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The Raleigh Concert Band





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Program Notes



Rush

Samuel Hazo is an American composer with a focus on concert band music. *Rush* (2006) is a followup to his well-known composition *Ride*. Constant time-signature changes (more than 60!) are key to the driving nature of *Rush*.

Colonial Song

Australian composer Percy Aldridge Grainger wrote *Colonial Song* in 1911 as a gift to his mother, styling it after Stephen Foster's songs of rural America. A number of Grainger's works are mainstays of the Raleigh Concert Band's repertoire.

Olympic Fanfare and Theme

While composer John Williams created this selection for the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, it is most often heard with the introduction replaced by Leo Arnaud's well-known *Bugler's Dream*, first used at the 1968 Winter Olympics. The combined version was re-released by NBC in 1996.

Folk Dances

Dmitri Shostakovich's Folk Dances was originally the third movement of a suite for orchestra entitled Native Leningrad, Op. 63, first published in 1942 and reissued in 1970 as Suite, My Native Country. This renowned 20th century composer had a continual on-again, off-again relationship with the Soviet government.

Sleepers, Awake!

In German, the title of this church cantata is "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme," or 'Awake, calls the voice to us." Bach composed it in Leipzig and performed it in November 1731. It is based on a hymn of the same name.

March from Symphonic Metamorphosis of Themes by Carl Maria von Weber

German composer Paul Hindemith completed *Symphonic Metamorphosis* in the United States in 1943, basing in on the works of early Romantic operatic composer Carl Maria von Weber. It was first performed by the New York Philharmonic in 1944, and later choreographed for the New York City Ballet in 1952. The *March* is the fourth movement, following the *Allegro, Scherzo*, and *Andantino*.

Upcoming Performances

Monday, May 27,1:30pm: Memorial Day ceremonies, Raleigh National Cemetery.

Saturday, June 15, 5:00pm: Triangle Community Band Festival, Durham Central Park.

Tuesday, July 4, 11:30am: Independence Day celebration, State Capitol.

Sunday, September 22, 5:30pm Concert in the Park, Fred Fletcher Park

The Raleigh Concert Band Spring Concert 2024

Souvenirs

Lem Hardy Conducting

Rush Samuel R. Hazo

Colonial Song Percy Aldridge Grainger

Olympic Fanfare and Theme

John Williams Arranged by James Curnow

Folk Dances

Dmitri Shostakovich Edited by H. Robert Reynolds

Sleepers, Awake!

Johann Sebastian Bach Adapted and Arranged by Alfred Reed

March from Symphonic Metamorphosis of Themes by Carl Maria von Weber

Paul Hindemith Transcribed for Concert Band by Keith Wilson

About the Conductor

Ever since 1993 when his parents bought him a book on how to play the piano, Lem Hardy has been in love with music in all its forms. Born in South River, North Carolina in 1983, Lem attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he received a Bachelor's of Music in Saxophone Performance with a concentration in Music Education as well as a Master of the Arts in Teaching with music emphasis.

Lem has been commissioned to provide arrangements for theater groups and choral groups, as well as middle and high

school bands throughout North Carolina. He also has a great interest in creating new editions of older literature for symphonic bands.

Some of the great opportunities in Lem's career were the chance to participate in the 2004 Cours Internationale de la Musique - a chamber music workshop that took place in Morges, Switzerland and also the opportunity to take part in a 2005 conducting masterclass with Maestro Leonard Slatkin of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. In 2010 he was hired to lead the Raleigh Concert Band.



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Flute/Piccolo

Aimee Andrews Kendra Floyd Lauren Hutchinson Jen Larson Melody Markert Jennifer Remy Emily Smith Kaysie Tulanian Evette Wiese

Oboe

Heather Johnson Brinkley Wooten

English Horn Lydia Coleman

Clarinet

Adam Cunningham
Claire Diefenderfer
Erin Dyer
Bailey Harden
Laura Mayhall
Ron Pretzer
Michael Prunka
Kate Rieth
Jerry Sawyer
Steven Swedberg
Daniel Ubovich

Alto/Bass Clarinet Bob Aiello Jeffrey Honeyman

Alto Saxophone

Susie Fletcher John Poteat Carl Van Cott Karen Zeher

Tenor Saxophone

Tracie Thomas Charlie Wiese

Baritone Saxophone Chelsea Sponaugle

Bassoon Barbara Janke

Trumpet/Cornet

Scott Conklin
John Fine
Carl Kiser
Mike Mills
Stephanie Moffett
Kirsten Nielsen
Fisher Stines
Emily Troutman
Tom Williams

French Horn

Anna Locke Christine Nally Laura Kate Niehaus Casey Parshall Barbara Prillaman Dawn Stegall Alec Weide Trombone Brian Coley

Brian Coley Corey Johnson Henry Mason Lauren May Erik Stegall Warren Sturm Ed Vlazny

Matt Weingarten Euphonium

Alian Altholz Lauren Calhoun Kathryn DeShong

Tuba

Ted Bissette Jeffry Davis Rick Guptill Bill Podrazik

Percussion

Al Green Vernon Janke Roger Larsen Kris Manders Patrick Smith Laura Woods

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About the Raleigh Concert Band

The Raleigh Concert Band was founded in 1978 as the Raleigh Community Band and was first conducted by Dick Southwick, the band director at Needham B. Broughton High School. Our mission is to share our life-long passion for wind band music through community performance and educational outreach.

The band's repertoire is as eclectic as its membership. You'll find selections pulled from original works for winds and percussion, orchestral transcriptions, Broadway tunes, jazz standards, film scores, and pop music from all decades including what's currently topping the Billboard 100.