Augustana Concert Band

Tony Oliver, conductor

Sunday February 11, 2018
2:00 PM Centennial Hall
The first two pieces performed without pause.

Seas of the Moon (2017)  Tony Oliver (living, b. 1969)
  I. Mare Frigoris ("Sea of Cold")


Sun Dance (1997)  Frank Ticheli (living, b. 1958)

First Suite in Eb for Military Band, op. 28a (1909)  
  edited by Frederick Fennell
  I. Chaconne
  II. Intermezzo
  III. March

On a Hymnsong of Philip Bliss (1989)  David Holsinger (living, b. 1945)

The Washington Post (1889)  John Philip Sousa (1854-1932)
Welcome!

On behalf of the Augustana Concert Band, I am delighted to welcome you to today’s performance. I’m glad you’ve chosen to attend today, support those on stage, and hear what we’ve prepared for you.

Introduction to Today’s Program

For those of you fondly remembering the last ACB concert in October, you will remember that my introduction to you that day explained that programming for my concerts often involves themes, menus, or stories for frameworks. Today’s concert dispenses with the menu as a concept, but definitely has a few themes and other behind-the-scenes scaffolding.

The first important theme unifying today’s concert is not that self-evident unless you happen to be fairly well versed in the concert repertoire for wind ensembles of the last 130 years. Each of the pieces today, with the exception of the first piece, which is really a percussion ensemble piece that worked its way onto the program, was composed by a well-established composer of wind band music. Maslanka, Ticheli, Holst, Holsinger, and Sousa can’t be argued against for their inclusion on the list of “must play” band composers, and playing music by composers like these connects us with an important musical heritage of performance practice and literature.

Another, and probably more easily sensed, theme is that of “new and unknown” versus “old and familiar.” I believe both ends of the spectrum have value for both performer and listener alike. We move through this spectrum in order today, starting with what is certainly the newest work in chronology and character, and then going steadily into more familiar territory as the concert progresses. By the time we reach the end, any feelings of uneasiness at the opening musical material should dissipate, leaving the contentment one would have while at a good dinner with old friends. (See, I got around to the menu after all.)

A final theme — always present in an Augustana Concert Band event — has to do with the greatness of the people sharing the stage with me. They are good people, and working with the band on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:45 to 7:00 is a highlight of my week. The program listings include each performer’s name, graduation year, and major(s), and I hope you take the time to read each and every name and thank them, as I do, for their contributions to good music making.

Please enjoy today’s concert!

Tony Oliver
Program Notes:

**Seas of the Moon:**

*I. Mare Frigoris (“Sea of Cold”)*

by Tony Oliver

Duration: 4 minutes

Notes from the composer:

*Seas of the Moon,* for percussion ensemble, is inspired by lunar seas, known as *maria.* The lunar seas are the dark areas one sees when looking at the moon and they all have names, the most famous one being *Mare Tranquillitatis* (“Sea of Tranquility”), which was the landing site for Apollo 11. The piece’s three movements, *Mare Frigoris* (“Sea of Cold”), *Mare Ingenii* (“Sea of Cleverness”), and *Oceanus Procellarum* (“Ocean of Storms”), all contain musical allusions inspired by the *maria’s* respective features or names.

How it fits our story (Tony Oliver):

The use of percussion alone, augmented today with what the score calls “optional wind sound effects” performed by the wind and brass sections, and theatrical lighting combine to create the imaginary journey of flying to, over, and away from the Moon and its “cold sea.” These things also combine to create the most strange and unfamiliar music on the program. As the concert unfolds today, you will hear the use of percussion get more and more traditional, but at this point they are in their element leading us into the new and unusual.

**Mother Earth,** by David Maslanka

Duration: 3.5 minutes

Notes by David Maslanka (davidmaslanka.com):

Each piece takes on a reason for being all its own, and *Mother Earth* is no exception. It became an urgent message from Our Mother to treat her more kindly! My reading at the time of writing this music was *For a Future to be Possible* by the Vietnamese monk and teacher, Thich Nhat Hanh. He believes that the only way forward is to be extremely alive and aware in our present moment, to become awake to the needs of our beloved planet, and to respond to it as a living entity. Music making allows us to come immediately awake. It is an instant connection to the powerful wellspring of our creativity, and opens our minds to the solution of any number of problems, including that of our damaged environment. My little piece does not solve the problem! But it is a living call to the wide-awake life, and it continues to be performed by young people around the world.

How it fits our story:

Although still fairly unusual (or “new” or “strange” or “unfamiliar”) harmonically, rhythmically, and in its somewhat minimalist compositional technique, it moves us toward the familiar in that it at least uses the entire band as we know it in terms of instrumentation. It is the first official “band” piece on the program and is a three-and-a-half minute festival of intense concentration for the performers.
Sun Dance by Frank Ticheli

Duration: 5.5 minutes

Notes by Frank Ticheli from the published score (Manhattan Beach Music):

While composing Sun Dance, I was consciously attempting to evoke a feeling: bright joy. After completing the work, I found that the music began to suggest a more concrete image—a town festival on a warm, sunwashed day. I imagined townspeople gathered in the park, some in small groups, some walking hand in hand, others dancing to the music played by a small band under a red gazebo. Throughout the composition process, I carefully balanced the songlike and dancelike components of “bright joy.” The oboe’s gentle statement at the beginning establishes the work’s songlike characteristics...and this figure is used not only in the main melody, but also as a structural building block for virtually everything in the piece.

How it fits our story:

Sun Dance is more in the mainstream than the first two pieces; however, no one would mistake it for other than a “newer” band piece of recent vintage. Ticheli takes a melody and applies a later twentieth-century band sensibility to it, experimenting with interesting orchestration effects such as a muted instruments and in the way he distributes versions of the melody among different solo instruments.

First Suite in Eb for Military Band, op. 28a

by Gustav Holst

Duration: 11 minutes

Notes by Esmail Khalili, The Wind Repertory Project (windrep.org):

There are three movements in the suite: Chaconne, Intermezzo, and March. Holst writes, “As each movement is founded on the same phrase, it is requested that the suite be played right through without a break.” Indeed, the first three notes of the Chaconne are Eb, F and C, and the first three notes of the melody when it first appears in the Intermezzo are Eb, F, and C. In the third movement, March, Holst inverts the motive: The first note heard in the brilliant opening brass medley is an Eb, but instead of rising, it descends to a D, and then a G; the exact opposite of the first two movements.

The Chaconne begins with a ground bass reminiscent of those written by Henry Purcell or William Byrd. It is performed by tuba and euphonium and is repeated throughout the ensemble sixteen full times as varying instrumental textures and variations of the theme are layered within it.

The Intermezzo is light and brisk and features soloistic passages for the cornet, oboe and clarinet. Holst prominently displays the agility and sensitivity of the wind band through transparent textures and passages where the melody and accompaniment are woven into a variety of instrumental settings.

The March begins suddenly. It consists of two themes, the first of which, performed by brass choir and percussion, is a march light in character. The second theme is dominated by the woodwinds and is composed of a long, lyrical line reminiscent of the original Chaconne melody. The movement concludes with both themes intertwining as the band crescendos to a climax. The First Suite in E-flat by Gustav Holst, is now considered one of the masterworks and cornerstones of the band literature.

How it fits our story:

This is a classic that wind band players need to play—and play again. Whether it is the first time one has played it or the fortieth, there is always some new nuance
to be found in Holst’s ingenious scoring. It also throws us headlong into more traditional band—and musical—territory. The only overriding complexities for us are the length and the degree to which he intricately constructs the piece. The musical materials themselves are quite relatable, and very hummable after the fact.

**On a Hymnsong of Philip Bliss**
by David Holsinger

Duration: 5.5 minutes

Notes from the published score (TRN Music Publisher, Inc.):

On a Hymnsong of Philip Bliss is a radical departure of style for this composer. The frantic tempos, the ebullient rhythms we associate with Holsinger are replaced with a restful, gentle, and reflective composition based on the 1876 Philip Bliss-Horatio Stafford hymn, “It is Well with my Soul.” Written to honor the retiring principal of Shady Grove Christian Academy, On Hymnsong of Philip Bliss was presented as a gift from the SGCA Concert Band to Rev. Steve Edel in May of 1989.

How it fits our story:

This piece, even though it is by a “modern” composer, takes us back melodically to the nineteenth century, the time of Philip Bliss. It seems very traditional in style and substance. Combined with *The Washington Post*, which is the last piece on the program, we end the concert about as safe and familiar as one can get.

**The Washington Post**, by John Philip Sousa

Duration: 3 minutes

Notes from the United States Marine Band’s published version of the score (taken from Paul E. Bierley, *The Works of John Philip Sousa*):

During the 1880s, several Washington, D.C., newspapers competed vigorously for public favor. One of these, the Washington Post, organized what was known as the Washington Post Amateur Authors’ Association and sponsored an essay contest for school children. Frank Hatton and Beriah Wilkins, owners of the newspaper, asked Sousa, then leader of the Marine Band, to compose a march for the award ceremony.

The ceremony was held on the Smithsonian grounds on June 15, 1889. When the new march was played by Sousa and the Marine Band, it was enthusiastically received, and within days it became exceptionally popular in Washington. The march happened to be admirably suited to the two-step dance, which was just being introduced. A dancemasters’ organization adopted it at their yearly convention, and soon the march was vaulted into international fame. Next to “The Stars and Stripes Forever,” “The Washington Post” has been Sousa’s most widely known march.

How it fits our story:

From 1889, *The Washington Post* is the oldest, most traditional, familiar, and “toe tapping” piece on the concert. There is nothing more “old” or “familiar” (both in good ways) than this for the wind ensemble performer and listener.
**Tony Oliver** is an Assistant Professor of Music at Augustana College, where he teaches music appreciation and all manner of things percussive, including classical and contemporary applied percussion lessons and the percussion methods courses for education students. Committed to the concept of Augustana as a liberal arts institution where faculty participate in a wide range of teaching activities, he also teaches in the College’s First Year Inquiry sequence ("FYI") and acts as a first-year advisor. As a conductor, he directs the Augustana Percussion Ensemble and is in his first year as conductor of the Augustana Concert Band, one of two concert bands on campus. An active performer, he is a member of the Quad City Symphony Orchestra and will return this summer for his nineteenth season as solo percussionist and timpanist for the Lake Placid Sinfonietta, a professional chamber orchestra in the heart of the Adirondack Mountains in upstate New York. He received degrees from the University of Iowa (BM, MA) and the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University (DMA), where he was a graduate fellow. He is proprietor of Curving Walkway Publications, a Sabian cymbal artist, and regional education artist with Pearl/Adams percussion. Prior to his appointment at Augustana, he taught percussion and was Assistant Director of Instrumental Activities at Monmouth College (IL).
Augustana Concert Band

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- Michaela McNeece *
  - 2021 Political Science

**FLUTE**
- Emma Albers-Lopez
  - 2020 Biology
- Kelsey Bumann
  - 2021 Music Education
- Morgan Eversoll
  - 2021 Exploring! (Undecided)
- Amanda Fischer
  - 2019 Elementary Education
- Megan Hoppe
  - 2021 History, French
- Sarah Ludwig
  - 2019 Biology, Spanish
- Megan Lundblad
  - 2021 History, Spanish
- Ashley Martin
  - 2018 Art History, Asian Studies
- Brandy Mathews
  - 2020 Communications, Political Science
- Liz McKee
  - 2020 Spanish, Anthropology
- Olivia Mulas
  - 2020 Biology, Pre-Medicine Psychology
- Olivia Newcomb
  - 2021 History
- Elizabeth Paris *
  - 2018 Biochemistry
- Grace Rients *
  - 2019 Communication Sciences and Disorders, Spanish

**OBEO**
- Lauren Macaulay *
  - 2021 English

**BASSOON**
- Emily Fulk *
  - 2020 Biology, Pre-Physician Assistant
- Kinsey Johnson *
  - 2020 Neuroscience

**CLARINET**
- Carissa Boerboom +
  - 2020 Accounting, Business-Finance, Mathematics
- Jagger Fenton
  - 2021 Engineering, Computer Science
- Nick Garling *
  - 2019 Engineering, Physics, Mathematics
- Alex Hart
  - 2021 Anthropology, Scandinavian Studies
- Jacqualyn Kopala
  - 2021 Psychology, Sociology
- Nicholas McKay
  - 2021 Political Science
- Margaux Payne *
  - 2018 Geography, Environmental Studies
- Reilly Siepka
  - 2019 Psychology, Spanish, Biology, Pre-Physical Therapy

**BASS CLARINET**
- Izzy Bartscher *
  - 2021 Communications, Business Marketing
- Lydia Lara *
  - 2019 Political Science, Spanish

**ALTO SAXOPHONE**
- Rebecca Achilli
  - 2020 Geography, Anthropology
- Tony Dzik
  - 2019 Multimedia Journalism and Mass Communication, Graphic Design
- Brady Fischer
  - 2021 Biochemistry
- Lauren Judge
  - 2019 Geology, Biology
- Victoria Karnes *
  - 2018 English, Classics
- Ryan Smith
  - 2019 Business Administration
- John Tworek *
  - 2020 Biochemistry, Public Health
- Anna VerCautren
  - 2021 Political Science
- Rob Williams
  - 2019 History, Secondary Education

**TENOR SAXOPHONE**
- Austin Floistad *
  - 2021 Political Science
- Byron Simmons *
  - 2021 Exploring! (Undecided)
### BARITONE SAXOPHONE
Andrew Gerasch *
2019 Biology, Psychology

Adam Lydigsen-Grimes *
2018 Biochemistry, Pre-Medicine, Spanish

### TRUMPET
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2018 Mechanical Engineering

Peyton Hansen
2021 Music Performance, Chemistry

Will Sikich
2021 Pre-Medicine

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2019 Environmental Studies, Biology

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2019 History

Sam Johnson
2018 English, Creative Writing

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2018 Biology, Pre-Veterinary Medicine

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2018 Communication Studies

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2021 Economics

Adam Donovan
2020 Applied Mathematics, Computer Science

Lily Ford *
2020 Communication Sciences and Disorders

Katherine Ludwig *
2019 Geology

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2019 Psychology

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2020 Computer Science

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2018 Neuroscience

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2020 Elementary Education

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2021 Environmental Studies

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2021 Biology

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2020 Biology

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2021 Environmental Studies

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2019 Communication Sciences and Disorders

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2019 Computer Science, Applied Mathematics

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Lydia Lara
Grace Rients
Ryan Smith

+ Concertmaster
* Denotes section leader(s)

ACB section leaders are chosen based on many factors, including musical leadership and service to the ensemble. The ACB uses specific seating arrangements within the ensemble—sometimes changing from piece to piece, depending on the instrument section—that allow us to perform the music to the best of our abilities. It is important to understand, however, that each and every member of the ACB is vital to the success of the ensemble. Therefore the names are listed in the program in alphabetical order without regard to “first” or “last” because ultimately no player is more important than the others—all are important, all contribute to the whole.
Founded in 1874 and celebrating its 133rd year, the Augustana Band program is not only the oldest musical organization on a campus widely recognized for its rich heritage in music, it is one of the oldest continuously active collegiate band programs in the country. The first Band performance took place on May 14, 1875, and the ensemble consisted of three cornets, two alto horns, two tenor horns, one baritone horn, two bass horns, and two drummers. The Augustana Concert Band is one of two concert bands currently on campus and was formed more than 30 years ago. The Concert Band is a non-auditioned group that attracts students from all departments of the college.
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Founded in 1860 by graduates of Swedish universities, Augustana College is a premier college of the liberal arts related to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Augustana has held distinction as a Phi Beta Kappa institution since 1949 and is among only ten percent of U.S. colleges and universities to host a chapter of this prestigious academic honor society. The beautiful wooded 115-acre campus in Rock Island, Illinois extends into the culturally diverse Quad-City metropolitan area spanning the Mississippi River. The college offers 60 areas of study providing students close focus in a major field within a strong liberal arts program.

The curriculum includes a general education sequence of liberal studies and learning communities, a variety of intensive international study experiences, honors programs, internships, pre-professional studies, and the Senior Inquiry capstone experience for all seniors – a research/inquiry project including reflection on purpose and community impact. More than ninety percent of the faculty hold a Ph.D. or the highest degree in their fields, and the 12-to-one student-to-teacher ratio allows for close ties between students and their faculty mentors. Augustana students are active, well-rounded individuals: well more than half participate in athletics and/or music ensembles on campus, and one quarter participate in international study programs.

Augustana’s music department includes excellent and dedicated faculty, a wide variety of ensembles — ranging from choral to symphonic, from jazz to opera — and a curriculum that supports performance and academics for all students, regardless of their majors. Some ensembles tour annually, either to locations in the United States or abroad. In addition to the major and minor in music, Augustana offers majors in music education and music performance. Augustana supports music study with a great number and variety of scholarships, available to both music and non-music majors. Special awards include the Deisenroth and Morgan Scholarships, the Nels and Emma Swanson Voice Scholarships and the Carl B. Nelson Music Education Scholarship.

As a courtesy to the performers, patrons arriving late should enter the concert hall only during applause. Flash photography and/or use of recording equipment is not permitted during the performance without prior consent of the Augustana College music department. If you require assistance or accommodation as a result of a disability, please inform the usher or hall manager.

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