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ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

A

ARTHUR CORRA, Conductor

DONALD ARMSTRONG and ARTHUR LEWIS, Conductors

Student Soloists: Kathryn Gray*, violin; Terry Grush*, bassoon

Koo Soon Youn*, piano; Philip Henry*, percussion

Faculty Soloists: Dolores Ivanchich, soprano

Judith Schwenzfeier, contralto

Roman Carnival Overture, Opus 9

Berlioz

Violin Concerto No. 5 in A Major, K. 219

Mozart

Allegro aperto

Kathryn Gray, soloist

Bassoon Concerto in F Major, Opus 75

Weber

Allegro ma non troppo

Terry Grush, soloist

Concerto for Percussion and Small Orchestra

Milhaud

Vif: Modéré

Philip Henry, soloist

Piano Concerto No. 1 in G Minor, Opus 25

Mendelssohn

Presto; Molto Allegro e vivace

Koo Soon Youn, soloist

INTERMISSION

Three Attitudes for String Orchestra

Humberto Ayestas

Prelude

Prayer

Humoresque

Arthur Lewis, conducting

The Blessed Damozel

Debussy

Dolores Ivanchich, soprano: The Damozel Judith Schwenzfeier, contralto: Narrator ISU Treble Choir

Donald Armstrong, conducting

*These students were selected to perform as soloists with the ISU Symphony Orchestra in a campus-wide competition.

Capen Auditorium Thursday Evening April 12, 1973 8:15 p.m. The Roman Carnival Overture, which is the prelude to the second act of Berlioz's opera Benvenuto Cellini, is based essentially on two themes. The first, stated near the beginning by the English horn, is one of Cellini's love songs from the first act of the opera. The second theme, a rapid, whirling tune, is a saltarello (literally a "jump-dance") which occurs during a Roman carnival scene in the second act. Berlioz demonstrates his considerable contrapuntal skills by combining the two themes near the end.

Kathryn Gray was born in Mobile, Alabana. She earned her undergraduate degree from Florida State University as a violin student of Richard Burgin, former concertmaster of the Boston Symphony. Prior to beginning her graduate studies at Illinois State University, Mrs. Gray was a member of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra under Robert Shaw.

Terry Grush, a graduate student, was born in Falls City, Nebraska, and attended the University of Nebraska. During the final two summers of his undergraduate study, he was a scholarship participant in both the Music Academy of the West at Santa Barbara, California, and the Blossom Festival, Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Grush was for three years the principal bassoonist with the Army Field Forces Band in Washington, D.C.

Philip Henry, born in Pensacola, Florida, is now a sophomore percussion major and a member of the ISU Symphony, the Bloomington-Normal Symphony Orchestra, and the Contemporary Percussion Quintet. Before coming to Illinois State University he was a student of Gar Whaley in Washington, D.C.

Koon Soon Youn was born in Korea. Winner of the Dong-a Competition, she has performed with the Seoul National Symphony Orchestra. Arriving in the United States in 1971, she won the first prize in the California Teachers' Association Competition and performed with the Los Angeles Symphony.

J. Humberto Ayestas has had a varied career as viola soloist, conductor, and composer. Guatemalan by birth, he has been active in the United States and Canada as well as in his native country. At present he is Assistant Principal Violist of the Baltimore Symphony and last summer he performed the Walton Viola Concerto with the National Symphony Orchestra of Guatemala. He has frequently conducted that orchestra in the summer. He also has been Assistant Conductor of the Halifax Symphony, Canada, where he was Principal Viola. His orchestral works have been performed by the Baltimore Symphony, and his chamber music as well has been performed in Baltimore.

The **Three Attitudes** for string orchestra harmonically are written in a contemporary vein, yet, rhythmically there is a distinct feeling of the Central American culture in which Mr. Ayestas grew up. The "Prelude," marked Allegro, is contrapuntal with both polyrhthms and polyharmonies. Its opening and closing sections each begin with a solo string quartet. The "Prayer," Andante moderato, also is framed by solos—in this case a solo cello and a solo viola. The Finale, "Humoresque," receives its humoresque quality from the odd, almost disjointed opening rhythm which permeates this movement. Motives from both prior movements are present in the Finale. The coda accelerates with a fresh burst of vitality to an energetic close.

Le Damoiselle Elue [The Blessed Damozel] composed by Debussy in 1887, when he was twenty-five, was the principal project which he undertook while he held the **Prix de Rome**. Debussy began the work in Rome and completed it in Paris. Its exquisite, sensuous character provides a foretaste of the later Debussy.

The French version of Dante Gabriel Rossetti's poem was made by Gabriel Sarrazin. Debussy did not set the entire poem to music; the English text of the sections he used follows:

The blessed damozel leaned out
From the gold bar of Heaven;
Her eyes were deeper than the depth
Of waters stilled at even;
She had three lilies in her hand,
And the Stars in her hair were seven.

Her robe ungirt from clasp to hem, No wrought flowers did adorn, But a white rose of Mary's gift, For service meetly worn; Her hair that lay along her back Was yellow like ripe corn.

Around her, lovers, newly met 'mid deathless love's acclaims, Spoke evermore among themselves Their heart-remembered names; And the souls mounting up to God Went by her like thin flames.

And still she bowed herself and stooped Out of the circling charm; Until her bosom must have made The bar she leaned on warm, And the lilies lay as if asleep Along her bended arm.

The sun was gone now; the curled moon Was like a little feather Fluttering far down the gulf; and now She spoke through the still weather.

Her voice was like the voice the stars
Had when they sang together.
"I wish that he were come to me,
For he will come," she said
"Have I not pray'd in Heaven?—on earth
Lord, Lord, has he not pray'd?
Are not two prayers a perfect strength.
And shall I feel afraid?

"When round his head the aureole clings, And he is clothed in white, I'll take his hand and go with him To the deep wells of light; As unto a stream we will step down, And bathe there in God's sight. "We two will lie i' the shadow of
That living mystic tree
Within whose secret growth the Dove
Is sometimes felt to be,
While every leaf that His plumes touch
Saith His Name audibly.

"We two," she said, "will seek the groves Where the lady Mary is, With her five handmaidens, whose names Are five sweet symphonies, Cecily, Gertrude, Magdalen, Margaret and Rosalys.

"He shall fear, haply, and be dumb: Then will I lay my cheek To his and tell about our love, Not once abashed or weak: And the dear Mother will approve My pride, and let me speak.

"Herself shall bring us, hand in hand,
To Him round whom all souls
Kneel, the clear-ranged unnumbered heads
Bowed with their aureoles:
And angels meeting us shall sing
To their citherns and citoles.

"There will I ask of Christ the Lord Thus much for him and me— Only to live as once on earth With Love, only to be, As then awhile, for ever now Together, I and he."

She gazed and listened and then said,
Less sad of speech than mild,—
"All this is when he comes." She ceased.
The light thrilled towards her, fill'd
With angels in strong level flight.
Her eyes prayed and she smil'd.

(I saw her smile.) But soon their path Was vague in distant spheres: And then she cast her arms along The golden barriers, And laid her face between her hands, And wept. (I heard her tears.)

Symphony Orchestra Personnel

1st Violin
Joung Sook Noh
Joan Svoboda
Ruth Boedecker
Hai-Young Chung
Terry Jares
Martha Barker
Jung Min Wooh
Deborah Metskas
Kathy Gray

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Debarah Perry
Frank Schwarzwalder
Ae Sil Kim
Ann Hodges
Beth Palma
Pamela Combs
Kathryn Romberg
Barbara Fiechtl
Alison Holste
Deborah Foote

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Cello
Darilyn Manring
Kyung Jin Lee
Nancy Hair
Peter Garfield
Young Ju Lee
Jeanne Foster
Tena Maroon
Mark Condie
Alice Wheeler
David Reece

Bass
Edna Vogelsang
Michael Johannesen
Scott Kreger
Susan Kasanov
Pamela Burd
Steven Hayes
George Gillham
Holly Hertel
James March

Flute
Janet MacMillan
Sue Reiland
Candice Hildebrandt

Piccolo Nancy Widmer Oboe Marvin Carlton Janet Lohs

English Horn Marvin Carlton

Clarinet Sarkis Halajian Margaret Meyer

Bassoon Mary Dalziel Chris Drais Gayle Johnson Terry Grush

Horn
Peter Johnson
Susan Foster
Rodger Burnett
John Foster
Cathryn Gorman
Stan Reimel
William Lawyer

Trumpet
Robert Fund
Rick Louis
Thomas Fatten
Gregg Neuleib

Trombone Brandon Mason Michael Fisher David Kotowski

Tuba Brian Fredericksen

Timpani Edward Zajac

Percussion Dennis Smith Philip Henry Gina Wolski

Harp Mary Jane Reyert Eleanor Shettler

Set-Up Frank Schwarzwalder Rick Louis

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