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Richard Floyd, Music Director



RICHARD FLOYD is in his 54th year of active involvement as a conductor, music educator, and administrator. He has enjoyed a distinguished and highly successful career at virtually every level of wind band performance from beginning band programs through high school and university wind ensembles as well as adult community bands.

Floyd recently retired as State Director of Music at The University of Texas at Austin. He now holds the title Texas State Director of Music Emeritus. He has served as Music Director and Conductor of the Austin

Symphonic Band since 1985.

Floyd is a recognized authority on conducting, the art of wind band rehearsing, concert band repertoire, and music advocacy. As such, he has toured extensively throughout the United States, Canada, Australia, and Europe as a clinician, adjudicator, and conductor including appearances in 42 American states and in nine other countries.

In 2002 he was the single recipient of the prestigious A A Harding Award presented by the American School Band Directors Association in recognition of his significant and lasting contributions to the school band movement. The Texas Bandmasters Association named him Texas Bandmaster of the Year in 2006 and also recognized him with the TBA Lifetime Administrative Achievement Award in 2008 and the TBA Lifetime Achievement Award in 2015.

He received the Texas Music Educators Association Distinguished Service Award in 2009 and was inducted into the Bands of America Hall of Fame and Texas Phi Beta Mu Hall of Fame in 2011. That same year he was awarded the Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic Medal of Honor for distinguished service and contributions to bands, orchestras, and music education. Most recently Floyd was elected to the National Band Association Academy of Wind and Percussion Arts and presented the Kappa Kappa Psi Fraternity Distinguished Service to Music Award.

Tim O'Brien, Guest Artist



Baritone **TIM O'BRIEN** has sung with Austin Lyric Opera, the Minnesota Opera, the Dale Warland Singers, the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra Chorale, and the Rose Ensemble. Recent performances include Verdi's *Don Carlo* with the Austin Lyric Opera, Bizet's *Carmen* with Opera LOLA, Britten's *The Rape of Lucretia* and the *Ballad of Baby Doe* with the Austin-based Spotlight on Opera, Winterreise and Ralph Vaughan Williams' *Five Mystical Songs* with Portland Oregon's The Ensemble, as well as *Le Nozze di Figaro, Into the Woods, Ariadne auf Naxos, Sweeney Todd, Les enfants terribles*, and *Madama Butterfly* at the Butler Opera Center. O'Brien has toured nationally and internationally with the St. Paul-based Rose Ensemble and has

performed as a concert soloist with groups such as the National Lutheran Choir, the St. Peter Choral Arts Society, and Glorious Revolution Baroque. Willamette Week noted his "rich, dark, palette," and his "strong, yet vulnerable" portrayal of Aeneas in Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas* was praised by the St. Paul Pioneer Press. O'Brien's performances as a singer and percussionist can be heard on some eleven commercial recordings, including the Grammy-nominated *Walden Pond* (Dale Warland Singers, 2004). O'Brien maintains an active teaching and lecturing schedule, having held posts at St. Edward's University, Austin; Concordia University, St. Paul, Minn.; and Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn.

What to Do During Intermission

Get up for a stretch and enjoy the rest of the beautiful Austin ISD Performing Arts Center. Artwork created by AISD students is also on display in the lobby.

We invite you to take this time to get to know the people around you a little better. Since you're all at this concert, you already have something in common—*a love of music!* Say hello and find out what brought them here.

What to Do After the Concert

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Thank you for joining us for today's presentation of MUSICAL PORTRAITS. We hope our performance of today's music brings to your imagination vivid pictures of the people and places featured in these stirring selections.

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Lincoln Portrait
Diamond Tide
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Avellyn's Lullaby Joel Puckett
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Program Notes

In This Broad Earth (2015)

Steven Bryant (b. 1972)

From the composer: "In This Broad Earth is a short fanfare written for and dedicated to Kevin Sedatole and the Michigan State University Wind Symphony. Inspired by beauty I witness when hiking in the Austrian Alps with my wife, Verena, the music celebrates the earth, our only home (for now)."

The title is taken from Walt Whitman's "Song of the Universal" from Leaves of Grass:

In this broad Earth of ours, Amid the measureless grossness and the slag, Enclosed and safe within its central heart, Nestles the seed Perfection.

Steve Bryant is the son of a professional trumpeter and music educator. His music has been described as "chiseled in its structure and intent, fusing lyricism, drama, technology and humor into lean skillfully-crafted works." Bryant studied composition with John Corigliano at The Juilliard School. He also trained for one summer in the mid '80s as a break dancer and was the 1987 radio-controlled car racing Arkansas State Champion. He resides in North Carolina with his wife.

Earth Song (2007)

Frank Ticheli (b. 1958)

From the composer: "Earth Song is one of only a few works that I have composed without a commission. Instead, it sprung out of a personal need during a time when so many in this country, including myself, were growing disillusioned with the war in Iraq. I felt a strong impulse to create something that would express my own personal longing for peace.

It was this longing which engendered the poem's creation. Normally, I would spend countless hours, weeks, perhaps months, searching for the perfect poem to set. But in this case, I knew I had to write the poem myself, partly because it is not just a poem, but a prayer, a plea, a wish—a bid to find inner peace in a world that seems eternally bent on war and hatred.

But also, the poem is a steadfast declaration of the power of music to heal. In the end, the speaker in the poem discovers that, through music, he is the embodiment of hope, peace, the song within the Song. Perhaps music has the power not only

to nurture inner peace, but also to open hearts and ears in a world that desperately needs love and listening."

Sing, Be, Live, See...

This dark stormy hour,

The wind, it stirs.

Have been my refuge,

And music and singing

cries out in vain:

But music and singing

Have been my refuge,

And music and singing

Shall be my light.

O war and power, A light of song

You blind and blur. Shining strong: Alleluia!

The torn heart Through darkness, pain and strife, I'll

cries out in pain. Sing, Be, Live, See...

Frank Ticheli is a revered product of the Texas music education system, having played in the L. V. Berkner High School band under the direction of Robert Floyd. An ardent supporter and friend of the Austin Symphonic Band, Ticheli has been commissioned multiple times by ASB member Cheryl Floyd as director of the Hill Country Middle School Band and by ASB itself to create meaningful music. In 2015, ASB performed Ticheli's *Dancing on Water*, a work the band commissioned him to write in celebration of Richard Floyd's 25 years as the band's conductor and artistic director.

Lincoln Portrait (1942)

Aaron Copland (1900-1990)

Tr. Walter Beeler

Taken in part from Elizabeth Bergman's book Music for the Common Man:

In 1941, ten days after the attack on Pearl Harbor, conductor Andre Kostelanetz asked Aaron Copland to compose a musical portrait of an eminent American. Copland's choice of Abraham Lincoln had several parallels to then president Franklin Roosevelt who often quoted Lincoln in his "fireside chats" and whose New Deal ideology owed much to Lincoln's view of labor and management.

The narrative in *Lincoln Portrait* is cobbled together from several of Lincoln's speeches, with the Gettysburg Address prominent toward the end. Copland chose these quotes for their contemporary relevance rather than their familiarity. Also quoted are Springfield Mountain and Camptown Races. These American folk tunes were chosen to represent a roughhewn and high-spirited Lincoln, as well as a longing for home and desolate sense of loss.

Aaron Copland was often referred to as "the Dean of American Composers" and is best known to the public for the works he wrote in the 1930s and 1940s in a deliberately accessible style often referred to as "populist" and which the composer labeled his "vernacular style." Works in this vein include the ballets *Appalachian Spring*, *Billy the*

Kid and Rodeo, and his Fanfare for the Common Man (written in the same year as Lincoln Portrait). The open, slowly changing harmonies of many of his works are archetypical of what many people consider to be the sound of American music, evoking the vast American landscape and pioneer spirit. Copland's pencil sketches and autographed score for Lincoln Portrait are housed at the Harry Ransom Center at the University of Texas at Austin.

Diamond Tide (2015)

Viet Cuong (b. 1990)

The commission of *Diamond Tide* was underwritten by the middle school band directors of the Texas Music Educators Association Region 18. It is their vision that this work will become a significant addition to the very best in repertoire for school bands. Viet Cuong will be in residence in Austin during May when many area middle school bands will be presenting their premier of the work. Tonight's performance is the premiere of the work in its entirety.

From the composer: A 2010 article published in Nature Physics details an experiment in which scientists were able to successfully melt a diamond and, for the first time, measure the temperature and pressure necessary to do so. When diamonds are heated to very high temperatures, they don't melt; they simply turn into graphite, which then melts (and the thought of liquid graphite isn't nearly as appealing or beautiful as liquid diamond.) Therefore, the addition of extremely high pressure—40 million times the pressure we feel on Earth at sea level—is crucial to form liquid diamond.

The extreme temperature and pressure used in this experiment are found on Neptune and Uranus, and scientists therefore believe that seas of liquid diamond are possible on the two planets. Oceans of diamond may also account for their peculiar magnetic and geographic poles, which do not line up like they do here on Earth. Lastly, as the scientists were melting the diamonds they saw floating solid shards of diamond forming in the pools—just like icebergs in the ocean. Imagine: on distant planets there are oceans of liquid diamond with bergs of sparkling solid diamonds drifting in the tide . . . These theories are of course all conjecture, but this alluring imagery provided heaps of inspiration for *Diamond Tide*, which utilizes the "melting" sounds of metallic water percussion and trombone glissandi throughout. Heartfelt thanks to Cheryl Floyd, Richard Floyd, the TMEA Region 18 bands, and John Mackey for making this piece possible.

Viet Cuong has had works performed on six continents by a number of leading soloists and ensembles. He is currently a Naumburg and Roger Sessions Doctoral Fellow at Princeton, and holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the Peabody Conservatory.

La Procession Du Rocio (1912)

Joaquin Turina (1882-1949)

Arranged by Alfred Reed (1921-2005)

Joaquín Turina was born in Seville, Spain. Much of his early study took place in Madrid, where he became acquainted with Manuel de Falla, whose style was to have a profound influence on him. Turina later studied in Paris, where he familiarized himself with the works of Debussy and Ravel, whose impressionistic harmonies would similarly influence the young composer. Upon returning to Spain in 1914, Turina spent the balance of his career developing his interests in the nationalistic music of his home country through prolific work in the genres of symphonic, chamber, solo piano, and vocal music as well as scores for cinema and stage. During the early part of the twentieth century, nationalism was a popular trend among many composers. Notable Spanish composers who were drawn to this trend were Manuel de Falla, Isaac Albéniz, Enrique Granados, and Joaquín Turina.

In *La Procession du Rocío* (Parade of the Dew), Turina portrays a festival and procession that takes place in the Triana neighborhood of Seville and honors the Blessed Virgin. In the program notes to the orchestral score, Turina described the festival where "the people dance the soleare and seguidilla. In the midst of the dancing a drunkard sets off firecrackers, adding to the confusion. At the sound of flute and drums which announce the Procession, all dancing ceases."

The work is divided into two movements, which are performed without pause. The first movement Triana en Fête (Festival of Triana) depicts the spirited neighborhood of Triana and is marked by a shift between duple and triple meters. The second movement, *La Procession*, portrays the slow journey through the town of Triana. Turina uses the flute and percussion to lead the procession through town followed by several repetitions of a religious theme. After three repetitions of the flute melody, the piece returns to material from the first movement before ending with a reflective passage.

Avellyn's Lullaby (2011)

Joel Puckett (b. 1981)

From the composer: My daughter, Avelynn, arrived on a spring morning with a pep in her step. Since day one, she has had the energy of three babies (although, to be honest, I'm not sure how that is measured). Our nighttime routine has become set in stone. I give her a bath, put her in her pajamas, and we read a book or two. And then we come to my favorite portion of the routine: the lullabies. Doing my part, I sing her slow lullabies while rocking her, and she does her part, fighting the onset of sleep. By far her favorite lullaby is the one my mother used to sing to me: "Sail Far Away, Sail Across the Sea, Only don't forget to Sail, back again to me." At least, I thought it was the one my mother used to sing to me. I got curious about the rest of the verses and found that the piece was written in 1898 by Alice Riley and Jesse

Gaynor and has only a passing resemblance to the song I remember my mother singing to me. Better yet, it has virtually no resemblance to the lullaby I had been singing to Avelynn! So, *Avelynn's Lullaby* is both a journey of daddy trying to coax daughter to sleep and a journey of daughter enjoying the song, fighting sleep, and eventually succumbing to slumber.

Named as one of National Public Radio's listeners' favorite composers under the age of 40, Joel Puckett is one of the most performed composers in America. Hailed by the *Washington Post* as "visionary," Puckett believes in the life-changing power of music to heal and provide comfort to those who need it.

The Sound of Music (2015)

Music: Richard Rodgers (1902–1979) Lyrics: Oscar Hammerstein (1895–1960)

Orchestration: Robert Russell Bennett (1894-1981)

The film version of *The Sound of Music* is fifty years old! The last musical by the luminary team of Rodgers and Hammerstein addresses the unsavory topic of Nazi Germany and the oppression of the arts. Critical response to the film was widely mixed, with Bosley Crowther of *The New York Times* calling it "romantic nonsense and sentiment," and Philip K. Scheuer of the *Los Angeles Times* describing it as "three hours of visual and vocal brilliance." The film was a major commercial success, becoming the number one box office movie after four weeks, and the highest-grossing film of 1965. By November 1966, *The Sound of Music* became the highest grossing film of all-time—surpassing *Gone With the Wind*—and held that distinction for five years. The film was just as popular throughout the world, breaking previous box-office records in twenty-nine countries.

The Sound of Music received five Academy Awards including Best Picture and Best Director. In 1998, the American Film Institute listed *The Sound of Music* as the fifty-fifth greatest American movie of all time. In 2001, the United States Library of Congress selected the film for preservation in the National Film Registry, finding it "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant."

The Sound of Music trivia:

The opening scene of Andrews twirling on the mountaintop may look effortless, but it was anything but. Not only was it raining and cold throughout production, the helicopter kept knocking Andrews over. "This was a jet helicopter," she said, and the down draft from those jets was so strong that every time . . . the helicopter circled around me and the down draft just flattened me into the grass. And I mean flattened. It was fine for a couple of takes, but after that you begin to get just a little bit angry... And I really tried. I mean, I braced myself, I thought, 'It's not going to get me this time.' And every single time, I bit the dust."

Nicholas Hammond, who played Friedrich, grew from 5 feet, 3 inches to 5 feet,

9 inches during the six months of shooting. Since Friedrich had to be shorter than Liesl but taller than Louisa, the growth spurt posed a continuity problem. At the start of the film, Hammond had lifts on his shoes; by the end, his shoes were off, and Carr had to stand on a box.

Julie Andrews sang "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" to the children in the cast to entertain them between shooting. Since Mary Poppins (1964) hadn't yet been released, they just thought she'd made up the song for them.

When the film was released in South Korea, it did so much business that some theaters were showing it four and five times a day. One theater owner in Seoul tried to figure out a way to be able to show it even more often, in order to bring in more customers. So he cut out all the musical numbers.

Among kids who auditioned to play the Von Trapp children were Kurt Russell, Richard Dreyfuss, Veronica Cartwright, Mia Farrow, Liza Minelli, Patty Duke, Sharon Tate, and the four eldest Osmond Brothers (Alan Osmond, Jay Osmond, Merrill Osmond, and Wayne Osmond). Sean Connery, Yul Brenner, and Richard Burton were considered for the part of Captain von Trapp.

Robert Russell Bennett orchestrated *The Sound of Music* for Broadway. Irwin Kostal orchestrated and conducted music for the film.

The Ringmaster's March (2013) from "The Soul has Many Motions" John Mackey (b. 1973)

The Ringmaster's March was commissioned by a consortium of student music organizations (Kappa Kappa Psi, Mu Phi Epsilon, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Sigma Alpha Iota, Tau Beta Sigma, and the University of Texas Student Music Educators Association) at the University of Texas in recognition of Richard Floyd's tireless and passionate advocacy for music education in the State of Texas. Mackey writes "The Ringmaster's March is a riotous Ivesian circus parade, a joyful noise in honor of a man who has always been at the center of the show."

John Mackey, born October 1, 1973, in New Philadelphia, Ohio, holds a master of music degree from The Juilliard School and a bachelor of fine arts degree from the Cleveland Institute of Music, where he studied with John Corigliano and Donald Erb, respectively. Mackey particularly enjoys writing music for dance and for symphonic winds, and has focused on those mediums for the past few years. As a frequent collaborator, Mackey has worked with a diverse range of artists, from Doug Varone to David Parsons, from Robert Battle to the U.S. Olympic Synchronized Swim Team. (The team won a bronze medal in the 2004 Athens Olympics performing to Mackey's score, "Damn.") To entertain himself while procrastinating on commissions, John is a photography enthusiast.

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Alanna Tate
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Bob Miller Elizabeth Rosinbum Cindy Story Brenagh Tucker

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Thank You for Attending Today's Performance!

We hope to see you right back here on Sunday, April 3, at 4 p.m., for our "Music of the Americas" concert featuring tuneful music of North, South, and Central America, with special guest oboe soloist Kelley Tracz.

Mark Your Calendar for Our Future Concerts

April 3, 4 P.M. • *Music of the Americas* • AISD Performing Arts Center May 8, 7 P.M. • *Mother's Day* • State Capitol South Steps June 19, 7:30 P.M. • *Father's Day* • Zilker Park

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