

*The
Rapidan
Orchestra*



Friday, November 20, 2015

7:30 p.m. ~ Orange Presbyterian Church

Saturday, November 21, 2015

7:30 p.m. ~ Beth Car Baptist Church in Madison

Our Program:

Finlandia, Op. 26

Jean Sibelius (1865-1957)

Serenade for Strings in E minor, Op. 20

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

I. Allegro piacevole

II. Larghetto

III. Allegretto

Hungarian Dance No. 5 in G minor

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Hungarian Dance No. 6 in D major

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- Intermission -

Symphony No. 1 in C Major, Op. 21

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

I. Adagio molto - Allegro con brio

II. Andante cantabile con moto

III. Menuetto - Allegro molto e vivace

IV. Adagio - Allegro molto e vivace

Our Conductors:

Kyle Rumpler

Kyle Ruempler has been a conductor of the Rapidan Orchestra since its first beginnings in the Fall of 2014. For the Fall 2015 performances, Kyle is conducting *Finlandia* (Sibelius), *Hungarian Dance No. 6* (Brahms), and Movements III and IV of Beethoven's *Symphony No. 1 in C Major*.

Kyle received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Music and Studio Art at the University of Virginia, where he studied under Kate Tamarkin, the Music Director of the Charlottesville Symphony. His conducting experiences include being a Drum Major for the Cavalier Marching Band, Pit Orchestra Director for the First Year Players' production of *Kiss Me, Kate*, and as a workshop participant with Kirk Trevor, guest directing the Astoria Symphony Orchestra. Kyle also performed as a trumpet player during his undergraduate career as a member of the UVA Wind Ensemble and Concert Band.

Kyle continues to work and perform at UVA, playing trumpet with the Charlottesville Symphony and working as the Administrative Assistant and Graduate Program Coordinator for the McIntire Department of Music. He is currently applying to Master's of Music programs in Orchestral Conducting.

Tal Benatar

Tal Benatar joins the Rapidan Orchestra this fall for his first season with the group. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Music and Government from UVA, studying under both Kate Tamarkin and Michael Slon.

Growing up in Columbus, Ohio, Tal was an active jazz pianist and guitarist, and made his transition to the world of classical music throughout his undergraduate study. Tal sang with the University Singers and Chamber singers of UVA, in addition to serving as Music Director of the all-male a cappella group, the Academical Village People.

This summer, Tal studied with Kenneth Kiesler at the well-known Conductors Retreat at Medomak in Maine. Tal will serve as the conducting intern for a second consecutive year with Ash Lawn Opera's upcoming production of *Amahl and the Night Visitors*. He currently sings with the Oratorio Society of Virginia, where he also serves as the Conducting Assistant. Tonight, he will be conducting Elgar, *Serenade for Strings*; Brahms, *Hungarian Dance No. 5*; and Movements I and II of Beethoven's *Symphony No. 1 in C Major*.

Our Musicians:

Flute

Don Aittama

Lynne Stockton

Oboe

Charles Torian

Anna Gai

Clarinet

Heather Welch

Don Davies

Bassoon

Suzanne Reid*

Trumpet

Dick Stageberg

J.R. "Pete" Peterson

French Horn

Lyle Sanford

Trombone

Conner McCarthy

Tuba

Chase Brockman

First Violin

Michael Hanz, Concertmaster

Allison Hall*

Brooke Mahanes*

Second Violin

Carol Carr

Mary Dykes

Ray Van Ausdal

Viola

Ray Varona

Roxanne Atienza*

Cello

Roger Carr

Barbara Heyl

Anna Seitzer

Stephen Witmer

String Bass

Joseph Bunts, Jr.

Piano

Theresa Torian

* 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 *The Orange Presbyterian Church* and *Beth Car Baptist Church* in Madison for providing our concert venues.**

We also thank all those who gave so generously at our concerts last spring.

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

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