Selected Pitzen Brass Ensemble Programs 1979 – 1981

PITZEN BRASS ENSEMBLE

Mitchell Arnold, conductor

Alice Millor Chapel Northwestern University Saturday April 21, 1979 3:00 PM

PROGRAM

Sonsta Giovanni Battista Buonamente from Sonate et Canzoni, Libro sesto (d. 1643) Venice 1636. ed. Robert King

Susato Suite Tylman Susato from "The Danserye" 1551 (c. 1500-c. 1561) ed. John Iveson

La Mourisque Bransle Quarte Bransles Ronde Basse Danse Bergeret Ronde -- Mon Amy Pavane Battaille

Angels Carl Ruggles (1921) (1876-1971)

Canzon Duodecimi Toni Giovanni Gabrieli Canzon à 12 (c. 1554-1612) from Canzoni per Sonare (1608) ed. Robert King

Intermission

Fanfare pour précéder "La Peri" Paul Dukas (1865-1935)

Fest- Und Gedenksprüche
Unsere Väter hofften auf dich
Wenn ein stärker Gewappneter
Wo ist ein so herrlich Volk

Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)
transcribed by

Funeral March in memory of Rikard Nordrask (1878 version) Edvard Grieg (1843-1907)

Earle of Oxford's March (Published 1599) William Byrd (1543-1623) arr. Elgar Hoverth

The Pitzen Bress Ensemble was formed in the fell of 1978 and consists of present and former Northuestern University students who perform professionally in the Chicago area. Mitchell Arnold is a graduate composition major at Northwestern and is an active composer, conductor and performer.

Trumpets	Trembones	Tube
Tet Jensen	Steven Hayer	Peter Vehrhaftig
John Kergut Donald Schultz	Alan Tobias	Percussion
Robert Smith Steve Williams	Bass Trembone	Cleib Cook Guy Gauthreaux
Horna	Michael Cizek	Andrew Spencer
Kirsten Bendixen	Euphonium	
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Special thanks to Grigg Fountain, Chair Director, Alice Hiller Chapel

The Pitzen Brass Ensemble

Mitchell Arnold, Conductor

Alice Millar Chapel March 1, 1980

PROGRAM

1.	Fanfare for Brass	Sir Michael Tippett (1905-)
2.	Sonata Pian'e Forte from Sacrae Symphoniae (1597)	Giovanni Gabrieli (1557-1612)
3.	Quintet, Op. 6, No. 2 I. Allegro risoluto II. Thema con Variationi III. Allegro vivace	Victor Ewald (1850- ?)
4.	The Earle of Oxford's March arr. Elgar Howarth	William Byrd (1543-1623)
	intermission	
5.	Canzon (Cornetto a 4 voc.)	Samuel Scheidt (1587-1654)
6.	Rondo	Henry Cowell (1897-1965)
7.	"Achieved is the Glorious Work" from The Creation	Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)
8.	Fanfares Liturgiques I. Annonciation II. Evangile III. Apocalypse (Scherzo)	Henri Tomasi (1901-1971)
	IV. Procession du Vendredi-Sain	nt

Trumpets

William Essert 5,6,8
Walter Hamberg 1,4,5,6
Patrick Jensen 1,2,3,4,5,8
Robert Smith 2,3,4,6,8
Stephen Williams 1,4,5

Horns

Katie Dennis 1,2,3,8 Nancy Goodearl 1,6,8 Seth Orgel 1,6,8 William VerMeulen 1,4,8 Shawn Campbell 8

Trombones

Michael Cizek 1,2,4,7,8 Steven Mayer 1,2,4,6,7,8 Timothy Myers 2,3,4,7,8 Alan Tobias 1,2,4,6,7,8

Tuba

Peter Wahrhaftig 2,3,4,8

Percussion

Claib Cook 8 Steve Elkins 8 Andrew Spencer 8

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Mitchell Arnold is also active as a composer, having had works performed in Chicago, New York, San Francisco, and Virginia.

Special thanks to Chaplain James Avery, Grigg Fountain, Deborah Campana, Timothy Myers, Heinrich Pitzen, Alan Stout, Margaret Bradford, Sheldon Atovsky, Charlotte Benson, and Francis M. Andrews.

There will be a reception immediately following today's program in the Parkes Hall Library.

The Pitzen Brass Ensemble

Mitchell Arnold, Conductor

First St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church June 4, 1980

PROGRAM

1.	Prelude	Andre Jolivet
-	from Fanfares pour Brittanicus	(1905-1974)
2.	Christ Rising Again	William Byrd
	arr. Michael Moore	(1543-1623)
3.	"Achieved is the Glorious Work"	Joseph Haydn
	from The Creation	(1732-1809)
4.	Funeral March	Edvard Grieg
	(in memory of Richard Nordraak 1842-1866)	, (1843–1907)
	intermission	
5,	Fanfare Pour Reveiller Le Bon	Erik Satie
	Gros Roi Des Singes (Lequel ne dort toujours que d'un oeil)	(1866-1925)
6.	Canzon V	Giovanni Gabrieli
	from Canzone e Sonate (1615)	(1557-1612)
7.	Fugue in A minor	J. S. Bach
	arr. Lowell Shaw	(1685-1750)
8.	Garden Rain	Toru Takemitsu (b. 1930)

* Faniare to awaken the Monkey King (who sleeps with one eye open)

Six Dances from The Danserye

Tylman Susato (ca. 1500-1561)

Trumpets

William Essert 1,6,7,9
Walter Hamberg 2,6,9
Patrick Jensen 1,4,5,6,8,9
Robert Smith 1,4,5,6,8,9
Stephen Williams 1,2,4,8

Horns

Katie Dennis 1,4,7,8,9 John Feider 1,4,7 Nancy Goodearl 1,4,7 Seth Orgel 1,2,4,7

Trombones

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Program

Fanfare for a New Theater

Igor Stravinsky (1882 - 1971)

Selections from

Claude Gervaise (16th cent.) and Tylman Susato

Renaissance Dance Music

(c. 1500 - 1561) arr. by M. Arnold

Sextet

Oscar Boehme (1870 - 1938)

Canzon Duodecimi Toni

Giovanni Gabrieli (c. 1554 - 1612)

Intermission

Fanfare Pour Reveiller Le Bon Gros Roi Des Singes (lequel ne dort toujours que d'un oeil)* Erik Satie (1866 - 1925)

Canzon Septimi Toni

Giovanni Gabrieli

Angels

Carl Ruggles (1876 - 1971)

Fugue in A minor

J.S. Bach (1685 - 1750) arr. Ralph Lockwood

^{*}Fanfare to Awaken the Monkey King (who always sleeps with one eye open).

O Vos Omnes

Pablo Casals (1876 - 1973)

A Requiem in Our Time
Hymnus
Credo et Dubito
Dies Irae

Einojuhani Rautavaara (1928 -)

Trumpet

Bass Trombone

William Essert Walter Hamberg

Lacrymosa

: Percussion

Michael Cizek

John Henes Dean Psarakis

> Claib Cook Andrew Spencer

Horn

Tuba

Katie Dennis Diane Eaton

Peter Wahrhaftig

Nancy Goodearl Seth Orgel Brian Thomas

Euphonium

Trombone

Timothy Myers

David Ferguson Kevin Hedges Timothy Myers

The Pitzen Brass Ensemble

Mitchell Arnold, conductor Richard Webster, organist

in concert

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Evanston, Illinois Friday, March 6 at 8:00 p.m.

PROGRAM `

1. Vienna Philharmonic Fanfare	Richard Strauss (1864-1949)
2. Sextet, op. 30	Oscar Boehme
Adagio ma non tanto—Allegro molto	(1870-1938)
Scherzo	
Adagio cantabile	
Allegro con spirito	
3. Processional ("Let There Be Light")	
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4. Renaissance Dances	T-1 Counts
Ronde—Hupfauf	I yiman Susato
Konde—Hupfaut	(c. 1500-1501)
Pavane—Galliarde—Pavane	I yiman Susato
Pavane de la Guerre	Claude Gervaise
intermission	
5. Marche Triomphale du Centenaire de Napoleon I	Louis Vierne
3. Marche Monphae de Contonano de Carp	(1870-1937)
	Giovanni Gabrieli
6. Canzon VII (1615)	(1554-1612)
7. Canzon a 12 (1597)	(1334-1012)
8. Final from Symphony No. 1 in D, op. 14 (1899)	Louis Vierne
9. Fanfares Liturgiques	
Annonciation	(1901-1971)
Evangile	
Apocalypse	
Procession du Vendredi-Saint	
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Robert Walp 1,5,6,7

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Bass Trombone Michael Cizek 1,3,4,5,6,7,9

Euphonium
Timothy Myers 2

Tuba
Peter Wahrhaftig 1,2,4,7,9

Percussion Steve Elkins Claib Cook

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Richard Webster is organist and choirmaster of St. Luke's. After graduating from Northwestern University where he studied organ with Karel Paukert and Wolfgang Rubsam, he studied choral conducting at Chichester Cathedral in England as a Fulbright Scholar. Mr. Webster has performed throughout Europe and the United States and was music director for Robert Altman's film "The Wedding."

NOTES

Richard Strauss' Vienna Philharmonic Fanfare is characteristic of Strauss' brass fanfares with a melodic style that harks back to that of natural horns.

Oscar Boehme graduated from the Leipzig Conservatory and migrated to Russia where he performed and taught trumpet, primarily in St. Petersburg/Leningrad. The Sextet, op. 30 (1906) is composed in an idiomatic Russian Romantic style similar to the works of Victor Ewald.

Processional ("Let There be Light") was written for the choir of the Central Presbyterian Church of New York City in 1901, while Ives was organist there. Ives stated in the manuscript that the changing chords, anchored over a C-pedal, are "not to be changed, not to be made pretty."

The Renaissance Dances were originally published as four-part instrumental dance music around 1550. Susato, a Belgian, published these two dances in The Third Little Music Book. Gervaise, French, and Susato were contemporaries in years as well as in style.

Both Vierne works date from the French organist/composer's early years. 'Final' is the last of six movements and is a prime example of the French toccata style of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

The two Gabrieli works represent two distinct compositional styles. The first is from a later period and is monothematic as opposed to the earlier work, which is in a more traditional canzon style. Here, seemingly unrelated imitative sections are strung together.

Henri Tomasi was, among other things, director of the Monte Carlo Opera and the colonial radio station in French Indochina. He has written ballets, operas and concertos for nearly every orchestral instrument.

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Mitchell Arnold, conductor

Thomas Weisflog, organist

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church
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March 8, 1981 3:00 p.m.

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3.	Processional ("Let There Be Light")	Charles Ive (1874-1954)
4.	Renaissance Dances Ronde-Hupfauf	Tylman Susat (c.1500-1561) Tylman Susat Claude Gervais
	intermission	
5.	Marche Triomphale du Centenaire de Napoleon I	Louis Viern (1870-1937)
6.	Canzon VII (1615)	. Giovanni Gabriel (1554-1612)
7.	Canzon a 12 (1597)	Giovanni Gabriel
8.	Toccata, op. 104 (1935)	Joseph Jonge (1873-1953)
9.	Fanfares Liturgiques	Henri Tomas (1901-1971)

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Thomas Weisflog is the organist of St. Thomas the Apostle Church, the First Unitarian Church of Chicago, and the Chicago Lyric Opera. His organ studies have been with Edward Mondello, and he is currently studying keyboard with Gavin Williamson. Mr. Weisflog has served as organ consultant to the Chicago Symphony Orchestra for the selection of the new Orchestra Hall pipe organ.

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Special thanks are due the following individuals for making this concert possible: Fr. Thomas Fitzgerald, Virginia Jacques, Peter Kountz, Margaret Lorincz, Michael McDermott, Renee Menegaz-Bock, Gregory Papesh, Fr. Richard Zborowski.

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- 5. Louis Vierne is generally recognized as the outstanding organ symphonist of the twentieth century. The <u>Marche</u> is an excellent example of his richly harmonic and chromatic writing.
- 6, The two Gabrieli works represent two distinct compositional 7. styles. The first is from a later period and is monothematic. The earlier work is in a more traditional canzon style; here, seemingly unrelated imitative sections are strung together.
- 8. Among other distinctions, Joseph Jongen served as Director of the Conservatory in Belgium from 1925 to 1939. The <u>Toccata</u>, like his other organ compositions, is strikingly similar to the music of the French school (e.g., Louis Vierne).
- 9. Henri Tomasi was, among other things, director of the Monte Carlo Opera and the colonial radio station in French Indochina. He has written ballets, operas and concertos for nearly every orchestral instrument.

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THE PITZEN BRASS ENSEMBLE

Mitchell Arnold, Music Director

St. Thomas the Apostle Church
14 November 1981
8:00 pm

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Programme

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2.	Divertimento for Two Trumpets Michel Corrette Opus VII (1730) (1709-1795)
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3.	Canzon VI
4.	Fest-Und Gedenksprüche Johannes Brahms (Festive and Commemorative Music), Opus 109 (1833-1897)
	intermission
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5.	Prelude: Le Concile des faux dieux Claude Debussy
1	from Le Martyre de Saint Sebastien (1862-1918)
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6.	Drei Equale Ludwig van Beethoven
	for Four Trombones (1770–1827)
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7.	Nonet for Brass Wallingford Riegger Opus 49 (1885-1961)
	(1005-1501)
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0.	Canzon Septimi Toni No. 2 Giovanni Gabrieli from Sacrae Symphoniae (1597) (1554-1612)
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The Ensemble

Trumpets: William Essert, Jeffrey Hickey, Patrick Jensen,

Dean Psarakis, Robert Smith

French Horns: Tod Bowermaster, Charles Hodgson, Jonathan Ring,

Brian Thomas

Trombones: Charles Boston (Bass), David Ferguson, Timothy

Myers, Stephen Wilson

Tuba: Peter Wahrhaftig

Percussion: Kevin Connelley, Steve Elkins

The Pitzen Brass Ensemble thanks you for coming to this concert. Future concerts at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Hyde Park are scheduled for 5 February, 5 March, and 7 May 1982 - all at 3:00 p.m.. Proceeds from this series will benefit the Organ Restoration Project at St. Thomas Church. This is the ensemble's fourth season. Mitchell Arnold is also active as a composer and is a member of the performance group, Kapture. He is currently on the music faculty at Mundelein College.

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Notes

- 1. Andre Jolivet is primarily known as a composer of orchestral and chamber music. In evidence in the Fanfare is his interest in timbral possibilities an interest perhaps inspired by his studies with composer Edgar Varese as his only composition student.
- 2. Michel Corrette's Divertimento is performed by Robert Smith and William Essert on piccolo trumpets. The work is exemplary of the contemporary fascination with the trumpet (witness Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 2).
- 3,8. Both Gabrieli Canzonas serve as examples of the polychoral style, characteristic of the Venetian school. Septimi Toni No. 2 is performed by two antiphonal choirs, while Canzon VI is played by a single choir and is stylistically more of the Baroque period than the Renaissance. It is constructed in such a manner that highlights smaller groupings within the ensemble.
- 4. Fest-Und Gedenksprüche was originally written for antiphonal choirs during the years 1886-1888. It was performed at an occasion in Hamburg at which Brahms was honored and given the "Freedom of Hamburg" commendation. The arrangement for brass is by Fred Teuber.
- 5. Le Martyre de St. Sebastien is described as a mystery play for vocal soloists, chorus, and orchestra. The Prelude is a fanfare preceding Section III, entitled Le Concile des faux dieux.
- 6. An Equale is a solemn composition for like voices or instruments. Drei Equale, composed by request while Beethoven was visiting his brother Carl in Linz in 1812, was performed at Beethoven's funeral.
- 7. Nonet for Brass was written in 1951-1952 while Riegger was a visiting professor at Northwestern University. The work successfully exploits both the soloistic and ensemble capabilities of the ensemble.

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THE PITZEN BRASS ENSEMBLE Mitchell Arnold, Music Director

Prelude: Le Concile des faux dieux from Le Martyre de Saint Sebastien

Divertimento for Two Trumpets Opus VII (1730)

Drei Equale for four trombones

Canzon VI from Canzon e Sonate (1615)

Nonet for Brass Opus 49

Fest-Und Gedenksprüche (Festive & Commemorative music) Johannes Brahms
Opus 109 (1833-1897)

Canzon Septimi toni no. 2 from Sacrae Symphoniae (1597)

Trumpets William Essert Jeffrey Hickey Patrick Jensen Dean Psarakis Robert Smith

French Horns Tod Bowermaster Charles Hodgson Jonathan Ring Brian Thomas

Trombones Charles Boston David Ferguson Timothy Myers Stephen Wilson

Bass Trombone Charles Boston

Claude Debussy (1862-1918)

Michel Corrette (1709-1795)

Beethoven (1770-1827)

Giovanni Gabrieli (1554-1612)

Wallingford Riegger (1885-1961)

Glovanni Gabrieli (1554-1612)

Alto Trombone Stephen Wilson

Tuba Peter Wahrhaftig



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Free Admission

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The Dame Myra Hess Memorial Concerts are presented every Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. in Preston Bradley Hall. All concerts are broadcast live on WFMT radio (98.7 FM). These programs are sponsored ov Talman Home Federal Savings and Loan Association.

THE PITZEN BRASS ENSEMBLE recently began its fourth season. It performs brass music of all periods -- Renaissance to modern -- and for all ensemble sizes -- trios on up to the full fourteen member ensemble. The Pitzen Brass Ensemble was formed in Fall 1978 as an expansion of the Pitzen Brass Quintet, formed in 1976. The Quintet still functions as a performing ensemble.

MITCHELL ARNOLD is also active as a composer, trombonist, pianist and teacher. His compositions have been performed in New York City, San Francisco, Washington, D.C. as well as in Chicago -- MoMing, N.A.M.E. Gallery and the Century Mall. He is a member of the Mundelein College music faculty where he teaches Music Theory and Piano. Mr. Arnold received his B.M. and M.M. at Northwestern University where he studied trombone with Frank Crisafulli and composition with Alan Stout.

Program Notes

Le Martyre de St. Sebastien is described as a mystery play for vocal soloists, chorus, and orchestra. The Prelude acts as a fanfare introduction to section III.

Corrette's <u>Divertimento</u> is performed by Robert Smith and William Essert on piccolo $\overline{\text{trumpets.}}$ It begins with a slow introduction to a rather toccata-like main section. The piece ends with a maestoso section. This work is an excellent example of the time period's fascination with the trumpet. (Witness Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 2)

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Both Gabrieli Canzonas serve as examples of the characteristic polychoral style of the Venetian school. <u>Septimi toni no. 2</u> is performed by two antiphonal choirs and is indicative of Gabrieli's earlier late Renaissance style. Canzon VI, though played by a single choir, and stylistically more of the Baroque era than the earlier work, is still constructed in such a manner that highlights smaller groupings within the ensemble.

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Upcoming Concerts: November 25, Schoettler-Dye, duet piano
December 2, Sontraud Speidel, piano
December 9, Paul Ostrof & Mary Stolper, guitar & flute

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4.	Fest-Und Gedenksprüche Johannes Brahms (Festive and Commemorative Music), Opus 109 (1833-1897)
	intermission
5.	Prelude: Le Concile des faux dieux Claude Debussy from Le Martyre de Saint Sébastien (1862-1918)
6.	Drei Equale
7.	Nonet for Brass Wallingford Riegger Opus 49 (1885-1961)
8.	Canzon Septimi Toni No. 2 from Sacrae Symphoniae (1597) Giovanni Gabrieli (1554-1612)

THE ENSEMBLE

Trumpets: William Essert, Jeffrey Hickey, Patrick Jensen,

Dean Psarakis, Robert Smith

French Horns: Tod Bowermaster, Charles Hodgson,

Jonathan Ring, Brian Thomas

Trombones: Charles Boston (bass), David Ferguson,

Timothy Myers, Stephen Wilson

Tuba: Peter Wahrhaftig

Percussion: Kevin Connelley, Steve Elkins

NOTES

- André Jolivet is primarily known as a composer of orchestral and chamber music. In evidence here is his interest in timbral possibilities -- an interest perhaps inspired by his studies with composer Edgar Varèse as his only composition student.
- 2. Michel Corrette's Divertimento is performed by Robert Smith and William Essert on piccolo trumpets. The work is exemplary of the contemporary fascination with the trumpet (witness Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 2).
- 3,8. Both Gabrieli Canzonas serve as examples of the polychoral style, characteristic of the Venetian school. Septimi Toni no. 2 is performed by two antiphonal choirs, while Canzon VI is played by a single choir and is stylistically more of the Baroque period than the Renaissance. It is constructed in such a manner that highlights smaller groupings within the ensemble.

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- 4. Fest-Und Gedenksprüche was originally written for antiphonal choirs during the years 1886-1888. It was performed at an occasion in Hamburg at which Brahms was honored and given the "Freedom of Hamburg" commendation. The arrangement for brass is by Fred Teuber.
- 5. Le Martyre de St. Sebastien is described as a mystery play for vocal soloists, chorus, and orchestra. The Prelude is a fanfare preceding Section III, entitled Le Concile des faux dieux.
- 6. An Equale is a solemn composition for like voices or instruments.

 Drei Equale, composed by request while Beethoven was visiting his brother Carl in Linz in 1812, was performed at Beethoven's funeral.
- 7. Nonet for Brass was written in 1951-1952 while Riegger was a visiting professor at Northwestern University. The work successfully exploits both the soloistic and ensemble capabilities of the ensemble.

The Pitzen Brass Ensemble thanks you for coming to this concert. Future concerts at St. Luke's are scheduled for February 5, March 5, and May 7, 1982 - all at 8:00 p.m.

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