising to include the sounds of horns. Then, melodies borrowed from a Shandong folk song are added to the texture and help bring the section to a climax. The sounds of the horns fade away as the overture moves into its third and final section. The Laoshan chant returns, this time accompanied by the sound of a deep bell. The solo violin sings a folk-like melody, and a Guqin song called "Fisherman" echoes in the background. The wind swirls all of the sounds together to end the piece.

Long was born in 1953 and lived through the Cultural Revolution in China. He worked on a state farm as a teenager before coming to the United States in the 1980s to study music composition at Columbia University. He has said in an interview that he has been given many labels since he came to the United States ("Chinese composer," "American composer," "Chinese-American composer"), but he does not necessarily prefer any label over any other. *Tsingtao Overture*, like many of his works, blends musical styles and sounds of many time periods and regions. As he has said, he was over 30 years old when he moved to the United States, and "I was raised and trained in China. Everything I heard there is hard to erase. Now this all melts together and combines."

Scheherazade, Op. 35

Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov

Scheherazade is one of Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov's most famous compositions. It is based on "One Thousand and One Nights," a collection of Arabic-language folk tales that were compiled during the Islamic Golden Age (approximately 700-1200 A.D.). This collection was first translated into English in 1706 as "Arabian Nights' Entertainment." The tales come from many areas, including India, Egypt, Persia (now Iran) and Mesopotamia (now Iraq, Kuwait and parts of Syria and Turkey). All of the stories in the collection are linked by a framing plot device: the Persian king Shahryar, enraged by his wife's infidelity and convinced that no women can be trusted, vows to marry a new wife each day and execute her the next morning. His plan changes when he marries Scheherazade, however. She delays her execution by telling Shahryar a new story every night, and each story has a cliffhanger ending. The king cannot execute her if he wants to find out how the story ends. The stories include the figures of Jafar the grand vizier, Sinbad the sailor, Ali Baba the woodcutter and Aladdin. Scheherazade thus saves her own life 1001 nights in a row, after which Shahryar has regained his trust in women and is also a much wiser ruler after hearing the lessons in so many stories.

In the late 1880s, fascinated by the collection of stories, Rimsky-Korsakov decided to create an orchestral piece based on them. He struggled with how exactly to write a work based on "1001 Nights"—how many stories from the collection should he choose? Should he depict the tales literally in the music? Which stories would make the best choices for a musical setting? He ultimately settled on a four-movement structure that includes not only a few of the tales but also the narrative framing of a dialogue between Scheherazade and King Shahryar. In early drafts of the piece, Rimsky-Korsakov gave the four movements abstract titles—Prelude, Ballade, Adagio and Finale—but he later changed them to their more evocative present forms: The Sea and Sinbad's Ship, The Story of the Kalendar Prince, the Young Prince and Princess, and the Festival at Baghdad and the Sea.

Rimsky-Korsakov stated that he viewed each movement of *Scheherazade* as "a kaleidoscope of fairy images" rather than as a set of four stories told literally from beginning to end. In his own notes to the piece, Rimsky-Korsakov wrote that he "meant to direct the hearer's fancy on the path which my own fancy had traveled, and to leave more minute and particular conceptions to the will and mood of each." Fragments of the tales are interwoven with the narrative framing device of Scheherazade relaying the tales to her husband. The characters' voices—unison, ominous-sounding low brass for Shahryar, and the plaintive, lyrical solo violin for Scheherazade—recur throughout the work, reminding the listener that they are hearing a story within a story.

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JOANN FALLETTA, conductor, communicator, recording artist, audience builder, champion of American composers and distinguished musical citizen, serves as Music Director of the Buffalo Philharmonic and the Virginia Symphony and Principal Guest Conductor of the Brevard Music Center. Her conducting has been acclaimed by *The Washington Post* as having "Toscanini's tight control over ensemble, Walter's affectionate balancing of inner voices, Stokowski's gutsy showmanship, and a controlled frenzy worthy of Bernstein."

Internationally celebrated as a vibrant ambassador for music and an inspiring artistic leader, Falletta is invited to guest conduct many of the world's finest orchestras. She has guest conducted over a hundred orchestras in North America, and many of the most prominent orchestras in Europe, Asia, South America and Africa. Her North America guest conducting appearances have included the orchestras of Philadelphia, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Dallas, St. Louis, Milwaukee, Indianapolis, Seattle, San Diego, and the National Symphony as well as Montreal and Toronto. International appearances include the London Symphony, Liverpool and Manchester-BBC Philharmonics, Scottish BBC Orchestra, Czech and Rotterdam Philharmonics, Orchestra National de Lyon, Mannheim Orchestra and the Lisbon Metropolitan Orchestra. She has also served as Principal Conductor of the Ulster Orchestra. Asian engagements include appearances with the Korean Broadcast Symphony, Seoul Philharmonic, China National Symphony and the Shanghai Symphony. Falletta's summer activities have taken her to numerous music festivals including Aspen, Tanglewood, the Hollywood Bowl, Wolf Trap, Mann Center, Meadow Brook, OK Mozart Festival and the Grand Teton Festival.

Falletta's 2016-17 international guest conducting engagements include appearances in Spain and Finland, in addition to recordings with the Berlin Radio Symphony Orchestra and the London Symphony at the famed Abbey Roads Studios. Recent guest conducting highlights include performances with orchestras in Columbia and Iceland, as well as debuts in Belgrade, Gothenburg, Lima, Bogotá, Helsingborg, a European tour with the Stuttgart Orchestra, and the Orchestra of St. Luke's. Return engagements include concerts with the Warsaw and Kraków Philharmonics, the Symphonies of Detroit and Phoenix, and a 13 city U.S. tour with the Irish Chamber Orchestra with James Galway.

Since stepping up to the podium as Music Director of the Buffalo Philharmonic in 1999, Maestro Falletta has been credited with bringing it to a new level of national and international prominence. During her tenure, the orchestra's budget has grown by 25 percent and subscriptions have reached record levels. Under her direction, the BPO is continuing its trajectory as one of the most recorded orchestras in America. Her recordings for Naxos with the BPO have garnered two Grammy awards and six nominations. She and the BPO have been honored with numerous ASCAP awards, including the top award for Adventurous Programming in 2011, 2013 and 2014, made two acclaimed Carnegie Hall performances in 2004 and 2013 and two highly successful Florida tours. Other accomplishments under her leadership include the establishment of the orchestra's own Beau Fleuve label, the founding of the JoAnn Falletta International Guitar Concerto Competition in partnership with WNED, and the national and international broadcast of concerts on NPR's Performance Today, SymphonyCast, and the European Broadcasting Union. This season, the BPO will again be featured on NPR's From the Top. Other recent broadcasts include a national PBS televised special, Bernstein's *Ode to Freedom* featuring Falletta as host, and a PBS special of the *Four Seasons* with violinists Mark O'Connor and Catherine Cho.

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SECTION FACULTY Violin I – Margaret Batjer, Martin Chalifour, Dennis Kim, Celeste Golden Boyer, Nathan Olson, Jeff Thayer Violin II – Timothy Shiu Viola – Michael Ouzounian / Leonard Schranze Cello – Jonah Kim / David Garrett Double Bass – Winston Jack Budrow, Jr. / Lawrence P. Hurst Flute – Brian Gordon / Alexa Still Oboe – Mary Lynch / Dwight Parry Clarinet – Christopher Pell / Anton Rist Bassoon – Keith Buncke / William Short Horn – Bruce Henniss / Bradley Gemeinhardt Trumpet – John Aley / Vincent DiMartino Trombone/Tuba – Mark Lusk/Gerry Pagano Harp – Joan Raeburn Holland/Sylvia Norris Percussion – Keith A. Aleo

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VIOLIN II

Belle Wang, Ariz. ^ María Sofia Alvarado, Venezuela* Karl Falb, Mich.~ Cole Habekost, Ohio Talia Honikman, Calif. David Kirchenbauer, Va. Julia Koehler, Alaska David Kwon, N.J. Adam Murphy, Ohio Kyanna Rudolph, Calif. Julia Sellman, Ga. Yilong Song, China Alexandra Soo, Mich. Julie Stanwyck, III.

VIOLA

Adrian Jackson, Texas [^] Ashley Ahn, Ga. Joshua Baw, N.J. Asher Boorstin, Md. Eliza Haddon, Ind. Julia Hernandez, Fla. Gillian Hilscher, S.D.* Hannah Olson, Texas Torron Pfeffer, N.J.~ Lauren Praiss, Mo. Brian Shoop, S.C.* Xavier Tutiven, N.Y.*

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Bence Temesvari, Hungary*^ Audrey Adrian, Texas Julia Chiang, Mass. Zoe Hardel, Maine Joseph Kim, Calif.* Robert Kirchenbauer, Va. Esther Loya, Mo. Lucia Pfeifer, Mich. Eric Rice, Tenn. Christopher Soo, Mich. Sam Sykes, Iowa* Thomas Walter, Germany

DOUBLE BASS

Barnaby Woods, Wash.*^ Matthew Daily, Texas* Beatrice Hammel, Neb. Jacob Kolodny, Pa. Angela Leeper, Ga. Xuanchi Li, China Diego Martinez, Tenn. R. Anthony Mirabelli, Texas Cole Seawell, Canada Robin Steuteville, N.Y.

FLUTE

Alisa Smith, R.I.[^] Ann Kuo, Calif.^{*}[^] Amrutha Murthy, Texas David Valderrama, N.Y.

OBOE

Mia Fasanello, N.Y.[^] Andres Ayola, N.Y. (English horn) Michelle Moeller, Texas Keslie Pharis, Texas^{*}

CLARINET Michael Miller, Fla.[^] Victor Mangas, Canada (bass) Peter Perez, Canada~ Anoush Pogossian, Calif. BASSOON Justin Cherry, Denmark[^] Thalia Navas, Canada Daniel Schulze, Texas^{*} (contra) Lauryn Sparger, Fla.^{*}

HORN

Benjamin Beckman, Calif.[^] Gretchen Bonnema, Mich.[~] Isaac Ferrell, Tenn. Kira Goya, Hawaii Mychal Nishimura, Calif.

TRUMPET Madeline Hay, Canada[^] Quincy Erickson, Minn. Grace O'Connell, Wis. Ben Rattanavong, Tenn.

TROMBONE Miriam Snyder, S.C.~^ Gray Beasley, Texas Dominic Diaz, Calif.*

TUBA Emerick Falta, N.Y.*

HARP Julia Lewit, III.[^] Johanna Hein, Texas

PIANO/CELESTA Kenoly Kadia, Texas

PERCUSSION Will Harris, S.C.* ^ Dam Ning Thomas Li, Hong Kong Gregory Phifer, III. Jakob Schoenfeld, Fla. Gabriel Solano, Texas Sui Lin Tam, III.

Sections are listed alphabetically after principals.

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WORLD YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS

WYSO - Carlos Kalmar, conductor; Simone Porter, violin Sunday, July 16, 8 p.m. - Kresge Auditorium

Oregon Symphony Music Director Carlos Kalmar conducts the World Youth Symphony Orchestra through a repertoire including *Capriccio Italien* by Tchaikovsky, Prangcharoen's *Phenomenon* and Mozart's *Violin Concerto No. 3 in G Major*, K. 216. Kalmar is joined by famed violinist Simone Porter.

WYSO - Cristian Măcelaru, conductor Sunday, July 23, 8 p.m. - Kresge Auditorium

The fourth performance by the World Youth Symphony Orchestra sees one of the fastest rising stars of the conducting world, Music Director and Conductor of the Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music, Cristian Măcelaru, leading WYSO through a repertoire that includes *Carnival Overture* by Dvořák and Brahms' *Symphony No. 2*.

WYSO - Carlos Izcaray, conductor; Alon Goldstein, piano; Sarah Cahill, piano Sunday, July 30, 8 p.m. - Kresge Auditorium

Music Director for the Alabama Symphony Orchestra and the American Youth Symphony, Carlos Izcaray, accompanied on the piano by both the acclaimed Alon Goldstein and the highly regarded Sarah Cahill, leads Interlochen's World Youth Symphony Orchestra through a repertoire that includes Adams' *Chairman Dances: Foxtrot for Orchestra*, Takemitsu's *Quotation of Dream: Say Sea, Take Me!* and Debussy's *La Mer*.

WYSO - Les Preludes, Jung-Ho Pak, conductor Sunday, August 6 - Interlochen Bowl

Join the World Youth Symphony Orchestra in their final performance of the season as Artistic Director and Conductor of the Cape Cod Symphony Orchestra, Jung-Ho Pak, conducts a repertoire that includes Wagner's *Prelude to Die Meistersinger*, Hanson's *Symphony No. 1*, movement 3; Dun's *Internet Symphony* and Liszt's *Les Préludes*. Pak has been a conductor of the World Youth Symphony Orchestra at Interlochen Arts Camp since 2003.

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