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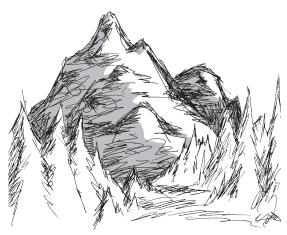
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### **Corvallis-OSU Symphony Orchestra**

Dr. Marlan Carlson, Conductor Gene and Eleanor Otwell Endowed Chair for University Orchestras

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**7:30 p.m.** Austin Auditorium The LaSells Stewart Center 875 SW 26th Street Corvallis, Oregon cosusymphony.org



The Corvallis-OSU Symphony Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the mission of the Symphony Orchestra. Oregon State University student musicians from any major benefit from outstanding musical education and performance opportunities by joining the orchestra, while all OSU students and community members enjoy the Corvallis-OSU Symphony orchestra's live classical music performances. Two important ways the Corvallis-OSU Symphony Society supports these activities are by providing scholarships for student musicians and by presenting the annual concert season.

After Maestro Carlson takes his final bow tonight, the Corvallis-OSU Symphony Orchestra will be back for its 118th season beginning Fall 2023. You can be part of this long-standing classical music tradition by supporting the Corvallis-OSU Symphony Society. Ticket sales do not cover the expenses of producing concerts or provide the extra income we can dedicate to scholarships. Your tax-deductible donation will help us present outstanding concerts and provide scholarships to our talented OSU student musicians. You can also support the Symphony by joining us at concerts next season. Details on our full season will be released this summer. For information or to be added to our contact list please contact Nancy Currans, Executive Assistant, at office@cosusymphony.org or leave a message at 541-286-5580. Donations can be mailed to COSSUS, PO Box 1582 Corvallis, OR 97339, or visit our website at cosusymphony.org and donate online.

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# PROGRAM

**Concerto #1 in Eb major, Op. 11 Allegro - Rondo Allegro** Harrison Daniel Tye, horn

Variations on a Rococo Theme, Op. 33 I, II, III, V, VII Andrea Pauls, cello

Symphonie Espagnole, Op. 21 Allegro non troppo Matthew Zheng, violin

Concerto for Clarinet Niall Alboro, clarinet

**Concerto #1 in D major, Op. 6 Allegro maestoso** Beatrice Lobscheid, violin

Intermission

Alpine Symphony, Op. 64

**Richard Strauss** (1864-1949)

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)

Édouard Lalo

(1823-1892)

**Artie Shaw** 

(1910-2004)

Niccolò Paganini

(1782-1840)

**Richard Strauss** (1864-1949)



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## **PROGRAM NOTES** by Angela Carlson

Richard Strauss's **Horn Concerto No. 1** was written while he was a philosophy student at Munich University. Strauss was well-acquainted with the instrument since his father was a leading player in Germany. Strauss senior played both the natural (valveless) horn as well as the relatively new horn with valves. Strauss junior conceived his concerto for the natural horn originally; today it is almost exclusively played on the modern double horn in F.

Tchaikovsky's **Rococo Variations** were written during December 1876 and January 1877, his first composition for cello and orchestra. He was inspired by his love for the music of Mozart but used a theme of his own making. The work was dedicated to a cellist named Wilhelm Fitzhagen, who without permission from the composer made considerable changes, resulting in a version that was used until the 1950s. What we hear today was reconstructed from the original manuscript.

Édouard Lalo wrote his **Symphonie Espagnole** in 1874 specifically for the violinist/composer Pablo de Sarasate. Despite the title, the piece is actually a virtuoso concerto. At the time, Spanish music was very much in vogue in France; Bizet's opera Carmen premiered in 1875, one month after the Lalo concerto.

Jazz clarinetist Artie Shaw's **Clarinet Concerto** is based on the classic 12-bar blues form, with brief interludes in between. It requires a player of considerable virtuosity to perform the solo part. Fans of old movies might recognize a short section of the concerto which was featured in the 1940 Fred Astaire film "Second Choice."

Nicolo Paganini's **Violin Concerto No. 1 in D Major** first appeared in 1819 in the key of E-flat Major. In actual fact, Paganini tuned his violin up a half step, which made it sound more brilliant and also put the orchestra in a key in which the string musicians didn't play on open strings. This made their sound more muted, resulting in the violin solo's sound to be even more prominent than usual. It would hardly seem necessary to enhance the virtuoso pyrotechnics, which include double stops, harmonics, upbow spiccato and incredibly fast runs and arpeggios. Throughout his career rumors circulated about Paganini's supposed pact with the devil which made his seemingly impossible technical prowess possible. Today's audiences hear the piece in D-Major.

Richard Strauss's **An Alpine Symphony** is not really a symphony, but a giant tone poem. He had been working on it for nearly four years when he finished it in 1915 and conducted it himself at its premiere performance in Dresden. It is an almost literal description of climbing a mountain, beginning in the predawn darkness, witnessing a glorious sunrise, traversing mountain forests and meadows, and surviving the crossing of a dangerous glacier before the triumph of reaching the summit. On the way down there is an enormous storm, one of the most dramatic ever depicted in music, before the climber descends during the sunset into darkness again. Strauss's writing called for an enormous orchestra, including multiples of all the standard orchestral instruments as well as a wind machine, a thunder board, an organ, cowbells and a set of Wagner tubas (modified French horns in two sizes).

Strauss was a dedicated walker and lover of nature, which is reflected in this piece. After his opera Salome made him a wealthy man, he built a villa in the alpine town of Garmisch-Partenkirchen in southern Germany. He retreated to the house in the summers and whenever he could. Most of his later works were composed in the study of the villa, which today is a museum. Strauss and his wife and only son are buried in the garden. In the 1920s, when he was director of the Vienna Court Opera, Strauss built another house in Vienna. This one backed onto the Botanical Gardens and Strauss had his own key to enter them. Many photographs show him dressed in traditional German hiking costume of knee pants, boots, and a plumed hat.

# **DR. MARLAN CARLSON**

Dr. Marlan Carlson's love for performing and conducting music is outshone only by his passion for mentoring young talent. As a professor of music at Oregon State University and as music director of the Corvallis-OSU Symphony Orchestra, he has ample opportunity to teach and empower students to reach their full potential—not just musically but in their family, work, and community. He takes great pleasure in inspiring students to experience the joys of leadership.

Dr. Carlson earned his Doctor of Musical Arts and the Artist's Diploma from the Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester, New York, and has been both a Fulbright Scholar and a Danforth Fellow. He performed as principal violist in the Heidelberg Staedtisches Orchestra, London Symphony Orchestra, and Tokyo Metropolitan Orchestra. From 1988-90 Carlson was resident director of the Oregon Study Abroad Center in Stuttgart, Germany, during which he conducted the Hohenheim Wind Ensemble and played in the Stuttgart Bach Orchestra.

At OSU, Dr. Carlson was chair of the Music Department for 17 years, as well as serving as resident director of study abroad programs in London, England; Cologne, Germany; Siena, Italy; Angers, France; and Vienna, Austria. In 2000, he was presented with the International Service Award by OSU and the Excellence Award by the College of Liberal Arts Advisory Council. Following highly acclaimed concerts in 2001 in Zhengzhou, China, Maestro Carlson returned several times over the ensuing ten years to conduct professional orchestras in other cities, including Shanghai and Tianjin.

In June 2007, Dr. Carlson conducted the National Philharmonic Orchestra of Russia at the studios of Radio Moscow in the recording of a CD featuring three Russian-American pianists. The CD was released by classicalrecords.ru and features concerti of Glazunov, Scriabin, and Tchaikovsky. Harrison Tye was born and raised in Tigard, Oregon with the help of his parents, regardless of how much of a pain he was. When you're at a concert of some kind and see the kid running around kicking the backs of chairs and being a general nuisance, you definitely wouldn't think that he would sit still enough to be present at events such as concerts. However, he started playing the French Horn halfway through seventh grade, when his middle school teacher said he would either play it, or file music all day. A year later he joined the Portland Youth Philharmonic (PYP) under the direction of David Hattner, which marked when he started to take music seriously. He studied under Larry Johnson for five years, achieving many honors during his high school years such as being principal horn in PYP for two years and winning state solo and ensemble awards. Currently, Harrison is a freshman at Oregon State University and studying under Jeff Garza, while pursuing a degree in music performance. He plans to earn his master's degree and dedicate his life to being a professional musician.

Andrea Pauls, a native of Corvallis, was four when she began studying cello with Ann Grabe. This is Andrea's fifth appearance as a soloist with the OSU Corvallis Symphony, including two performances at children's concerts as an elementary school student. She currently studies with Anne Ridlington and is a second year OSU student majoring in both music performance and music production and technology. When not playing cello, Andrea enjoys playing ultimate frisbee, trail running, leading worship at her church and spending time with friends and family. After graduating, she wants to continue performing classical music and working in the sound industry in a recording studio or as a live sound engineer. Andrea is grateful to Marlan Carlson for many years of musical opportunities and is honored to perform with him in his farewell concert.

**Matthew Zheng** is currently a sophomore at Oregon State, double majoring in Bioengineering and Music with a focus in violin performance. He is from Salem, Oregon and studies under Dr. Marlan Carlson. After graduating from OSU, Matthew hopes to find a job in the bioengineering field, either working with medical devices or going into research, while still being involved in music, either playing in chamber groups or studying solo repertoire.

**Niall Alboro**, from Sherwood, Oregon, is a senior studying clarinet and music education. Finding his love for clarinet at a young age, he first started playing in the sixth grade. As he began to take music more seriously, he started private clarinet lessons in the ninth grade. Niall has studied under clarinetists Dunja Marcum and Carol Robe. After graduating, Niall plans to continue playing in ensembles and pursue a career as a music educator.

**Beatrice Lobscheid** is a first-year student at OSU double majoring in biology and music and is originally from Corvallis. When she was five years old, she began learning the violin with Ying Quan and then studied with Rosanne Smith from third grade until she graduated from high school. She currently studies with Dr. Marlan Carlson. Aside from playing the violin, she also plays and performs on viola. She is grateful for the opportunity to participate in the symphony and other music events while also studying for a degree in biology at OSU. After graduating from OSU, Beatrice plans to apply to medical school and complete residency to become an ob-gyn. Along the way, she would like to continue teaching music to elementary students and inspiring them to further their musical talents. She hopes you enjoy her performance of Paganini's exhilarating and virtuosic violin concerto!

# ORCHESTRA

#### Violin 1

Jessica Lambert, concert master Jim McLennan, assistant concert master Alex Carlson Alicia Cheng Stephen Chong Kevin Craven **Benjamin Frueh** Yvonne Hsueh Kaitlvn Kim Lucv Lin Beatrice Lobscheid Erika Nagamoto Caius Oprea Zach Warren Matthew Zheng

#### Violin 2

Rachel Pross, principal Autumn Ditzel Matthew Gray Jayanthi Joseph Claudia Miller Andrew Morse Sigrun Oprea Catherine Park Marilyn Tyler

#### Viola

Lisa Zweben, principal Annissa Bolder Brandon Correa Naomi Hartman Sam Jordan Shauna Keyes Jeramie Kim Ellie Phillips Viola Stark George Thomson

#### Cello

Anne Ridlington, principal Makenna Bach Connor Balderston Jonas Donnenfield Annie Givens Camille Hendricks Katherine Parks Andrea Pauls James Pelley Kimia Pourmehr Roberta Sobotka

#### Bass

Richard Meyn, principal Kevin Brown, assistant principal Greg Dugan Garrett Jellesma Mark Perlman Nathan Waddell

#### Harp

Jeff Parsons Laura Zaerr

#### Flute

Jill Pauls, *principal* Aaron Jobe Erin Mendelson Stephanie Siegel Melanie Sorenson

#### Oboe

Sullivan Bailey-Darland Gustavo Chavez Ryan Klein Valerie Tran **English Horn** Rachel Becker

**Heckelphone** Steve Vacchi

#### Clarinet

Carol Robe, principal Niall Alboro Elijah Durbin Lisandro Valdez-Hernandez

#### Bassoon

Ann Kosanovich-Brown, principal Rachael Brewer Ryan Nelson

#### Horn

Larry Johnson, principal Robert Bertini David Crane Diana Engel Greg Gadeholt Derek Gustafson Dan Harlan Averv Horner Cindv Lefton Elinor McGarv **Emily Miller** Elise Morgan Bob Schapper Bastian Sorenson David Sorenson Harrison Tye

#### Wagner Tuba

Greg Gadeholt Ellie McGary Elise Morgan David Sorenson

#### Trumpet

Ken Saul, principal Zach Elms Connor McKay Sungmin "Daniel" Park Jake Patterson

#### Trombone

Chris Carrigg Nicholas Kim Nicholas Kirkland Duncan Robertson Jackson Stiver

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Griffin Barbieri Logan Hart

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### Tympani

Guy Mayes

#### Percussion

Alex Lazaro-Ortiz, *principal* Alden Leback Ava Schnoll Cadence Schuerger Emily Warren

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His dedication to the community and our musicians and 54 years as Professor of Music supporting and encouraging OSU's student musicians has been nothing short of magnificent!

We will miss Marlan and wish him and his family the very best.

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