

# SCHOOL OF MUSIC

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J.T. & Margaret Talkington College of Visual & Performing Arts



## LA MUSIQUE

Concert Band Joel Pagán conductor Sean Hogan graduate conductor

Sunday, March 9, 2025 | 7:30 pm Hemmle Recital Hall

## PROGRAM

Le Carnaval des Animaux (1886/2012) I. Introduction de Marche royale du Lion II. Poules et Coqs V. L'elephant VI. Kangourous VII. Aquarium IX. Le coucou au fond des bois XII. Fossiles XIII. Le cygne XIV. Final

Sean Hogan graduate conductor

French Impressions (1998) I. Parade II. Can-Can

D'un soir triste (1918/2022)

Paris Sketches (1994) I. Saint-Germain-des-Pres II. Pigalle III. Pere Lachaise IV. Les Halles Camille Saint-Saens (1835-1921) arr. Yo Goto

> Guy Woolfenden (1937-2016)

Lili Boulanger (1893-1918) Trans. Jack Hontz

> Martin Ellerby (b. 1957)

## PROGRAM NOTES

### Le Carnaval des Animaux – Saint-Saens arr. Goto

Camille Saint-Saëns' "grande fantasie zoologique" is originaly a collection of 14 short movements, each with a specific animal subject. This suite was originally scored for two pianos and chamber orchestra. Yo Goto consulted Saint-Saens' score to set nine of the 14 movements for concert band. For humor, color and clarity he added piano and various percussion. Also, phrases were added for continuity and impact, particularly in the "Final." - Program Note from publisher

### French Impressions – Woolfenden

This work is inspired by four paintings by the French painter Georges Seurat, but does not attempt to recreate his pointillist technique in musical terms. The first movement, *Parade*, contrasts the strange gas-lit world of "La Parade de Cirque: Invitation to the Sideshow," which features a sinister-looking trombone player and his ghostly acolytes, with the cool detached stance of that great masterpiece "A Bathing Place: Asnières." The second movement, *Can Can*, recreates the world of two other paintings: "Le Cirque" and "Le Chahut," which depicts a curiously stylised Can Can in full swing, accompanied by a pit orchestra. The phrase "faire du chahut" means to make a racket!

- Program Note from publisher

### D'un soir triste - Boulanger

It was in her final months of life that Lili Boulanger penned *D'un soir triste* (of a sad evening). Originally conceived in a chamber setting, Lili set the work for symphony orchestra with the help of her sister. The short but powerful piece displays the conflict of a terminal Lili Boulanger confronting her own mortality. Some combination of anger, desperation, confusion, anguish and other emotions are woven into the fabric of the music, connecting those who experience it with the humanity of its composer. The final tempo marking *expresif resigné* (expressive, resigned) leaves us wondering if Boulanger found acceptance, resignation, or some combination of both in her what would be some of her final, fateful notes.

- Program Note by Jack Hontz

### Paris Sketches – Ellerby

This is my personal tribute to a city I love, and each movement pays homage to some part of the French capital and to other composers who lived, worked or passed through it -- rather as did Maurice Ravel in his own tribute to the work of an earlier master in Le Tombeau de Couperin. Running like a unifying thread through the whole score is the idea of bells -- a prominent feature of Paris life.

Saint-Germain-des-Prés: The Latin Quarter famous for artistic associations and bohemian lifestyle. This is a dawn tableau haunted by the shade of Ravel: the city awakens with the everpresent sense of morning bells.

Pigalle: The Soho of Paris, this is a burlesque with scenes cast in the mold of a balletic scherzo -- humorous in a kind of "Stravinskymeets-Prokofiev" way. It's episodic, but everything is based on the harmonic figuration of the opening. The bells here are car horns and police sirens!

*Père Lachaise*: This is the city's largest cemetery, the final resting place of many a celebrity who had once walked its streets. The spirit of Satie's Gymnopédies -- themselves a tribute to a still more distant past -- is affectionately evoked before what is in effect the work's slow movement concludes with a quotation of the Dies Irae. The mood is one of softness and delicacy, which I have attempted to match with more transparent orchestrations. The bells are gentle, nostalgic, wistful.

Les Halles: A fast, bustling finale; the bells triumphant and celebratory. Les Halles is the old market area, a Parisian Covent Garden, and like Pigalle, this is a series of related but contrasting episodes. Its climax quotes from Hector Berlioz's Te Deum, which was first performed in 1855 at the church of St. Eustache -actually in the district of Les Halles. A gradual crescendo, initiated by the percussion, prefaces the opening material proper, and the work ends with a backward glance at the first movement before closing with the final bars of the Berlioz Te Deum.

- Program Note by the composer

## CONCERT BAND

Joel Pagan conductor Sean Hogan graduate conductor

FLUTE Kenna Billings Judith Johnson Juan Jungo\* Trinity Melcher

OBOE Graham Hutton Bryant Le Ashley Thomas\*

BASSOON Niki Boron\* Ethan Hull Katherine Kimberlin

CLARINET Tyler Bergin\* bass Ethan Cuevas Natalie DeChaine bass Emily Eligio Caia Hernandez Silas Hughes Caroline Iltis Nia Jackson\* Alexis Jacobi Tyler Moore Melody Sanchez Courtney Shaw

### SAXOPHONE

Jack Dobrott\* James Fludd Marisol Manzanares Corban Beauchamp *tenor* Porter McClellan *baritone*  HORN Tabbi Carey Sam Clear Parker Fowlkes Kathryn Jordan\* Abbigayle Keesee Rebekah Luce Janiel Nevarez Mauricio Pena

TRUMPET Rosie Brocato Jose Campos Nathaniel Good Andrew Lanigan Kylie McAdams Andrew Meyer Owen Sallee Tate Searcy Gavin Tworek\* Jessica Woolam

TROMBONE Stefy Alvarado Haden Crawford\* Bailey Newton Jae Perez Carter Sallee Justin Wooten Josh Weaver bass

EUPHONIUM Walker Andrews Jared Sherman\* TUBA Austin Lavery Bernardo Plascencia\*

### PERCUSSION

Nathaniel Barraza Cole Darden Jazael Garcia Marissa Joy Caleb Poppenger Michael Rosero Jake Schafer\* Gabby Schuetze Jo Symes

DOUBLE BASS Fernando de Almeida

**PIANO** Luis Villegas Sanchez

HARP Anna Wilmoth \*denotes principal











## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Symphonic Band

Monday, March 10 | 7:30 pm Hemmle Recital Hall

### Caprock English Bagpipe Consort

Monday, March 10 | 8:00 pm The Kent R. Hance Chapel

#### Tuba Euphonium Ensemble

Wednesday, March 12 | 8:00 pm Hemmle Recital Hall

#### University Symphony Orchestra Thursday, March 13 | 7:30 pm

Hemmle Recital Hall

### Historical Performance Ensemble Wednesday, March 26 | 8:00 pm

Hemmle Recital Hall

#### Kate Amrine, trumpet Guest Artist Recital Thursday, March 27 | 8:00 pm

The Kent R. Hance Chapel

#### Ivy Walz, voice and Donna Loewy, piano Faculty and Guest Artist Recital

Saturday, March 29 | 2:00 pm Hemmle Recital Hall

#### George Carpten, IV, trumpet Guest Artist Recital Monday, March 31 | 8:00 pm The Kent R. Hance Chapel

# Percussion Ensemble, Steel Drum Band, and Samba Ensemble Concert

Monday, March 31 | 8:00 pm Hemmle Recital Hall

Tech Folk Orchestra Wednesday, April 2 | 8:00 pm Hemmle Recital Hall

### Hermitage Trio Eva Browning Artist Series

Friday, April 4 | 8:00 pm Hemmle Recital Hall