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David Osbon

Dearly Ransomed Soul (Premiere)

Johann Sebastian Bach

(1685 - 1750)

Orchestral Suite No. 2 in B Minor

Overture

Rondeau

Sarabande

Bouree I/II

Polonaise

Menuet Badinerie

Flute: Doris Reinhardt

Intermission

Johannes Brahms

(1833-1897)

Symphony No. 4 in E Minor, Op. 98

Allegro non troppo Andante moderato

Allegro giocoso

Allegro energico e passionate

Thanks to David Osbon for his music.









This performance is supported in part by a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council through Harford County Cultural Arts Board.

Music Director

Sheldon Bair is the Founder and Music Director of the Susquehanna Symphony Orchestra (Maryland), a community orchestra of over 80 members. He holds a Bachelor's degree from Elizabethtown College (Pennsylvania) where he studied conducting with Otis Kitchen and composition with James McVoy and Darrell Douglas, and a Master's degree from Towson University (Maryland). In addition, his postgraduate studies include classes at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey. Sheldon Bair has studied conducting with Witold Rowicki in Vienna, and Marc Mostovoy, William Hudson, and Leonid Grin.



Bair is adjunct faculty for Harford Community College, is on the conducting staff for the Elizabethtown College Music Camp, and is often invited to conduct and adjudicate youth orchestras and soloists. In November 2000, Bair was bestowed the Paderewski Award for Contributions to Society and Culture at the Polish Embassy in Washington, D.C. He has conducted orchestras in Texas, Oklahoma, and Toronto, Canada. Bair participated in the Sixth Malcolm Arnold Festival in Northampton, UK, in the fall of 2011 by introducing Arnold's 9th Symphony at the final Gala Concert.

In June 2016, Maestro Bair retired from Harford County Public Schools after 40 years of music making with young musicians. In retirement, Bair has taken the opportunity to speak about the SSO with local community organizations and volunteers at the local radio station WHFC 91.1 FM where he has the Wednesday morning, 9–Noon, classical show. On September 24, Bair was inducted into the Harford County Public Schools Educator Hall of Fame.



Bair, a member of ASCAP, has written a number of works for student string orchestra and church choir. Bair continues to compose and is presently working on a project about WWII using family letters and documents.

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About the Composer



David Osbon is a composer, conductor, and academic whose music has been performed, broadcast, and recorded around the world. Most of this international recognition comes from the years he spent as a researcher and professor in cities as diverse as Philadelphia, The Hague, and Istanbul. His compositions have received many awards including the Arts Council of Great Britain DIO Award, the RVW Trust electro-acoustic music award, the Clements Memorial

Prize for Chamber Music Composition, and the Alexander Grosz Memorial Prize in the UK. In the USA he was awarded the Hilda K. Nietsche Prize and the David A. Halstead Prize by the University of Pennsylvania (where he earned his Ph.D.) and was recognized by the National Endowment for the Arts for his outstanding contribution as a music educator.

He has conducted ensembles and orchestras ranging from the Bulgarian Radio Symphony Orchestra and the Jordanian Army Band through to the Bremmerton and Grand Valley Symphony Orchestras in the USA. He has toured across Europe, the USA, and the Middle East with a variety of ensembles. An acclaimed expert in multi-media performance, he is a pioneer in multi-platform and transmedia environments for contemporary performance. David is Associate Dean and Head of Graduate Studies at the London College of Music.

Since returning to the UK in 2000, David has, in addition to his musical work, held lecturing roles at the University of London, South Bank University, Rose Bruford College, and Kingston University. He was Head of Arts and Culture at Greenwich Council where he was instrumental in, amongst other things, devising the cultural chapter of the 2012 Olympic Bid. His many compositions have been performed in leading London concert venues ranging from St. John's Smith Square and the Wigmore Hall through to the Purcell Room, Royal Festival Hall, and the Royal Albert Hall. His music has also been performed in Alice Tully Hall, The Academy of Music (Philadelphia) in the New to New York Series, as featured composer in the Tampa Bay Composer's Forum, as well as being featured in music festivals in Washington State, Michigan, Delaware, Massachusetts, and Maryland. He has been featured on National



About the Composer (Cont'd)

Public Radio as well as on NBC, PBS, and FOX TV in the Delaware Valley. Since 2012 David has been featured composer at the "Music on Volcanic Lakes" and the "Grumo Appula" festivals in Italy (including broadcasts on Vatican Radio and Radio Libera Tutti) at the Johann Sebastian Bach Music School in Vienna, the Tibor Vargas Academy in Hungary, Rotterdam Conservatoire, Royal Dutch Conservatoire (The Hague), as well as broadcasts on the BBC and TV appearances on French TV with internationally acclaimed jazz artist Michel Legrand.

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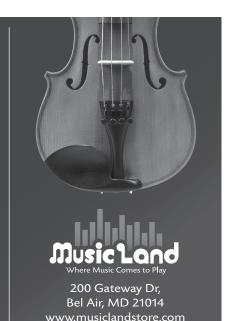
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Doris Reinhardt received her Bachelor of Music degree from Oberlin College Conservatory of Music and her Master of Music degree from The Peabody Institute of The Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. She spent a year in Salzburg, Austria as a student at the Mozarteum Academy of Performing Arts and performed by invitation with the Mozarteum Orchestra for the Salzburg

Music Festival. She studied flute with Robert Willoughby, Britton Johnson, and Helmut Zangerle.

Mrs. Reinhardt taught instrumental music in Howard County, Baltimore City, and Baltimore County Public Schools. While teaching Orchestra and Band at Stoneleigh Elementary School, she developed a steel drum program of fourth and fifth graders who performed at many schools and other venues in Maryland and Pennsylvania. Mrs. Reinhardt is principal flutist with the Susquehanna Symphony Orchestra, a member of the Opus 5 Woodwind Quintet, and a founding member of the steel drum band, "Steel Pandemic." She is the former director of the Baltimore String Orchestra Camp, is active as an adjudicator of music festivals, and maintains a private flute studio at her home in Fallston



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Program Notes

Dearly Ransomed Soul David Osbon

English Composer David Osbon writes, "Dearly Ransomed Soul is the most programmatic of my orchestral works. The music tells the story of a troubled soul seeking redemption and release from the darkness within which it is trapped. This journey from darkness to light is represented in a number of ways. Throughout the work I have represented the search for redemption with ascending figures, some of them quite extensive, which finally break through the dissonance of the harmony in 4 bright chords—the fourth of which is voiced in the short fanfare motif which I have used throughout to represent the 'Soul' of the title. The trouble, turmoil and darkness within which the 'Soul' is trapped is represented by a long (7 measure) motif which appears in various forms until it too is "resolved" in a final short clarinet solo. One cannot help thinking of Berlioz's Symphonie Fantastique as soon as the tubular bells sound, and this is a deliberate reference, as here the tolling bells articulate the 'Soul's' final struggle with the darkness.

"The 'Soul' is the name given by the Angel to Gerontius in Elgar's *Dream of Gerontius* in which he sets Cardinal Newman's poem about Gerontius's final journey to Purgatory. The clarinet solo is another reference to Elgar in that he uses in a similar device in his *Enigma Variations* quoting a theme from Mendelssohn's *Calm Seas and Tranquil Voyage*."

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Orchestral Suite No. 2 in B Minor Johann Sabastian Bach (1685–1750)

"It is unknown when exactly Bach wrote his *Suite for orchestra No. 2 in B minor*" John Keitlor writes. "It is a vibrant and fast-paced work, leaning towards the entertainment side of pure music. This suite is one of four such works that the composer wrote in lifetime. All of the lighter music he wrote was never published, including these works. These four works are fine examples of a lighter style of music making. This suite gave him a chance to write for the transverse flute, which had just begun to be in fashion. [Earlier flutes were more like recorders than the modern flute.]

"The suite is a form derived from a collection of French ballets and operas. They usually begin with an overture, regal and poised, followed by a collection of dances. French music and culture were the rage for much of Germany and other European countries. However, Bach's ear seems to have been more easily fixed on Italy. The music of Vivaldi and the Scarlattis (father and son) are constantly asserting themselves in Bach's music. He seems to have been attracted to the Italian brilliance of harmony and the way they could make speedy ostinatos inject more excitement into an already lively beat. It was simply the most visceral music in Europe at the time and when Bach added it to anything, sparks flew.

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"This piece was probably written around 1720 when he began work around Leipzig. He was usually too busy to write much secular music, unless it was of very high quality."

Symphony No. 4 in E Minor, Op. 98 Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)

Brahms was a very successful composer, having written many works for various solo and combinations of instruments, voice(s), chamber groups, motets, songs, works such as *A German Requiem*, the *Alto Rhapsody*, orchestral versions of some of his *Hungarian Dances*, and *Variations on a Theme by Haydn* performed in November 1873 in Vienna, with unequivocal success. David Steinberg writes, "...but only the year before, Brahms, haunted by the ghost of Beethoven, as were many nineteenth-century composers, had said: 'I shall never write a symphony! You can't have any idea what it's like always to have such a giant marching behind you!' Brahms was forty-three when be put himself through the torment of first symphony birth pangs...for the history-minded Brahms, symphony was not just another genre among many, but rather *the* genre in which a composer had to prove himself if he wanted to be taken seriously as a claimant to a place in the great tradition." His first symphony was completed and performed in 1876 and his fourth and final symphony was first performed in October 1885 with Brahms conducting.

In writing for the Houston Symphony, Calvin Dotsey's program notes state: "During the summers of 1884 and 1885, Brahms composed his Symphony No. 4, working secretly in a quiet Austrian town in the Alps as was his usual practice. For all its warmth and beauty, Brahms' Fourth has an undeniably tragic character. Many have speculated as to its source. Perhaps he simply wanted to compose a symphony that would contrast with his previous ones, which all end in major keys. More convincing, however, is the melancholy vein that had been Brahms' personality since he was a young man, as letters, his friends' memoirs, and even his music attest. Though he would live twelve more years, Brahms may have been contemplating his own mortality as he began his fifth decade of life.

"Musically, Brahms' Fourth continues the advance of the composer's astounding technique, many critics today regard it as his finest work in the genre. Each melody evolves seamlessly and organically from what came before, creating a complex web of musical interrelations."

Program Notes compiled by Don Raff

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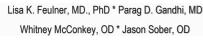
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