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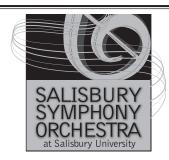
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At Salisbury University

Saturday, December 10, 2011 7:30 p.m. Holloway Hall Auditorium

Overture to The Magic Flute, K 620
J.S. Bach (1685-1750) rom Herz und Mund und That und Leben BWV 147 Arthur Luck, arr
March Trepak (Russian Dance) Hanna Prouse, Emma Schmitt, Liana Stiegler, Alexis Klocek Chocolate (Spanish Dance) Molly Likovich, Nora Hetzler, Megan Upole Tea (Chinese Dance) Danielle Johnson, Jessie Willey Coffee (Arabian Dance) Bailey Harrington, Maria Counts Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy Krista Josenhans Final Waltz and Apotheosis
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Stille Nacht		
"Frohe Hirten" from <i>Christmas Oratorio</i> , BWV 248 J.S. Bach		
Eh ihr euch zu lang verweilet, Befor Eilt, das holde Kind zu sehn! Hurr Geht, die Freude heißt zu schön, Go, t Sucht die Anmut zu gewinnen, Seek	py shepherds, hurry, ah hurry, re you delay too long, y to see the lovely Child! his joy is so exquisite, to achieve this loveliness, nd delight heart and senses!	
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PROGRAM NOTES

Overture from The Magic Flute, K.620 Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Despite its whimsical libretto and obviously emblematic characters, Mozart's singspiel *The Magic Flute* is regarded as one of the greatest operas of the entire repertoire. In fact, as music historian Philip Downs has noted, many hold that *The Magic Flute* is among the greatest human documents, worthy to stand beside Bach's St. Matthew's Passion. In this story about good and evil, Sarastro, the high priest of an enlightened brotherhood, abducts Pamina, whose mother is the evil Queen of the Night. The Queen sends Prince Tamino to save Pamina. Tamino not only falls in love with Pamina, but also accepts Sarastro as the incarnation of truth and goodness. Tamino's counterpart is Papageno, the Queen's bird catcher, whose earthiness counterbalances Tamino's idealism. Predictably, love and goodness triumph, Sarastro overcomes the Queen of the Night, Tamino and Pamina are united after many trials, and Papageno finds Papagena, a female version of himself. The possible sources of Emanuel Schikaneder's libretto include Jakob August Libeskind's story "Lulu or the Magic Flute," published in Wieland's *Dschinnistan*, a collection of fairy tales.

The Magic Flute was written in 1791, the year of Mozart's death. Although overwhelmed by many adversities, Mozart found great joy in working on an opera for Schikaneder's Theater auf der Wieden, in the suburbs of Vienna, which catered to unsophisticated audiences. The Magic Flute has been called a Masonic opera: both librettist and composer were Masons, and the opera abounds with Masonic symbolism, culminating in the triumph over light over darkness. Although the Masonic flavor of The Magic Flute is undeniable, what makes it a great work of art is Mozart's unique ability to translate his humanistic ideals into music of extraordinary beauty and evocativeness. The fundamental theme of this opera is love, a theme to which Mozart fully dedicates his entire genius. To the listener, Mozart's ode to love brings 18th century opera in its full splendor. Not only is the music, which includes sparkling arias, charming buffo scenes and ensembles of transcendent beauty, enchanting and invigorating, but it also effectively coalesces with the story to create a powerful, convincing work of art.

There does seem to be a good deal of hocus-pocus going on in *The Magic Flute*, and much of it, we are told, makes sense only when one understands that the work is an allegory for Masonic beliefs and rites. Schikaneder was a Freemason, and Mozart had also joined a Masonic lodge in 1784. The number three is said to hold mystical significance to Freemasons. Accordingly, the overriding key of *The Magic Flute* is E-flat major, with three flats in the key signature, and the Overture opens with a grand proclamation of each of the three notes of the tonic triad. Following this grave introduction, the orchestra skips off in a gleeful, fugal Allegro, only to be interrupted by another solemn proclamation of the three chords (this time in the dominant key of B-flat). The remainder of the Overture is notable for Mozart's brilliant use of counterpoint and dynamic contrasts, building a considerably more complex piece than one might expect from what is really only a single theme.

Nutcracker Suite, op.71 a & b Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Tchaikovsky's ballet of *The Nutcracker* is based on Alexandre Dumas' translation of the original tale by E.T.A. Hoffman. Act One tells a story of how little Clara aids her magical Christmas gift (a nutcracker in the form of a soldier) to defeat an army of mice. As a reward, in Act Two, he takes her to his magic kingdom and introduces her to a variety of subjects in a colorful stream of character dances. Tchaikovsky was initially displeased with the scenario for the ballet, which would be his last, because it lacked real drama. However, he reconciled himself to it and completed the Nutcracker Suite, Op. 71a, which was popular from its first performance, before going on to complete the entire ballet. Those seven dances – including the familiar Spanish (Chocolate), Arab (Coffee), Chinese (Tea) and Russian dances – and the overture are essentially the same as they appeared in the final, full ballet. To these he added interludes and scenes, with music and orchestrations that are just as delightful. His supply of lovely themes is endless, and he constantly provides brilliant orchestration. Unique features of his instrumentation include the Overture, which is entirely without cellos and double basses; the "Dance of the Sugar-Plum Fairy," which was inspired by the new celesta, an instrument Tchaikovsky encountered in Paris while working on the score; and the "Waltz of the Snowflakes," which uses a children's chorus. He also used toy instruments, perfectly in keeping with a story for children. The ballet was not as successful as his other stage works when it first appeared, however, now the traditional Christmas ballet is so popular that its annual performance keeps many a ballet company afloat.

Fantasia on Christmas Carols for baritone, chorus and orchestra Ralph Vaughan Williams

Most Vaughan Williams enthusiasts are aware of his passion for folk music and his seemingly endless arrangements of hymns. But included in, or straddling both, genres are his efforts in arranging and using carols. Among his many efforts, for example, are the *Twelve Traditional Carols from Hereford*, dating from 1921. Unlike that collection, his *Fantasia on Christmas Carols* does not involve arranging carols but using their music and text in a fantasy form.

All of the carol tunes and texts here are traditional and rooted in the British Isles. Vaughan Williams used four carol tunes and the words to the first three, supplying other traditional text to the last. "The Truth Sent From Above" is the first we hear, and while it is somber and somewhat gloomy (the baritone soloist sings the beautiful but lonely melody over the drone of a mournful cello), the rest of the carols are at least a bit brighter: there follow "Come All You Worthy Gentlemen," "On Christmas Night" and "There Is a Fountain." The choral and orchestral writing is brilliant and adds colorfully to the generally intimate and fervent atmosphere here. This is an attractive short choral work – around eight minutes in performance – that should have broad appeal.



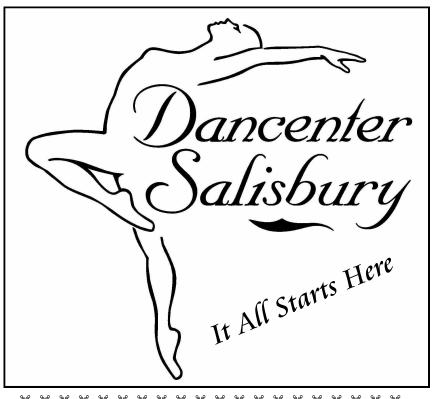
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