

# SATURDAY, JULY 15 / 7:30 PM SCHWAB ACADEMY ORCHESTRA

Ventura GOLLEGE



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VENTURA COLLEGE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

# SCHWAB ACADEMY ORCHESTRA ASHLEY WALTERS, MUSIC DIRECTOR

### **PROGRAM**

Whispers	Sandy F	eldstein & Larry Clark
Prospect		Southern Harmony
SCHWAB ACADEMY BRASS ENSEMBLE		
TRUMPET Marla Ascencion Michael Andrews David Pittel*	HORN Joseph Fong Beau Lockhart Joaquin Martinez Jon Titmus <sup>†</sup>	TROMBONE Jared Geronima Cole Kately Gwang Kim* Carlos Vargas
Ten Pieces from the seri Adapted for strings by L VIOLIN Eric Clark * Rowan Gillooly Michael Sarmiento		Béla Bartók (1881-1945) CELLO Anna Rowlands
Capriccio Espagnol (1887)		
<b>Peer Gynt Suite, No.1</b> (1876)		Edvard Grieg (1843–1907)
<b>Finlandia</b> (1899) Op. 26		Jean Sibelius (1865–1957)



WELCOME to the third of six concerts presented by the Schwab Academy of Music! During our three week program students play chamber music in the afternoons and join together in the Orchestra at night. This building has been overflowing with melodies as 75 musicians rehearse from afternoon until dark every day. We look forward to sharing our work with you tonight!

~ Ashley Walters, Music Director

# **ACADEMY STAFF**

Robert Lawson

Ashley Walters MUSIC DIRECTOR

John Hester EVENT COORDINATOR

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#### VIOLIN I

Carlos Ozuna (concertmaster) Eric Clark\* Cosima Luther^ Mona Tian^ Mark Menzies^ Tamsen Beseke^

#### **VIOLIN II**

Alex Fager Julissa Bozman\* Michael Sarmiento Carolyn Osborne^ Dianne Rammon^ Xaman Kryger^

#### VIOLA

Diane Gilbert\*
Hunter Klotz
Karen Long^
Wendy Richman^
Margot Aldcroft^

#### **CELLO**

David Mason\*
Kell Kingsmith
Alanm Magana Gonzalez
Anna Rowlands
Nathan Gallardo

#### BASS

Donovan Rutledge Gail Turner-Graham Barry Newton\* John Hester\*

#### HARP

Liska Yamada^

\* Denotes Faculty

^ Denotes Guest

#### FI UTF

Rachel Beetz\* Carol Lockhart\* Dylan Gruber Dori Riggs

#### OBOE

Kimaree Gilad\* Fred Beerstein\*

#### CLARINET

Brian Walsh\* Micah Wright^

#### **BASSOON**

Nicholas Akdag<sup>†</sup> Julie Feeves<sup>^</sup>

#### TRUMTPET

David Pittel<sup>†</sup> Michael Andrews Marla Ascension Mike Zonshine<sup>^</sup>

#### **HORN**

Jon Titmus\*
Karissa Yoo
Joseph Fong
Hayden Amendola
Beau Lockhart

#### TROMBONE

Gwang Kim\* Cole Kately

#### **BASS TROMBONE**

Callan Milani^

#### **TUBA**

Luke Storm<sup>^</sup>

#### **PERCUSSION**

Jordan Curcuruto<sup>^</sup> Matthew Leveque<sup>^</sup> Marie Matson<sup>^</sup> Dustin Donahue<sup>†</sup>

## SPECIAL THANKS

Jennifer Kalfsbeek-Goetz Bernard Gibson Brent Wilson Jamie Birkett Rachel Beetz Dustin Donahue Maggie Donahue Matt Donahue Simanu Faasua David Howarth Brandon King Fundi Legohn Zach Mendez Janeene Nagaoka Mike Nelson Jake Phillips Tyson Sauthoff Nancy Lackey Shaffer Lea Shamlian Laura Solis Vanessa Stotler Jeanne Tanner

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**PROGRAM NOTES**: All three orchestral works on tonight's program explore music's ability to create a vivid sense of place. In composing Capriccio Espagnol (1887), the Russian composer Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov creates evocative music imagining an exotic Spain. While the melodies evoke Spanish folk music, for Rimsky-Korsakov, the emphasis of this work is orchestration: the orchestra is expanded through colorful playing techniques and an enlarged percussion section, and nearly every instrument is featured in dazzling solo or soli moments. In five "scenes," the work transports the listener from the Spanish sunrise to the powerful, brass-driven "Fandango of the Asturias" that closes the work.

Edvard Grieg's *Peer Gynt* Suite (1876) began as music for a play by the Norwegian playwright Henrik Ibsen. Based on Norwegian folk tales, the story follows the traveler Peer Gynt through numerous surreal adventures. Grieg's Suite presents four selections from the play, beginning with "Morning Mood," a scene depicting a desert sunrise in Morocco. It follows with "Aase's Death," an aria-like movement for strings alone, and the delicate "Anitra's Dance." The suite concludes with repetitions and reorchestrations of a single melody for "In the Hall of the Mountain King," where Peer Gynt enters the sinister court of a troll king.

Jean Sibelius' *Finlandia* (1899) marks Sibelius' attempt to create a distinctly Finnish music; it is a direct address to the Finnish people in a growing nationalist movement that sought to reject increased Russian control over Finland. After Finland became wholly independent from Russia in the wake of the 1917 revolution, Sibelius described this work as a representation of Finland's national struggle: "We fought 600 years for our freedom and I am part of the generation which achieved it. Freedom! My Finlandia is a story of this fight. It is the song of our battle, our hymn of victory." ~ Dustin Donahue



