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# CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY Conservatory of Music

presents the

# Chapman University Wind Symphony

17th Season

Paul J. Sherman Music Director & Conductor

March 12, 2011 • 7:30 P.M. Chapman Auditorium, Memorial Hall

#### **Program**

#### Sleepers Awake

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

#### **Rocky Point Holiday**

Ron Nelson (b. 1929)

#### ~ Intermission ~

#### A Child's Garden of Dreams

David Maslanka (b. 1943)

- I. There is a desert on the moon where the dreamer sinks so deeply into the ground that she reaches hell.
- II. A Drunken woman falls into the water and comes out renewed and sober.
- III. A horde of small animals frightens the dreamer. The animals increase to a tremendous size, and one of them devours the little girl.
- IV. A drop of water is seen as it appears when looked at through a microscope.

  The girl sees that the drop is full of tree branches. This portrays the origin of the world.
- V. An ascent into heaven, where pagan dances are being celebrated; and a descent into hell, where angels are doing good deeds.

#### **About the Conductor**

#### PAUL J. SHERMAN, conductor

Conductor, Wind Symphony, Chapman University Conservatory of Music Executive Director, Ensemble Green Music Director & Conductor, Santa Clarita Youth Orchestras

Conductor and oboist, Dr. Paul J. Sherman, DMA, enjoys a musical career with a wide range of styles and forms. His vision for the Chapman Wind Symphony follows this mold by performing both classic repertoire and the best of the new wave of contemporary wind ensemble music. His is also Chapman's director of winds chamber music and instructor of oboe.

He has more than a decade of podium experience directing the Santa Clarita Valley Youth Orchestras, ensemble GREEN and the Pasadena Summer Youth Chamber Orchestra. This season the SCVYO has been invited to perform in Walt Disney Concert Hall as part of the Los Angeles Philharmonic's Youth Orchestra Festival.

As an oboist he performs on both modern and historical instruments in solo, orchestral and studio settings. He performs with: Musica Angelica, San Francisco Bach Choir, San Diego Bach Collegium, Santa Barbara Chamber Orchestra and is a founding member of Arroyo Baroque. He is also on faculty at USC where he is instructor of Baroque oboe.

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#### JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH Sleepers Awake

In his last position, as director of the St. Thomas Church Choir in Leipzig, Bach's duty made it necessary for him to compose and have ready a new composition for each church day. Much of what survives as his Five Complete Sets of Church Music for all the Sundays and Holy days of the Year had been written by the year 1731 when an unusually early date for Easter meant that Bach had to provide music for the 27th day after Trinity. The Gospel for the day was the parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins (Mathew 25:1-13). This chorale is the opening movement of his cantata (BVW 140) Wachet auf, ruft uns di Stimme --Awake! calls the voice of the watchman. It is a bustling portrait in sound of the city of Jerusalem, waiting at midnight, with watchers posted on the battlements for the arrival of the "bridegroom". The urgent dotted chords are tossed back and forth between the instrumental sections, relating the restless nature of the crowd. They relay the watchmen's cries in imitative counterpoint. The choral tune is heard in the long notes of the treble instruments, but never breaks the energy of the work.

- Paul J. Sherman

## RON NELSON Rocky Point Holiday

Rocky Point Holiday was Ron Nelson's first major work for wind band. "It was commissioned in 1969 by Frank Bencriscutto for the University of Minnesota Concert Band's Russian tour. Frank wanted an "Americana" piece to open the program. This was a pivotal moment in my notion of wind ensemble scoring, in which I focused on orchestrating in an extremely transparent way. Others have commented that they felt Rocky Point marked a change in the overall philosophy of scoring for wind band."

He goes on to say, "This style had its genesis at Eastman. I came from huge, Revelli-style bands in Joliet and had that sound in my ear. Then I got to Eastman and heard this very tight, sinewy sound in the form for the Eastman Wind Ensemble under Frederick Fennell. This sound was seeping into my musical consciousness, and it was not until I got away from it that I realized how important this experience was." Nelson wrote this while on vacation at Rocky Point - a favorite seaside resort in Rhode Island ("In such a small state, there aren't that many places to go!") which has now closed.

- Ron Nelson & Paul J. Sherman

#### DAVID MASLANKA A Child's Garden of Dreams

The following is from Man and His Symbols by Carl Jung: "A very important case came to me from a man who was himself a psychiatrist. One day he brought me a handwritten booklet he had received

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as a Christmas present from his 10-year-old daughter. It contained a whole series of dreams she had had when she was 8. They made up the weirdest series of dreams I have ever seen, and I could well understand why her father was more than just puzzled by them. Though childlike, they were uncanny, and they contained images whose origin was wholly incomprehensible to the father...In the unabridged German original, each dream begins with the words of the old fairy tale: 'Once upon a time.' By these words the little dreamer suggests that she feels as if each dream were a sort of fairy tale, which she wants to tell her father as a Christmas present. The father tried to explain the dreams in terms of their context. But he could not do so because there appeared to be no personal associations to them...The little girl died of an infectious disease about a year after that Christmas... The dreams were a preparation for death, expressed through short stories, like the tales told at primitive initiations... The little girl was approaching puberty, and at the same time, the end of her life. Little or nothing in the symbolism of her dreams points to the beginning of a normal adult life. When I first read her dreams, I had the uncanny feeling that they suggested impending disaster. These dreams open up a new and rather terrifying aspect of life and death. One would expect to find such images in an aging person who looks back on life, rather than to be given them by a child. Their atmosphere recalls the old Roman saying, 'Life is a short dream,' rather than the joy and exuberance of its springtime. Experience shows that the unknown approach of death casts an 'adumbratio' (an anticipatory shadow) over the life and dreams of the victim. Even the altar in Christian churches represents, on one hand, a tomb and, on the other, a place of resurrection the transformation of death into eternal life."

I selected five of the twelve dreams as motifs for the movements of this composition:

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- David Maslanka

#### **Chapman University Wind Symphony**

# Paul Sherman, Music Director & Conductor

Flute	Saxophone
Lauren Aghajanian	Colin Horrocks
Emily Vickers •	Andrew King • †
Rebecca Villines	Dan Phung
	Clay Thomas
<u>Piccolo</u>	
Iris Jackson	<u>Horn</u>
Bella Staav •	Stephanie Beaver •
Alto Flute	Trumpet
Emily Vickers	Jonathan Ballard •
•	Sarah Barr
<u>Oboe</u>	Jason Goussak
Kyle Chattleton •	Ryan Jesch
Sarah Dressler	Megan Malloy †
	Eric Minar
<u>Clarinet</u>	Christopher Nario
Trevor Garcia • †	Kyle Smith
Ben Lambillotte	·
Trevor Sullivan	Trombone
	Marx Ha
Bassoon	Zachary Mariano
Charity Potter • †	Michael Rushman •
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## Euphonium Javier Cerna †

<u>Tuba</u> Jonathan Kimbro •

Percussion

Kyle Alanis
Christopher Bright
Christina Cheon
Jordan Curcuruto
Molly Gard
Brietta Greger •
Patrick Gutman

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Instrumental Chamber Music

Grace Fong, Paul Sherman, and Robert Becker, Directors

Opera Chapman presents "An Opera Gala" Peter Atherton, Artistic Director Daniel Alfred Wachs, Music Director & Conductor	April 1 & 2—8:00pm April 3—3:00pm Chapman Auditorium, Memorial Hall
Faculty Recital - Liszt Celebration	April 8—8:00pm Salmon Recital Hall, Conservatory of Music
The Collaborative Spirit Nick Terry & Liz Maxwell, Directors	April 14—7:30pm Chapman Auditorium, Memorial Hall
Big Band & Jazz Combos	April 26—7:30pm
Albert Alva, Director	Chapman Auditorium, Memorial Hall
Chapman Saxophone Ensemble	April 27—8:00pm
Gary Matsuura, Director	Salmon Recital Hall, Conservatory of Music
Chapman Flute Ensemble	April 28—7:30pm
Mary Palchak, Director	Salmon Recital Hall, Conservatory of Music
University Singers in Concert	April 29—8:00pm
Stephen Coker, Conductor	First United Methodist Church of Orange
Chapman Guitar Ensemble	May 1—8:00pm
Jeff Cogan, Director	Salmon Recital Hall, Conservatory of Music
Guest Artists in Recital—EAR Unit	May 5—8:00pm Salmon Recital Hall, Conservatory of Music
Sholund Scholarship Concert Daniel Alfred Wachs, Music Director & Conductor	May 7—4:00pm Chapman Auditorium, Memorial Hall
Piano Showcase	May 10—7:30pm
Grace Fong, Director	Salmon Recital Hall, Conservatory of Music
Student Pianists in Recital Janice Park, Director	May 11—7:30pm Salmon Recital Hall, Conservatory of Music
New Music Ensemble	May 12—8:00pm
Sean Heim, Director	Salmon Recital Hall, Conservatory of Music
Chapman University Women's Choir in Concert	May 13—7:30pm
Angel Vázquez-Ramos, Conductor	Salmon Recital Hall, Conservatory of Music

May 14—2:00pm (Winds & Brass)

Salmon Recital Hall, Conservatory of Music

5:00 pm (Strings & Piano)



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