

DAVID BUGLI, CONDUCTOR presents "SYMPHONIC DANCES" CONCERT featuring International Tap Superstar SAM WEBER

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PROGRAM

Tap Dance Concerto by Morton Gould with Sam Weber

Symphonic Dances by Gwyneth Walker (world première)

Five Hungarian Dances by Johannes Brahms

"Allegro" from Argentia for flute and orchestra by Adriana Figueroa (world première) with Carol Grenier, flute

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2004, 7:30PM AT THE CARSON CITY COMMUNITY CENTER

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CARSON CITY SYMPHONY "Symphonic Dances" Concert

PROGRAM

April 24, 2004—Carson City Community Center

"Allegro" from Argentia for

flute and orchestra..... Adriana Isabel Figueroa Mañas (b. 1966)

Carol Grenier, flute World première

1. Prance (A Two-Step)

- 2. Petite Waltz/Grande Waltz (Dance of the Fireflies and Elephants)
- 3. Dance of the Wild Ponies
- 4. Tango
- 5. Charleston

World première

--- INTERMISSION ----

No. 17 in F-sharp minor-Andantino

No. 18 in D major-Molto vivace

No. 19 in B minor-Allegretto

No. 20 in E minor-Poco allegretto

No. 21 in E minor-Vivace

- 1. Toccata
- 2. Pantomime
- 3. Minuet
- 4. Rondo

Sam Weber, tap dancer



Intermission refreshments benefit the Carson City JayCees and the Carson City Symphony Assoc.

The Board of Trustees & Friends of the Symphony invite you to a reception in honor of the soloists, composer, conductor, & orchestra musicians in the lobby immediately following the concert

JJ J PROGRAM NOTES - April 24, 2004 J J J by Andrew M. Spieker

Adriana Isabel Figueroa Mañas - Allegro from Argentia Suite

Adriana Figueroa Mañas was born in 1966; she graduated in 1997 from the School of Music of the National University of Cuyo, Argentina, with a degree specializing in flute and saxophone. As well as having played in several classical ensembles, including the Symphonic Orchestra of Mendoza, she enjoys playing jazz, fusion, and pop. Her jazz band, "West Jazz Band," won a prize as the best band in Mendoza, and a woodwind ensemble that she is part of won first prize in the 1998 Antorchas Chamber Competition, playing a selection of her own compositions.

Argentia, composed in 1999, is a suite in four movements for flute and orchestra. It is based on Argentinean folk elements and colors. The rhythms, for example, have elements of Argentinean folk dances. The work is not traditional in the form of the dances; the composer extracted the rhythms and colors from these traditional dances. It is a lively, spirited work with an abundance of interesting dance rhythms and harmonies.

Argentia was composed for students of the flute at the University as a vehicle to familiarize them with traditional Argentinean folk music

Gwyneth Walker - Symphonic Dances

Symphonic Dances, a suite of five dances, is intended to be both celebratory and fanciful: celebratory of the 20th season of the Carson City Symphony, and fanciful as an expression of the composer's imagination roaming freely. The dances were composed in the summer of 2003 at Ms. Walker's studio in Braintree, Vermont.

Prance, subtitled A Two-Step, opens with triumphant chords to introduce the entire suite. Then the brass present the "two-step" theme, "stepping" up and down the scale in syncopation. A middle section features two-note chords in the violins, winds, and piano, scampering playfully up and down the scale in response to the brass. The "two-step" theme returns, with everyone joining in to close the dance.

Petite Waltz/Grande Waltz (Dance of the Fireflies and Elephants) is in a minuet and trio form with extended coda. The oboe and violins state the principal waltz theme (Minuet). A middle section (trio) features a duet between the piccolo and piano (fireflies). The Minuet returns to close the movement, but is interrupted by the brass (the elephants), gamely attempting to imitate the dainty waltz theme. The strings re-enter with a grand, final statement of the theme.

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Dance of the Wild Ponies was inspired by an actual encounter between composer and galloping residents of Nevada. In this musical description, the emphasis is placed on the joyful, free-bounding nature of the ponies. They trot by, with manes flying high (as expressed by upbows in strings accompanied by piano). They dance. And, eventually, they gallop away! The astute listener might hear some "whinnies" in the middle section.

The *Tango* might well have been titled *Tango Glissando*, for this is an especially slippery piece. Strings slide. The principal theme is a descent of the scale, in tango rhythm. At the end, all slide together.

Charleston borrows the familiar harmonic progression found in songs of the 1920's, such as Five-Foot Two. A theme based on this progression introduces the dance in a stately manner. The percussion enters at a lively tempo, and the music races to an energetic and celebratory conclusion.

Johannes Brahms - Hungarian Dances

Hungarian Gypsy tunes were an inspiration for several composers in the mid-to-late nineteenth century: notably, Franz Liszt's *Hungarian Rhapsodies*. Brahms, likewise, made use of Gypsy melodies in many of his compositions, most notably the 21 Hungarian Dances, composed in 1868 and 1880. Originally composed for piano four hands, all eventually were orchestrated, a few by Brahms himself, but most by other composers. These dances became extremely popular. Almost overnight, they brought Brahms to the notice of a wide public who had not appreciated his other, more serious works.

The last five dances, the ones presented in this program, were orchestrated by Antonín Dvořák.

Dance No 17, in F-sharp minor, begins with a rather dreamy, wistful melody in the strings, which is then taken up by the woodwinds and returned to the strings. The second subject is a much livelier dance theme in C-sharp minor; a gentler interlude in F-sharp major interrupts it. The second subject returns, ending in sequence of three forceful chords.

Dance No. 18, in D major, is bright and sprightly throughout, and also quite short. It ends in a brilliant flourish dominated by the brass.

Dance No. 19, in B minor, begins with a somewhat wistful theme, which then shifts to B major. This is followed by a broader theme, also in B major, and a return to the first theme. The dance ends with three stately chords.

Dance No. 20, in E minor, opens with a slow, somewhat mournful theme. The middle section is a much livelier theme in B major. The opening theme then returns, and the dance ends quietly.