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# "FAR and AWAY" - Journey ON!

University of Utah Wind Ensemble
Griffin Light, Flute
Brayden VonHatten, Conductor
Trevor McFarland, Conductor
Brenden McCauley, Conductor
Darrin S. Thiriot, Conductor

Friday, April 21, 2023 Libby Gardner Concert Hall Virtual Venue: https://music.utah.edu/libby-live/index.php 7:30 p.m

# **Wind Ensemble Program**

Please hold applause until the end of each selection and turn off all electronic devices that could disrupt the concert.

Aegean Festival Overture Andreas Makris

(1930-2005)

A Moorside March Gustav Holst

(1874-1934)

Dusk Steven Bryant

(b. 1972)

Symphony X- The Big D Don Gillis

I. All-American City: With energy and drive (1912-1978)

II. Requiem for a hero: Slowly
III. Conventioneer: Tempo de valse
IV. Cotton Bowl: Energetically

Fantasie for Flute Georges Adolphe Hue

(1858-1948)

arr. John R. Bourgeois

Symphonic Suite from "Far and Away" John Williams

(b. 1932)

arr. Paul Lavender

## Wind Ensemble Personnel

#### Flute

\*Elizabeth Miller Griffin Light Emma Blake Nick Anderson Heidi Wilde

#### Oboe

\*Caedyn McCormick

#### Bassoon

\*Caroline Esparza Sam Sapsford

#### Clarinet

\*Zane Jensen
\*Alvin Yeung
Brynn Tate
Allie VanLeuven
Jonathan Belnap
Peter Ovard
Emily Orr

## Saxophone

\*Trevor McFarland Brayden VonHatten Sadie Morris Mindy Brown Drea Waite

#### French Horn

\*Charlotte Drury Ethan Young Steven Marz Beth Johnson Jacob Horowitz Justice Nugent

#### Trumpet

\*Brianna Gillet Duncan Moore Tayler Duby Mariah Turner Eleanor Cornish Josh McMurray

#### Trombone

\*Bjorn Swanson
\*Kyle Larson
Kade Gordon
Lance Tran
Timothy Saunders
Peter Girgenti
Eric Curry (bass)

### Euphonium

\*Bryson Hil Jose Arvizu Carly Clark

#### Tuba

\*Isaac Anderson Brenden McCauley

#### Percussion

\*Alec Godfrey Drew Fallon Madilyn Bowles Jordan McMillan Zach Clawson Ryan Hushaw Dallon Hansen

# Timpani

\*Aidan Smith

#### Harp

\*Whitney Jensen Clara Buchanan

#### **String Bass**

\*Megan Hall

# **Program Notes**

Aegean Festival Overture was written in 1967 for the National Symphony. It was immediately successful, so much so, that the Air Force Band's Albert Bader arranged it for Concert Band; the form in which it is best known today. Of his Overture, the composer stated: "Concerning the melodies, they are all original, but my memories from Greece, the climate, the sky, beautiful sea, the gaiety and sorrow of the Greek people undoubtedly have contributed to the general character of these melodies. The elaborate clarinet cadenza is a shepherd's inspiration but obviously too sophisticated to be played by the lonely shepherd."

Moorside March was taken out of Holst's Moorside Suite which was a test piece for the 1928 British National Brass Band Championships in London. The military band version was just the 1st mvt, and 38 bars of the 2nd mvt, which was intended to be finished by Holst, but never was until Gordon Jacob arranged it for wind band in 1960.

Dusk by Steven Bryant was composed in 2004, and revised in 2008 (heard tonight). It was commissioned and premiered at the MENC National Convention in 2004, and remains a popular and fulfilling band work today. This piece is the perfect "passionate evocation of dramatic stillness" that will have graduating seniors reflecting on all their hard work and the journey that brought them to this point.

Symphony X. This was Don Gillis' last symphony, but it was not his tenth. An explanation comes from the composer's widow, Barbara Gillis. "The 'X' doesn't stand for the number 10. It's just an example of Don's wry sense of humor. The 'X' is for the unknown." Written in 1967, the symphony was first played by the Alabama Youth Symphony and later by the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. In its four movements, "The Big D" evokes some very specific images of the city of Dallas: "All-American City"; "Requiem For a Hero" (remembering JFK's assassination); "Conventioneer" (a depiction of Dallas as the South's convention center); and "Cotton Bowl" (a tribute to state fairs and football).

Fantasie for Flute. Written in 1913 and dedicated to the world-class flutist Pau Taffanel from the Paris Conservatory, this work showcases the tones and virtuosity of the then modern flute (Boehm System). The piece was used by the conservatory as a competition piece for students at the end of their year. Originally for orchestra, it was "band-estrated" by the famed Marine Band conductor John R. Bourgeois.

Suite from Far and Away. This epic film scored by John Williams depicts Irish immigrants coming to America in the 1890's seeking land and fortune. We wish each of our graduates success and happiness as they move on to the next chapter of their journey.

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