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### "BALLADE"

**UNIVERSITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** 

Dr. Robert Mueller, conductor

Sierra Hoaglund, flute (2022 Concerto/Aria winner)

7:30pm, Monday, October 9, 2023 Jim & Joyce Faulkner Performing Arts Center University of Arkansas

## PROGRAM

Ballade for Flute Strings and Piano

Frank Martin (1890-1974) Sierra Hoaglund, flute

#### INTERMISSION

Symphony No. 8 in G major, Op. 88

Antonin Dvorak (1841-1904)

Allegro

Adagio

Allegretto

Finale: Allegro ma non troppo

## **PROGRAM NOTES**

SIERRA HOAGLUND: A dedicated flutist and teacher from Phoenix, Arizona, Sierra Hoaglund is currently pursuing a Master of Music degree in Flute Performance at the University of Arkansas, studying with Dr. Ronda Mains. She plans to pursue a DMA in Flute Performance and aspires to teach at the collegiate level where she can share her passions with future generations of flutists.

**BALLADE FOR FLUTE STRINGS AND PIANO**: Originally composed for flute and piano in 1939, Martin himself made the version we perform this evening, for flute, string orchestra and piano, in 1941. It was a featured composition for the 1939 Geneva International Music Competition and has been a favorite of flutists ever since. Technical passages of great difficulty abound, but the work also allows the soloist to show off her artistry and musicianship.

**SYMPHONY NO.8:** After the success of his third symphony (now known as #7), Czech composer Antonin Dvorak quickly turned to another symphonic work, the delightful and colorful symphony in G major, now numbered as #8, and finished in 1890. Though still showing his kinship to Brahms (note the use of altered sonata form in the first movement), the work sparkles with Czech influences. Dancelike rhythms permeate the final two movements, with frequent use of irregular phrase lengths, and his harmonic language points to some of the more somber elements of Czech folk music.

The first movement's opening hymn-like tune, presented by cellos, horns and trombones, was actually an afterthought and inserted into the fabric of the piece at the last minute. The flute melody which follows serves as the "proper" opening of the movement and provides much of the motivic material used throughout the symphony.

To understand the Adagio second movement, imagine a pleasant walk through the forest, with sun shining, birds chirping and a lilting clarinet duet infused with exotic harmonies, such as the minor subtonic – all this within the framework of the funeral march of Beethoven's Eroica Symphony: moments of tragedy and sorrow interspersed with outbursts of exuberant joy. The waltz-like third movement contains some of Dvorak's most enchanting melodies and is exquisitely orchestrated, featuring lush string writing and a swaying oboe melody in the Trio. The finale is a study in contrasts: the opening trumpet fanfare leads to a stately dance which soon erupts into a vigorous two-step, followed by a bawdy folk tune in C minor which keeps slipping down a half step. After a harmonically unsettling development section, the trumpet fanfare returns, rescuing us from the morass of harmonic ambiguity, and the stately dance returns with a bit of a twist at the end.

# **PERSONNEL**

**FLUTE** 

1. Abbigail Short Asst. Namrata Anand

2. Emmi Miller Asst. /Picc. Alton Holscher

OBOE

1. Wesley Becherer

2. Madeleine Amox

**TRUMPET** 

1. Joseph McGee

2. Sophie Jaquez

TROMBONE

1. Kizer Brown

2. Mac Dishman

3. Samuel Gassaway

TIMPANI

Yoshio Yamashita

**BASSOON** 

Madison Gorny

HORN

1. Drew Schulz

2. Macy James

3. Lauren Zygmont

4. David Slotsky

**CLARINET** 

1. Samantha Ellis

2. Abigail Tanner

TUBA

Henry Sargent

**BASS** 

Freeman Boatright Gabriella Gomez Jackson Messenger Jack Minnick+\* Marco Wimer

<sup>+ (</sup>Pr. On Dvorak)

<sup>\* (</sup>Pr. On Martin)

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