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ITHACA COLLEGE
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FAMILY WEEKEND

ITHACA COLLEGE CONCERT BAND
Mark Fonder, conductor

ITHACA COLLEGE VOCAL JAZZ ENSEMBLE
Lauri Robinson-Keegan, director

Ford Hall
Friday, October 27, 2006
8:15 p.m.
ITHACA COLLEGE CONCERT BAND
Mark Fonder, conductor

Festival Overture (1879)
  on the American National Air
  "The Star-Spangled Banner"
Dudley Buck
  (1839-1909)
  Trans. by Kennedy
Contre Qui, Rose (1993)
  Morten Lauridsen
  (b. 1943)
  Trans. by Reynolds
Fanfare and Steeplechase (1989)
  John Cheetham
  (b. 1939)
Legacy Symphony (2000)
  Eric Ewazen
  (b. 1954)

III. Of Home and Country

INTERMISSION

ITHACA COLLEGE VOCAL JAZZ ENSEMBLE
Lauri Robinson-Keegan, director

Have You Met Miss Jones? Richard Rodgers and Lorenz Hart
Moonglow Will Hudson, Eddie DeLange, Irving Mills
  Arr. by Teena Chinn
Oye Como Va Tito Puente
  Arr. by Joe Herbert, Bianca Herbert
Do Nothin' Til You Hear from Me Duke Ellington, Bob Russell
  Arr. by Darmon Meader
Song for My Father Horace Silver
(I Can Recall) Spain Music by Chick Corea and Joaquin Rodrigo
  Words by Artie Maren and Al Jarreau
  Arr. by Paris Rutherford
A Celtic Blessing Dave Riley

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About the Program

In 1931 an Act of Congress declared *The Star-Spangled Banner* our national anthem. To mark that 75th anniversary, we present this ingenious work of melodic, harmonic, and rhythmic development based on that famous song. The tune is taken from a drinking song entitled “To Anacreon in Heaven” which is attributed to a British composer John Stafford. American poet Francis Scott Key then set the American text in 1812. The composer Dudley Buck was born in Hartford, Connecticut and is best known as an organist and composer of church music. In 1875, he moved to New York to serve as conductor of the Theodore Thomas Orchestra and organist at Holy Trinity Church.

Composer Morten Lauridsen is most noted for his vocal music – particularly his a cappella motets. This is one of them from the song cycle *Les Chansons des Roses*. The text is a poem by Rainer Maria Rilke:

Against whom, rose,
have you assumed
these thorns?
Is it your too fragile joy
that forced you
to become this armed thing?

But from whom does it protect you,
this exaggerated defense?
How many enemies have I
lifted from you
who did not fear it at all?
On the contrary, from summer to autumn,
you wound the affection
that is given you.

Robert Reynolds scored Lauridsen’s song for band in 2006 and it has quickly become a favorite tone poem, allowing potential for exquisite color and blend.

*Fanfare and Steeplechase* is a showcase for rhythmic and technical virtuosity. The premise is lofty, never too serious, but it is hardly a bit of burlesque either. The entire piece is held together by a five-note motif that is treated in both fanfare and “the chase” stylings. Composer John Cheetham is a professor of composition at the University of Missouri.

Eric Ewazen wrote his *Legacy Symphony* to honor the centennial anniversary of the United States Military Academy Band in 2000. Movement three of this symphony, which musically describes the beautiful grounds of West Point, the tradition of the Long Grey Line and the importance of its history to the United States, is both a tribute to the institution and a celebration of its band. The Ithaca College Concert Band took a day this last September to tour West Point and to rehearse this and other selections with the United States Military Academy Band. The West Point Band returns the exchange with a visit to Ithaca for a concert on Wednesday, November 15. During the second half of the concert the two bands combine for what promises to be a special musical event; one that is free and open to the public.
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Piccolo
Emily Davis

Flute
Sarah Kessler
Emily Watson
Maggie Gallagher
Allison Snee
Jocelyn Kraus
Tracy Kirschner

Bass Clarinet
Nick Rizzo
Andrea Kolbach

Alto Saxophone
Hart Linker
Ian Cruz

Tenor Saxophone
Shannon Burns

Oboe
Kathleen Michel
Corinne Landrey
Lawrence Collerd

Baritone Saxophone
Steve Mathews

Cornet/Trumpet
Greg Harris
Tim Winfield
LJ Neal

Steve Pysnik
Rebecca Graham
Beverly Stokes
Bridget Colgan
Jason Graf
Michael Conerty
Tim Kurtz
Zach Allyn
Peter Falango
Alejandro V. Barnard-
Papachrysanthou

Horn
Ella Nace
Liz Teucke
Maureen Preston
Jennifer Slowey

Bassoon
Jared Cowing
Kristen Schussler
Alex Levine
AJ Coppola

Trombone
Lloyd Dugger
Ryan Kuehhas
Hank Currey
John H. Schlierma
Ashley Taylor
Glenn Hodgson
Ben Baron
Alicia Aubin
Philip Truax

Contrabassoon
AJ Coppola

Euphonium
Mike Vecchio
Mike Horsford
Greg Lewandowski
Erin Sonsky
Eric Dobmeier

E-Flat Clarinet
Amanda Strickland

Tuba
Alfred H. Hadinger
Mel Chayette
Kevin Patrick Madden
Tim Then

Clarinet
Meaghan Garbay
Colleen White
Laura Caruthers
Daniel Vesey
Spencer Blumenfeld
Christine Inserra
Alicia McMahon
Brittany Blais
Collin Myers
Mike Colletti
Laurel Stinson
Will Gunn

Timpani
Valerie Vassar

Clarinet
Ella Nace
Liz Teucke
Maureen Preston
Jennifer Slowey

String Bass
David Rossi

Percussion
Daniel MacCollum
Ernest Backus
Nathaniel Dominy
Peter Kieler
Edith Resnik
ITHACA COLLEGE VOCAL JAZZ ENSEMBLE
Lauri Robinson-Keegan, musical director

Soprano
Katie Fields
Ellen Quinn
Jendra Sundal
Alexis Parshook

Alto
Sandra Canosa
Beth Faulstick
Stephanie Leal
Emily Wilkins

Tenor
Zack Avshalomov
Brandon Coon
A. J. Coppola
Dan Prior

Bass
Adam Berley
Mike Quinn

Piano
Tyler Flanders

Guitar
Aaron Staniulis

Bass
Alex Mitchell

Drums
Brett Chalfin

Sound Technicians
Jon Benson
Dan Timmons