

Dr. Thomas G. Elliot Music Director

Guest Artists
Distinguished Ensemble in Residence
The Annapolis Brass Quintet

June 7 and 8, 1991 8 P.M. Holloway Hall Salisbury State University

SPECIAL GUESTS

Vaclav Nelhybel Special Guest Composer

Nelhybel holds numerous awards for compositions for radio, television and ballet and is noted for his contributions to the orchestral, operatic, sacred and band literature. His compositional style is a unique blend of traditional and contemporary practice.

Born in Czechoslovakia in 1919, he received most of his formal education at the University and Conservatory of Prague. Prior to 1957 he conducted the Radio Free Europe Orchestra and directed or guest conducted musical groups in Vienna, Salzburg, Geneva and Munich.

He moved to the United States in 1957 and became a citizen in 1962. He has been extremely active as a conductor, composer and lecturer in the U.S., Canada and Australia. His compositions have been performed by virtually every major symphony orchestra in the world.

Vaclav Nelhybel is a synthesist who amalgamates the musical impulses of his time in his own expression. He chooses, discriminately, from among existing systems and integrates them into his own concepts and methods. He is a man fascinated with the joys of explorative involvement and the transmission of aesthetic excitement. His personal magnetic dynamism encompasses the entire range of human emotions – the common denominator through which his artistic expression carries its universal appeal.

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DAVID CRAN – trumpet
ROBERT SUGGS – trumpet
SHARON TIEBERT – PORTER – horn
WAYNE WELLS – trombone
ELLIOT WIER – bass trombone & tuba

The Annapolis Brass Quintet was founded in 1971 as America's first full-time performing brass ensemble and has been acclaimed as one of the world's truly fine chamber ensembles. Each season the Quintet performs in the cultural centers and at universities and colleges throughout the United States. These annual tours, their brass symposiums, and the encouragement of new works by American composers have been instrumental in fostering the tremendous interest in brass chamber music that is now evident in our country.

The Annapolis Brass Quintet has toured the European continent sixteen times, performing in the major cities, at summer festivals in Austria, Spain, Portugal and France, and recording for the broadcast centers in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Belgium, Norway and Ireland. In addition to activity in Western Europe, the Quintet has toured in Central America, the Orient and the Middle East under both independent and State Department sponsorship.

The Annapolis Brass Quintet has produced fourteen commercial recordings the most recent of which was released this past November.

The Annapolis Brass Quintet is serving as <u>Distinguished</u> Ensemble-in-Residence at Salisbury State University during 1990–91 and is recorded on Crystal, Antigua and Concord Jazz.

PERSONNEL

Violin I

*Robin Cockey, Concertmaster

Li Qing

Linda May

Laura Murray Karen Myres

Violin II

*Bobbie Thamert

Walter Choi

Rachel Clark Mary Beth Goll

Ken Lee

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David Scholze

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Viola

*Merideth Buxton

George Hayne Blair Meade

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Cello

*Kevin Hekmatpanah

Colin Bell

Heather Blackburn

Kim Johnson

Alison May

Helen Quinby Robin Savage

Bass

*William Hawthorne

Eric Christensen

Fred Geil

Marta Henry

Adrian Irving

Ray Irving

Flute

*Susan Zimmer

Brenda Toney

Oboe

*Julie Barton

Mae Higgins

Clarinet

*Mario Hunter

Debbie Scott

Bass Clarinet

Otello Meucci

Bassoon

*Dan Leathers

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Horn

*Brian Foote Stephanie Cyran

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Shelly Work

Trumpet

*Jason Rogers

Ron Davis

Tuba

Tim Whittemore

Percussion

*Charles Smith

Tom Clark

Amanda Meyer

Ted Nichols Chris Reavis

Piano

Ray Zeigler

*Principal

Midsommarvaka, Op. 19 Hugo Alfven "Swedish Rhapsody"

Hugo Alfven was born in Stockholm in 1872. He began as a violinist and composer in the Swedish National tradition. He became Director of Music at Upsala University during which time he wrote in several styles, but relying mainly on Swedish folk themes. He received some notoriety in 1920 when his Second Symphony was performed by the New York Philharmonic. Two years later his Swedish Rhapsody was performed by the then New York Symphony Orchestra. The main theme of the Swedish Rhapsody is a very familiar folk song.

DIVERTIMENTO for Brass Quintet and Orchestra
Vaclav Nelhybel
Written for and dedicated to the Salisbury Symphony Orchestra, 1991
Dr. Thomas G. Elliot, Music Director

Divertimento was commissioned by Dr. Thomas G. Elliot on behalf of the Salisbury Symphony Orchestra on the occasion of its Fifth Anniversary performance with the Distinguished Ensemble in Residence, the Annapolis Brass Quintet. Noted composer, Vaclav Nelhybel, a long-time friend of Dr. Elliot, agreed to take on the project, working from his home in Newtown, Connecticut. Nelhybel had conducted the Salisbury Symphony Orchestra and knew the Orchestra's capabilities, but he had not heard the Annapolis Brass Quintet. The circumstances were unique in that Nelhybel was being asked to create an aesthetic work of art that was appropriate for both the world-class ABQ and our local community orchestra. hearing a recording of the ABQ, Nelhybel began his work and in January of this year sent the first draft of the score for each of us to study. The complete score and parts were circulated to all the players in February for rehearsals.

As of the writing of these notes, neither the composer, the ABQ nor the Salisbury Symphony Orchestra has heard the work in its entirety, although each of us has completed the task of preparing our parts for that all-important dress rehearsal on Thursday, June 6th and world premiere on June 7th and 8th.

There is a strong feeling of excitement among the Orchestra players and soloists that our audiences will enjoy Divertimento. It displays Nelhybel's virtuoso skills in traditional, as well as contemporary, musical techniques. It is characterized by his concern for melodic freedom and the vigorous drive inherent in his rhythm and meter.

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