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Chapman University
Chamber Orchestra
Orange, California, USA

John Koshak
Music Director and Conductor
Twenty-ninth Season

West Coast • Europe
Concert Tour 2000
CHAMBER ORCHESTRA REPERTOIRE

Music for each concert will be selected from the following compositions:

Symphony No. 31 in D Major, K. 297(300a), "Paris"
- Allegro assai
- Andantino
- Allegro

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
(1756-1791)

Overture to "Prometheus"

Ludwig Van Beethoven
(1770-1827)

Bauren Polka

Johann Strauss, Sr.
(1804-1849)

Radetzky March

Johann Strauss, Sr.

Slavonic Dance No. 8, Op. 46

Antonín Dvořák
(1841-1904)

Introduction and Tarantella

Pablo de Sarasate
(1844-1908)

Petite Suite
- En Bateau
- Cortège
- Minuet
- Ballet

Junko Hayashi, violin

Claude Debussy
(1862-1918)

Rumanian Folk Dances
  I. Joc Cu Băta (Dance with Sticks)
  II. Brâul (Waistband Dance)
  III. Pe Loc (Stamping Dance)
  IV. Buciumeana (Hornpipe)
  V. Poarga Româneasca (Rumanian Polka)
  VI. Maruntel (Quick Dance)
  VII. Maruntel (Quick Dance)

Béla Bartók
(1881-1945)

Variations on a Shaker Melody
from Appalachian Spring

"Copland 2000"
Celebrating the Centennial of Copland’s Birth

Aaron Copland
(1900-1990)

Short Symphony (Symphony No. 1) (1999)
- Largo; Presto con fuoco
- Extremely Slow
- Allegro Molto; Largo

Justin Grossman
(b. 1979)
CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
John Koshak, Music Director and Conductor

FLUTE
Kara Brennan*
Fullerton, CA
Yoon Cho
Arcadia, CA
Lauren Kamieniecki
Olympia, WA
Suzanne Schwetz
Sebastopol, CA

BASSOON
Heather Cano*
Mission Viejo, CA
Mindi Johnson
Huntington Beach, CA
Jasmine Breninger
Dhahran, Saudi Arabia

HORN
Elisha Wells*
Columbus, TX
John Acosta
Huntington Beach, CA
Matthew Murray
Diamond Bar, CA
Max Taylor
Sacramento, CA

PIANO
Benjamin Makino*
Fullerton, CA

HARP
Mindy Walters*
Redlands, CA

VIOLIN
Junko Hayashi^
Tokyo, Japan
Rocky Lee^^
Tao-Yuan, Taiwan
Sarah Garbett^^^^
Glendora, CA
Jena Tracey*
Las Vegas, NV
Jori Alesi
Mission Viejo, CA
Yi Chen
Kaoshing, Taiwan
Josie Davidson
Dana Point, CA
Jennifer Deirmendjian
Los Angeles, CA

TRUMPET
Corneliu Mootz*
Anaheim, CA
Aaron Valdizan
Tustin, CA

TROMBONE
Stefanie Freeman*
Yorba Linda, CA
Melissa Ferdolage
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ENGLISH HORN
Matthew LaGrange
Cypress, CA

CELLO
Maralynne Mann**
La Mirada, CA
Matthew LaGrange**
Cypress, CA
Abigail Jones
Westminster, CA
Decie Boone
Berkeley, CA

CYPRESS, CA

CLARINET
Suzanne Crandall*
San Francisco, CA
Daunell Barton
San Francisco, CA
Leslie Elliott
Apple Valley, CA
Deanne Saum
Fresno, CA

TROMPONE
Stefanie Freeman*
Yorba Linda, CA
Melissa Ferdolage
Fresno, CA
Nicole Tondreau
Moorpark, CA

TUBA
Matthew Minegar*
Orange, CA

TIMPANI
Dan Reighley*
Santa Barbara, CA

PERCUSSION
Dan Reighley*
Santa Barbara, CA

BASS
Karen Middlebrook*
Aliso Viejo, CA

^Concertmaster
^^Associate Concertmaster
^^^^Assistant Concertmaster
*Principal
**Co-Principal
The Chapman University Symphony Orchestra and Chamber Orchestra, under the leadership of Professor John Koshak, have received wide recognition for their outstanding performances and are considered to be among the finest university ensembles on the West Coast.

The Chapman Orchestras received national recognition when they were presented the coveted ASCAP (American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers) award at the American Symphony Orchestra League Annual Conference for their performances of music by American composers. In frequent demand for performances, the orchestras have performed at the Music Educators National, Divisional, State, and Southern Section Conferences and the Chamber Orchestra has been the featured performing ensemble for the CMEA (California Music Educators Association) Southern Section Conference. The Chamber Orchestra tours annually on the West Coast of the United States and has performed extensively on international tours in Europe, China, Hong Kong, and Japan.

The Chamber Orchestra received international recognition during its concert tours in Europe and the Orient. In Brno, Czechoslovakia, a reviewer wrote: "The Chamber Orchestra conducted by John Koshak, showed its sound technical skill, remarkable balance and richness of expression." The orchestra has received enthusiastic reviews from critics throughout California. The Orange County Register described the orchestra's performances of Ives' Unanswered Question, as "esoteric, exotic, innovative and enlightening." A Los Angeles Times critic described the Chapman Chamber Orchestra's performance as "an attractive combination of Mozart, Stravinsky, Berg and Milhaud, which displayed the skill, and musical promise of the orchestra." He added, "The ensemble responded to the tasteful direction of conductor John Koshak with precision, balance, cleanly articulated phrasing and dynamic subtlety."

The Chapman Symphony Orchestra has also received critical acclaim for its performances. A Los Angeles Times reviewer wrote, "John Koshak and his orchestra admirably negotiated the complexities of Paul Hindemith's Symphonic Metamorphosis. A good deal of forward motion characterized this reading. In the finale, Koshak masterfully controlled the balances, transitions and dramatic pacings." Another Los Angeles Times reviewer said, "Two major 20th-century symphonies offered formidable challenges for the Chapman Symphony Orchestra, but under John Koshak's assured leadership, the ensemble laid all fears to rest. Koshak has clearly put a great deal of thought into Shostakovich's 12th Symphony. The conductor knew each movement has its own particular character, and he allowed the transparent adagio to act as a period of repose and reflection. Before intermission, the orchestra put the same energy and zeal into Stravinsky's Symphonic Metamorphosis (1945). Koshak made the most of the work's rhythmic traits; the syncopated string pizzicato, timpani strokes and brass chords were all delivered with panache and precision.

JOHN KOSHAK

John Koshak, noted American conductor and teacher of conducting, is highly recognized for both his work with orchestras and as a conducting pedagogue. He is the Director of Orchestras and Professor of Music at Chapman University, and has recently completed the third edition of his book, The Conductor's Role: Preparation for Individual Study, Rehearsal and Performance.

Professor Koshak has been enthusiastically reviewed by critics both at home and abroad. A Los Angeles Times reviewer wrote: "Carefully regulating each crescendo, Koshak made every climax powerful, dramatic and exhilarating without exhausting his resources at the first fortissimo." In Germany, the Rhein Zeitung review wrote: "Both the overall harmonic picture and the artistic discipline can be attributed to conductor, John Koshak." Of the Brahms Symphony No.1, the critic described Koshak as a "true Salzburgian." While in Australia, the Sydney Herald music critic wrote: "John Koshak presided over first rate string sounds in the Barber Adagio, and in a Gabrielli Canzona made the brass ring out triumphantly, while Bernstein's Candide Overture hustled along with irresistible panache." He has conducted orchestras in Australia, China and Europe, and has conducted honor, festival and all-state orchestras in California, Nevada, Montana, Washington, and New York. He has served as artist-in-residence and guest conductor at the Sydney (Australia) Conservatorium of Music and was twice invited as guest conductor of the Pan Pacific Music Festival in Australia.

Maestro Koshak has toured extensively with his orchestras, including performances in Europe, China, Hong Kong, Japan, and New York. He has conducted in some of the world's greatest concert halls, including the Mozarteum in Salzburg, Austria; the Opera House in Sydney, Australia, and New York's prestigious Carnegie Hall.

In addition to his conducting and teaching responsibilities at Chapman University, Professor Koshak serves as Music Director of the Orange County Youth Symphony Orchestra. Prior to his appointment to the faculty of Chapman University, he was a public school music educator and conductor in New York, Germany, New Jersey, and California. In Orange County, California, Professor Koshak was recognized for his work in music education when he received the Irene Schoepfle Award for Distinguished Contributions to Orange County Music. While conducting and teaching in Europe, Professor Koshak received recognition by the United States Government, who granted him the Superior Performance award for his work in Germany. He and his orchestras have twice received the ASCAP award from the American Symphony Orchestra League for the performance of American music. At Chapman University, Professor Koshak received the Faculty of the Year award from the Chapman University Alumni Association for his outstanding teaching and conducting.

Professor Koshak received his Bachelor of Music degree from The Pennsylvania State University, his Master's degree from Columbia University, and his Conducting Diploma from the Mozarteum in Salzburg, Austria.
West Coast Concert Schedule
January 5–11

LAS VEGAS, NV
Wednesday, January 5
Las Vegas High School
• Workshop
Thursday, January 6
Las Vegas High School
• Concert
Western High School
• Workshop and Concert
Las Vegas String Ensemble
• Workshop and Concert
Las Vegas Youth Philharmonic
• Workshop and Concert
Friday, January 7
Green Valley High School
• Workshop and Concert
Las Vegas Academy
• Workshop and Concert
Bonanza High School
• Workshop and Concert
Saturday, January 8
First Christian Church
• Concert

BAKERSFIELD, CA
Sunday, January 9
Rosedale Bible Church
• Concert
Monday, January 10
Stockdale High School
• Workshop and Concert
Highland High School
• Workshop and Concert

VISALIA, CA
Monday, January 10
First Baptist Church
• Combined workshop and concert with Golden West, Mount Whitney and Redwood High Schools

LAFAYETTE, CA
Tuesday, January 11
Acalanes High School
• Workshop and Concert

Europe Concert Schedule
January 19–February 1

Featuring Concerts in:
Salzburg, Austria
Vienna, Austria
Budapest, Hungary
Prague, Czech Republic
Munich, Germany
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### CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC FACULTY

John Koshak, Director of Instrumental Music and University Orchestras

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