

*The
Rapidan
Orchestra*



*Friday, March 31, 2017
7:30 p.m. ~ William Monroe High School*

*Saturday, April 1, 2017
2:00 p.m. ~ Orange Presbyterian Church*

Our Program:

Overture to La Gazza Ladra

(The Thieving Magpie)

Gioacchino Rossini (1792-1868)

Symphony #4 in C Minor (Tragic)

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

I. Adagio molto: Allegro vivace

II. Andante

III. Menuetto

IV. Allegro

- Intermission -

Concertino pour Flûte

Cécile Chaminade (1857-1944)

Flute Soloist: Don Aittama

Peer Gynt (two selections)

Edvard Grieg (1843-1907)

I. Morgenstimmung

II. In der Halle des Bergkönigs

Our Conductor: Benjamin Bergey

Benjamin Bergey is currently a doctoral candidate at James Madison University, working on his Doctor of Musical Arts in orchestral conducting, while also teaching an undergraduate music course and being an assistant conductor for the orchestras. He graduated from Eastern Mennonite University in 2011, with degrees in Vocal Performance and Church Music. After two years off as a general manager of a local food restaurant, he completed his Masters in orchestral conducting in 2015.

Benjamin has been involved with music and music leading for many years, having started on piano and violin at age 6. He has performed in and conducted musicals and operas, orchestras and choirs, and is passionate about music. He particularly enjoys conducting operas as it combines his love of orchestras, singing, and the theatre.

In addition to his graduate studies and work with the Rapidan Orchestra, Benjamin is Music Director at Harrisonburg Mennonite Church, where he and his wife, Kate, attend. Kate is a graduate student at JMU as well, studying Student Affairs in Higher Education. Hobbies they enjoy together include biking, hiking, gardening, and tennis.

Our Featured Performer: Don Aittama

Don has been playing the flute and piccolo for over 50 years. While in high school he attended the National Music Camp at Interlochen, Michigan for three summers and was also a member of both the Mt. Clemens Symphony and the Michigan Youth Symphony Orchestra. He completed his musical training in college at Central Michigan University in 1975, earning a BA degree in flute performance.

Over the past 30 years Don has been a member of several local community bands and orchestras and has also played in pit orchestras for over 40 local community theater productions, occasionally serving as the pit orchestra director.

Don is a lifetime member of the Charlottesville Municipal Band, having been a member for over 25 years, and was the principal flute for several of those years. In addition to the Rapidan Orchestra, he is also currently a member of the Valley Wind Ensemble located in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Don retired in September 2015 after working as an accountant for over 32 years. He has been married for over 40 years to his wife Julie and has two daughters and two grandsons.

The Chaminade Concertino has always been one of Don's favorite flute solos. He performed it the first time with his high school band in 1971 and is pleased to perform it once again with the Rapidan Orchestra.

Our Musicians:

Flute

Don Aittama

Jordan Frazier*

Oboe

Charles Torian

Clarinet

Heather Welch

Don Davies

Bassoon

Seth Walker*

Summer Davis*

Trumpet

John Harding

J.R. "Pete" Peterson

French Horn

Brian Kavolius

Nick Matherne

Lyle Sanford

Trombone & Tuba

Nick Matherne

Percussion

Charles Harris

First Violin

Charles Winkler, Concertmaster

Michael Hanz

Brian Bertolino

Michael Tyree*

Ray Van Ausdal*

Second Violin

Carol Carr

Jenny Taylor

Kenna Loughran*

Meriette Southard*

Viola

Kelly Harding

Ray Varona

Cello

Roger Carr

Barbara Heyl

Joe Bailey

David Raposo*

String Bass

Joseph Bunts, Jr.

Karen Poehailos

* guest performers

Our Mission:

The Rapidan Orchestra was formally organized in January 2015 as a volunteer chamber ensemble in the Central Virginia Piedmont area to provide an opportunity for local musicians to serve the community through musical entertainment, appreciation, and education with free performances.

Special Thanks – to *Christ Episcopal Church* in Gordonsville for graciously providing a weekly rehearsal space – and to *William Monroe High School* and *The Orange Presbyterian Church* for providing our concert venues.

We also thank all those who have given so generously at previous concerts. Your support helps defray expenses and lets us know our efforts are appreciated by the communities we serve.

Don Aittama, President
Lyle Sanford, Vice-President
Heather Welch, Secretary
Karla Baer, Treasurer

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