University Concert Band

Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 8pm
Lagerquist Concert Hall, Mary Baker Russell Music Center
Pacific Lutheran University  
School of Arts and Communication / Department of Music presents

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Devin Morris, *student conductor*  
Erika Query, *student conductor*  

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Welcome to Lagerquist Concert Hall.  
Please disable the audible signal on all watches and cellular phones for the duration of the concert.  
Use of cameras, recording equipment and all digital devices is not permitted in the concert hall.

**PROGRAM**

From “Four Scottish Dances” ........................................................................................................................................ Malcolm Arnold (1921-2006)

I. Pesante  
III. Allegretto  
IV. Con Brio

Three Ayres from Gloucester ........................................................................................................................................ Hugh Stuart (1917-2006)

I. The Jolly Earl of Cholmondeley  
II. Ayre for Eventide  
III. The Fiefs of Wembley

Erika Query, *student conductor*

Yagi-Bushi ................................................................................................................................................................. arr. Naohiro Iwai (1923-2014)

An American Elegy ......................................................................................................................................................... Frank Ticheli (b. 1958)

Persuasion ................................................................................................................................................................. Sammy Nestico (b. 1924)

Abigail Shedd, *soloist*  
Devin Morris, *student conductor*

Danzón No. 2 ................................................................................................................................................................. Arturo Márquez (b. 1950)  
arr. Oliver Nickel
Program Notes

Arturo Márquez is one of the leading composers of contemporary Mexican art music. The son of a mariachi musician and the grandson of a Mexican folk singer, Mexico’s musical culture enveloped Márquez from his earliest days. Following in the family tradition, he became a musician as well, studying piano, violin, and trumpet. He is best known as a composer for a series of compositions based on the danzón. One of these, Danzón No. 2, is so well loved it has been referred to as a second national anthem for Mexico. The piece features soloists throughout the band in a variety of styles from sensual to majestic. Sections of long sweeping lyrical melodies yield to dance-like rhythms throughout the composition. The work is quickly becoming standard repertoire for wind bands.

Malcolm Arnold’s four dances are adapted and arranged from original melodies that he heard from Scotland. The first dance is in the style of a strathspey, a slow Scottish dance in 4/4 meter. It features many dotted rhythms reminiscent of the “Scottish snap.” The third dance is in the style of a folk song from the Hebrides (western portion of Scotland) which depicts the beautiful scenery of the sea, mountains, and sky on a calm summer’s day. The final movement is lively with open-string arpeggios (played by the saxophones), syncopated rhythms, and stark contrasts between heavier and lighter musical textures.

An American Elegy is, above all, an expression of hope. It was composed in memory of those who lost their lives at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999, and to honor the survivors. It is offered as a tribute to their great strength and courage in the face of terrible tragedy. I hope the work can also serve as one reminder of how fragile and precious life is and how intimately connected we all are as human beings.

- Frank Ticheli

It is hard to believe that it has been twenty years since the massacre at Columbine that claimed thirteen lives and wounded an additional 21. In the years since, there have been seemingly countless additional mass-shootings on school and college campuses across the country including Virginia Tech, Sandy Hook, and Marjorie Stoneman Douglas, to name just a few. The recent shooting at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte was but one out of 41 shootings so far this year on school or college campuses according to NPR.

The members of the PLU Concert Band would like to dedicate this performance of Frank Ticheli’s An American Elegy to all who have lost their lives, or been affected by gun violence whether at school, in public, or in a religious house of worship. Leonard Bernstein, after hearing of the assassination of John F. Kenney on November 23, 1963 wrote, “This will be our reply to violence; to make music more intensely, more beautifully, and more devotedly than ever before.”

About the Ensemble

The PLU University Concert Band is a non-auditioned ensemble open to students and community members. Many of our members are non-music majors representing every department and school that our thriving liberal arts community at PLU has to offer. The musicians join our ensemble primarily for the opportunity to continue performing and engaging with music for personal, social, and intellectual enjoyment. Students who would like to join the ensemble for the fall semester 2019 are encouraged to register for the class and join the band!

About the Director

Ron Gerhardstein is Assistant Professor of Music Education and Associate Director of Bands at PLU. He is the director of the University Concert Band and teaches coursework related to music education, instrumental methods, and the supervision of student teachers. Dr. Gerhardstein comes to PLU having taught instrumental and vocal music in public and private school setting for eighteen years in the states of Washington, Idaho, Pennsylvania, and Ohio. He earned degrees from the University of Idaho and Temple University. Prior to his appointment at PLU in 2014, Dr. Gerhardstein taught for thirteen years in the West Valley School District in Yakima, WA. His band program at West Valley High School had a strong reputation for excellence in all areas of instrumental performance and his groups won numerous awards at regional festivals and events.

Dr. Gerhardstein has had recent guest conducting appearances with the WMEA Jr. All-State “Rainier” Band (2017), the South-West Washington Small Schools Honor Band (2018), the Lake Washington School District Honor Band (2018), and the Asia-Pacific (APAC) Honor Band in Kobe, Japan (2019). His scholarly work has been published in the WMEA Voice and Teaching Music through Performance in Band. Dr. Gerhardstein is married to Jerilyn, a teacher-librarian in the Bethel School District.
About the Conductors

Devin Morris is a senior music education major from Puyallup, Washington. He has played in various ensembles at PLU, including the University Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, and Symphony Orchestra. Devin is currently teaching band at Visitation STEM Academy in Tacoma. Next fall semester, Devin will be student teaching with Andrew Burch at Edgemont Junior High School in Puyallup.

Erika Query is a senior music education major with concentrations in orchestra and band. Her major instrument is the violin; however, she has performed in wind bands since middle school. While at PLU, Erika has participated in a number of ensembles, including the University Symphony Orchestra, Concert Band, and the University Singers. Erika teaches in the Bellarmine Preparatory School system and is the head teacher for the St. Nicholas Catholic School beginning band. She also runs her own private violin studio that teaches students all across the South Sound and of all ages. Erika will complete her student teaching next semester in the orchestra programs at Mount Baker Middle School and Auburn Riverside High School with Melissa Wharton. She hopes to work in a general music classroom in the future.

PLU Concert Band Community Members

Mark Burch is completing his student teaching experience this semester at Glacier View Junior High School in Puyallup. He is currently applying and interviewing for band teaching positions in Washington State. Mark served as the student conductor in the PLU Concert Band last fall semester and performs in the South Sound Concert Band.

Pablo Hernandez completed his student teaching experience last fall semester at Ferrucci Junior High School in the Puyallup School District. He is currently applying and interviewing for teaching positions as well as preparing and auditioning for the United States Air Force Band. Pablo performs in several ensembles in the region including the South Sound Concert Band.

David Hobson has played in the PLU Concert Band for the last fifteen years and has played the tuba for 49 years. He recently retired from Aerojet Rocketdyne as a design engineer on small rocket engines. In his free time, he enjoys camping, wine making, and beer brewing. In January, he went on a cruise to Antarctica. An exciting element of the cruise was the amazing landscape and seeing the seals and penguins up close.

TJ Ignaco is a high school junior at Puyallup High School where he performs in both the high school Wind Ensemble and Jazz Bands. He is a member of the high school track team and his future includes a possible career in the U.S. Military.

Mykal Moody graduated from PLU with a BMA in Music in 2015. He currently works as a manager for Regal Theaters and on a part-time basis with the educational representative team at Ted Brown Music.

Erica Peterson earned her bachelor of arts in communication from PLU in 2012, with a concentration in public relations and advertising. She is now an independent marketing and communications consultant. Erica spends her free time hiking and mountaineering, and traveling as much as possible.
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FEBRUARY
2 February, 3pm  
WSMTA 4-Piano Benefit Concert, free admission
8 Friday, 8pm  
University Wind Ensemble Homecoming Concert
9 Saturday, 7pm  
Marine Corps Jazz Orchestra, Eastvold Auditorium, Karen Hille Phillips Center, free admission
10 Sunday, 3pm  
Artist Series: Zach Lyman, Trumpet & Paul Tegels, Organ
15 Friday, 6pm  
Andrew Cooperstock Piano Masterclass, free admission
15 Friday, 8pm  
Artist Series: Andrew Cooperstock and the Piano Works of Bernstein
22 Friday, 8pm  
Showcase Concert, free admission
26 Tuesday, 8pm  
Regency Series: Camas Wind Quintet, Jennie Lee Hansen Recital Hall
27 Wednesday, 8pm  
Evergreen Experimental Music Ensemble, Jennie Lee Hansen Recital Hall

MARCH
1 Friday, 3:40pm  
Artist Series: Jennifer Rhyne, Flute & Cameron Bennett, Piano. Jennie Lee Hansen Recital Hall
1 Friday, 6pm  
Artist Series: Nicholas May, Saxophone. Jennie Lee Hansen Recital Hall
1 Friday, 8pm  
Regency Series: Regency Jazz Ensemble
2 Saturday, 8pm  
Artist Series: Gina Gille & Mark Robbins, Horns
3 Sunday, 3pm  
Richard D. Moe Organ Recital Series: Carole Terry, Organist
Tickets: $17 general admission; $10 seniors, PLU alumni, and military; $5 PLU community, students & 18 and under
6 Wednesday, 8pm  
Regency Series: Regency Voices
9 Saturday, 1pm  
Guitar Orchestra and Ensemble, free admission
9 Saturday, 5pm  
Artist Series: Guitar Faculty Recital
9 Saturday, 8pm  
Choral Union. Tickets: $17 general admission; $10 seniors, PLU alumni, and military; $5 PLU community, students & 18 and under
10 Sunday, 3pm  
University Wind Ensemble
10 Sunday, 8pm  
Regency Series: Regency String Quartet, Jennie Lee Hansen Recital Hall
12 Tuesday, 8pm  
University Jazz Ensemble. Eastvold Auditorium, Karen Hille Phillips Center
14-16 Thursday-Saturday, 7:30pm; and 17 Sunday, 2pm  
Musical, Sweeney Todd. Eastvold Auditorium, Karen Hille Phillips Center
15 Friday, 2pm  
Appalachia Piano Trio Masterclass, free admission
15 Friday, 5pm  
Artist Series: Appalachia Piano Trio, free admission
16 Sunday, 1pm  
Pan Celebration, free admission
19 Tuesday, 8pm  
University Symphony Orchestra: Student Showcase
20 Wednesday, 8pm  
Artist Series: Dan Senn, Composer & Sound Artist. Jennie Lee Hansen Recital Hall, free admission
21 Thursday, 8pm  
Keyboard Students Recital, free admission

APRIL
3 Wednesday, 8pm  
Artist Series: Fan Li and Friends Voice Recital, free admission
7 Sunday, 3pm  
Richard D. Moe Organ Recital Series: William Porter, Organist
Tickets: $17 general admission; $10 seniors, PLU alumni, and military; $5 PLU community, students & 18 and under
8 Monday, 7:15pm  
Cynthia Lawrence & Mark Calkins Voice Masterclass, MBR Room 322, free admission
9 Tuesday, 8pm  
University Symphony Orchestra Tour Preview
14 Sunday, 3pm  
The Bach Aria Project, free admission
16 Tuesday, 1pm  
Daniel Shapiro Piano Masterclass, free admission

APRIL, Cont.
16 Tuesday, 8pm  
Early Music Concert, free admission
18 Thursday, 6:30pm  
PLU/tonic/HERmonic, MBR Amphitheater, free admission
24 Wednesday, 8pm  
Keyboard Students Recital, free admission
25 Thursday, 8pm  
University Singers and University Men’s Chorus, free admission
26 Friday, 3:40pm  
Artist Series: Lark Powers & Ricardo de la Torre Piano Duo, free admission
26 Friday, 8pm  
University Jazz Ensemble. Eastvold Auditorium, Karen Hille Phillips Center
27 Saturday, 3pm  
Piano Recital: Students of Öksana Ejobkina, free admission
28 Sunday, 3pm  
Regency Series: Lyric Brass Quintet
30 Tuesday, 5pm  
Saxophone Quartets and Jazz Combos, AUC Cave, free admission

MAY
2 Thursday, 8pm  
University Chorale
3 Friday, 8pm  
Steel Pan and Percussion Ensembles, free admission
4 Saturday, 3pm  
Selvinden Flute Ensemble, free admission
4 Tuesday, 5pm  
Guitar Orchestra and Ensemble, free admission
5 Sunday, 12pm  
South Sound Saxophone Ensemble, free admission
7 Tuesday, 8pm  
University Symphony Orchestra
9 Thursday, 8pm  
Keyboard Students, free admission
10 Friday, 5pm  
Zonda Student Wind Quintet Recital, free admission
11 Saturday, 3pm  
Woodwind Students Recital, free admission
11 Saturday, 4:30pm  
Brass Students Recital, free admission
12 Sunday, 3pm  
University Wind Ensemble
14 Tuesday, 6pm  
Chamber Music Kaleidoscope, free admission
14 Tuesday, 8pm  
String Kaleidoscope, free admission
15 Wednesday, 8pm  
University Concert Band, free admission
18 Friday, 4pm  
Forestine Wise Monsen Scholarship Recital, free admission
18 Saturday, 3pm  
Conunpare Amiki, Jennie Lee Hansen Recital Hall, free admission
18 Saturday, 8pm  
Choral Union. Tickets: $17 general admission; $10 seniors, PLU alumni, and military; $5 PLU community, students & 18 and under
19 Sunday, 3pm  
Composers Forum, free admission
19 Sunday, 5:30pm  
Songwriters Workshop. Jennie Lee Hansen Recital Hall, free admission
22 Wednesday, 7:30pm  
Artist Series: Fan Li Voice Recital, free admission
23 Thursday, 8pm  
Choir of the West Tour Preview

To Order Tickets:
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At the Concert: Lobby Desk in Mary Baker Russell Music Center

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