## BOUNTIFUL PHILHARMONIA PRESENTS

# COZY CLASSICS



Darrin Thiriot, Conductor with Guest Artist Lawrence Gee

Friday, October 11, 2024, 7:00 pm Viewmont High Auditorium

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#### **Program**

#### Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Tchaikovsky's "Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture" (1869, rev. 1880) is a poignant musical interpretation of Shakespeare's timeless tragedy. This masterpiece captures the essence of the star-crossed lovers through lush melodies and rich harmonies, reflecting the emotional depth of their relationship and the turmoil surrounding it. The overture opens with a brooding introduction, evoking the tension of the feuding Montagues and Capulets, before transitioning into the lyrical love theme that embodies Romeo and Juliet's passionate yet doomed romance. Tchaikovsky weaves together contrasting themes to represent the conflict between love and fate, creating a vivid narrative. The climactic moments, characterized by soaring strings and powerful brass, evoke the intensity of love and loss, culminating in a heartbreaking resolution that encapsulates the tragedy's finality. Tchaikovsky's ability to convey deep emotional experiences makes the overture not just a concert staple but a universal reflection on love, conflict, and the fragility of life.

#### Clair de Lune by Claude Debussy; Orchestrated by Andre' Caplet

Debussy's "Clair de Lune," originally composed for piano as the third movement of his Suite Bergamasque, takes on a new dimension in the orchestration by André Caplet. This adaptation enhances the delicate, impressionistic qualities of Debussy's music, creating a shimmering soundscape that reflects the serene beauty of moonlight. Caplet's orchestration highlights the lush textures of strings and woodwinds, creating a gentle, ethereal atmosphere that complements Debussy's nuanced harmonies. The resulting interpretation retains the original's lyrical essence while adding a layer of depth and richness, evoking the hauntingly serene imagery of night and the emotional nuances of longing and tranquility that define this beloved work.

#### Piano Concerto No. 2 by Sergei Rachmaninoff

Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2 (circa 1900-01) stands as one of the pillars of Romantic piano repertoire, and is celebrated for its lyrical melodies and virtuosic demands. Written during a challenging period in the composer's life following the disastrous premiere of his First Symphony, the concerto reflects a profound personal transformation and emotional resurgence. Rachmaninoff's rich harmonic language and intricate piano writing showcase both technical prowess and deep emotional expression, creating a captivating dialogue between the piano and orchestra. The second movement, marked by its lush, romantic themes, contrasts with the more agitated outer movements, providing a moment of serene reflection. The concerto concludes with a vibrant finale, where rhythmic energy and soaring melodies coalesce in a triumphant celebration of life and resilience. Rachmaninoff's Second Piano Concerto has captivated audiences worldwide since its premiere. The work's enduring popularity is a testament to Rachmaninoff's unique voice, blending rich, orchestral textures with a deep understanding of the piano's expressive capabilities.

### Bountiful Philharmonia Musicians

\*\*Concertmaster \*String Section Leaders

Flute/Piccolo Amy Leininger Mary Thompson Nancy Toone

Oboe/English Horn Amanda Laraway Brad Shafer Poppy Hatfield

<u>Clarinet</u> Mike Doyle Shalaun Howell

<u>Bassoon</u> Chris Egbert Jane Pugmire

Horn Claire Grover Liz Graden Matt Walker Valerie Neslen

<u>Trumpet</u> Gordon Fisher Kale Rodabaugh Spencer Wallin

Trombone
Bjorn Swanson
Eric Walker
James Harris

<u>Tuba</u> Shawn Mangum

<u>Percussion</u> Kim Montano Miranda Horne

<u>Harp</u> Virginia Speirs

Violin Ashlyn Klunker Becca Goeckeritz Danielle Dillon David Mueller **Emily Miner** Heather Severson Jamie Jackson Jarom Redhair John Margetts Kami Allen \*\*Karen Hughes Kathy Smoot Kiersten Blanchard Lindsay Stevens McKenzie Clawson Monica Thiriot Paula Riordan Ryan May \*Sara Jane Nicholson Sara Margetts Sarah Silva

<u>Violin (continued)</u> Sariah Silvester Tanja Anderson

Viola
Darrin Frank
Ilene Kinghorn
Joshua Tay
Marie Feinauer
\*Molly Mortensen
Suzanne Rust

Cello
Anna Smith
Camille Humphries
Elizabeth Marsh
\*Larissa Humphries
Rachel Wallin
Sarah Marshall
Steve Farr
Vince Humphries

Bass Cassie Wagstaff \*Clint Grover





Lawrence Gee earned his bachelor's degree in piano accompanying and a masters in piano performance from Indiana University School of Music at Bloomington. He was an assistant conductor at New York City Opera under Beverly Sills. In Utah he has soloed with Mormon Youth Symphony and for several years was piano area director at Snow College. He has collaborated with such fine musicians as Andres Cardenes and William Hagen and can be found on recordings on the Shadow Mountain label with his vocal protege George Dyer. Another vocal student, Jacob Kenison, recently took third place in the national MTNA Young Artist competition. His instrumental hymn arrangements have been published by Jackman Music. He is currently a private teacher with a full studio of piano and vocal students.



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