



NEW HAVEN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Program Notes for Kids

December 21, 2017
Woolsey Hall



Holiday Extravaganza

Chelsea Tipton, conductor
Connor Bogart, vocals

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Christmas Extravaganza

A Christmas Overture

Nigel Hess

Sleigh Ride

Leroy Anderson

The Christmas Song

Mel Torme, arr. Ferguson

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Jeff Tyzik

White Christmas

Irving Berlin, arr. Bennett

March of the Toys

Victor Herbert

Chanukah Medley

Gary Parks

Winter Wonderland

Felix Bernard, arr. Custer

It's Christmastime

arr. Custer

The Prayer

Carol Sager and David Foster, arr. Hayes

Fantasy on Auld Lang Syne

Bill Holcombe

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year

George Wyle, arr. Kessler

Fanfare and Christmas Celebration

arr. David Culross

Sing We Now of Christmas

Randol Bass

Welcome to the NHSO!

Before the concert begins:

- Turn off any device that makes noise.
- Read the *Program Notes for Kids*.
- Locate the restrooms and exits.
- Look around at the architecture of the theater.
- Listen to musicians warm-up their instruments.



During the concert:

- Clap as people enter the stage.
- Listen quietly as the orchestra plays.
- Wait for every section (called *movements*) of a piece to be played, then clap. (Hint: the conductor will turn to face you when it's time.)
- During intermission, you are free to get up.
- At the end of the concert, people may stand up to show their appreciation. This is called a *standing ovation*.



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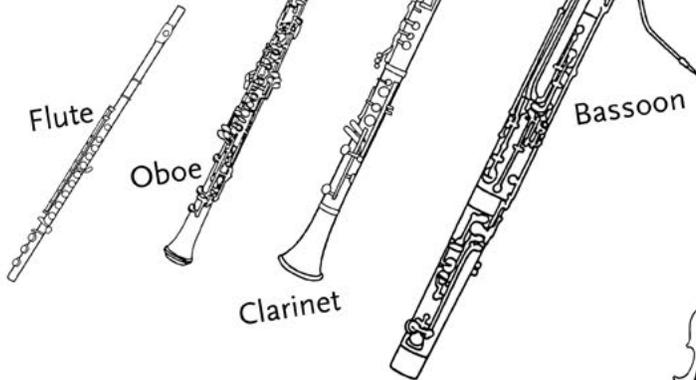


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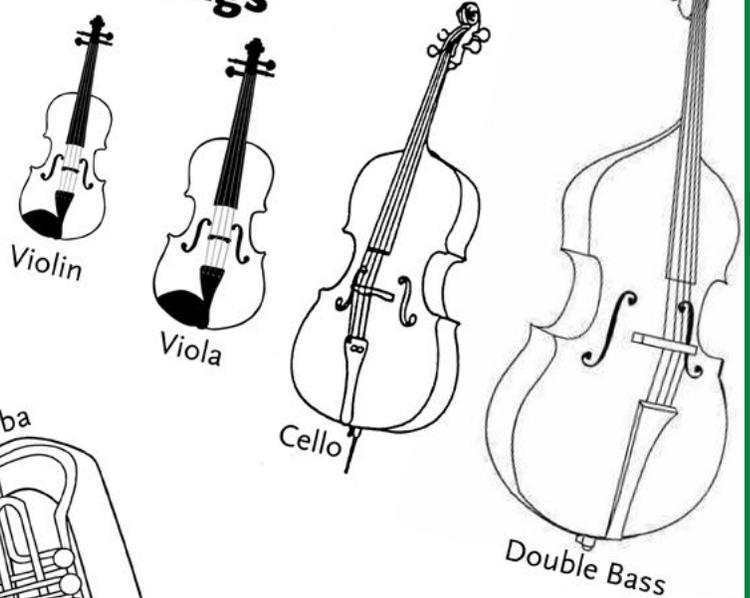
ENJOY!

Instruments of the Orchestra

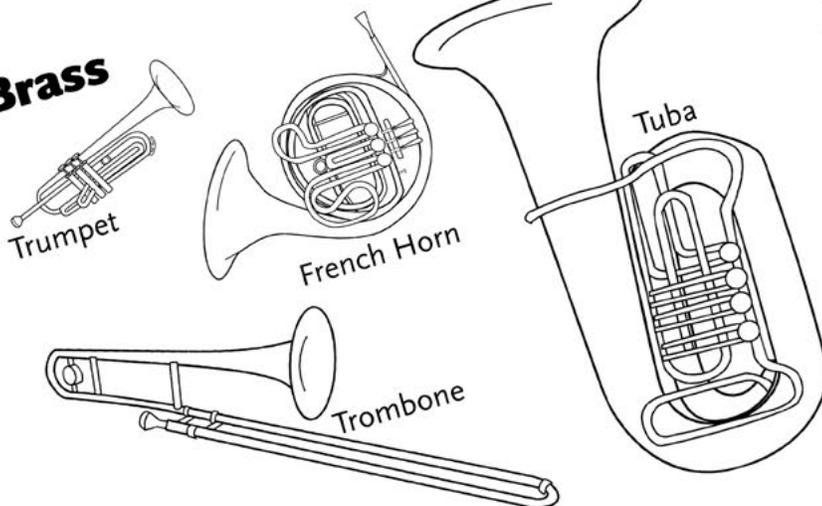
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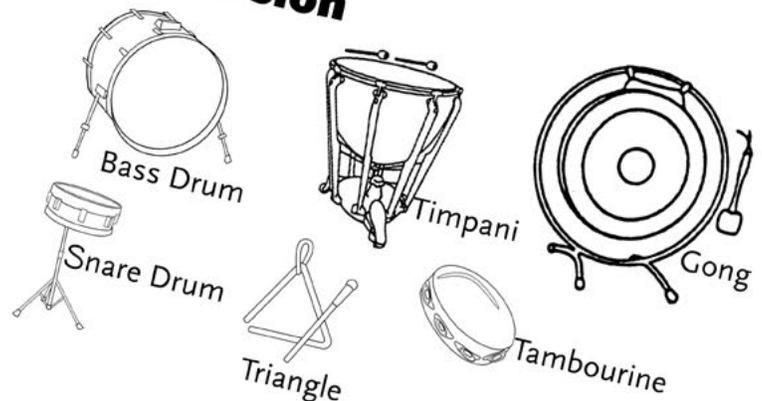
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Brass

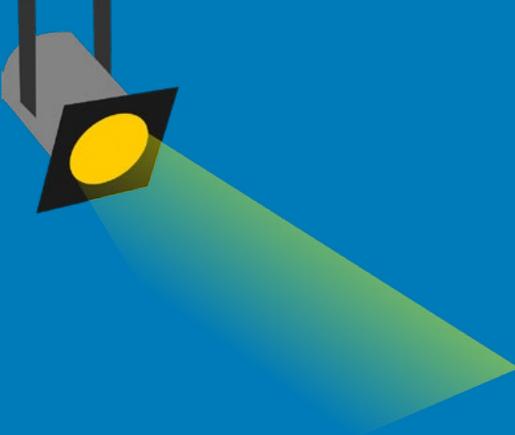


Percussion



The orchestra is led by a conductor, sometimes called "maestro"

and more!



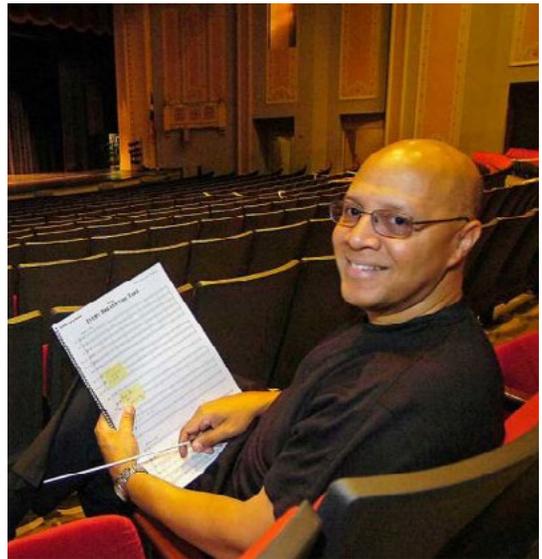
in the spotlight:



Connor Bogart is tonight's soloist, and will be joining us for the songs that have **vocals**, meaning they need a singer.

He is from Ohio, and starting singing and playing the violin when he was only 5 years old! He decided to go to the Eastman School of Music in New York to study opera. Not only did he do really well in that type of music, but he also sang Pop and Rock music in the **a capella** group (singers that don't use instruments - only their voices) "The Yellowjackets," who got really famous after being on the TV show "The Sing Off."

We are lucky to have him sing with us today! Make sure to give him a big round of applause.



Chelsea Tipton is one of our conductors here at the New Haven Symphony Orchestra. He lives down in Texas, where he conducts another orchestra, and comes up to visit us 4 times a year.

Maestro Tipton was born in Oklahoma, but raised in North Carolina. Both of his parents loved music, too! His father played clarinet and his mother was a music teacher. He followed his father's idea and began playing clarinet when he was in the 4th grade. When he was in college, he realized that he liked conducting better and has been doing it ever since!

He is very funny and happy - make sure to write down some of his jokes to tell later!

Holiday Music

Around the World

Countries and cultures all around the world celebrate different holidays in the winter. Here are three that are celebrated in the United States, and music that comes from their celebrations:

CHRISTMAS

Christmas is celebrated in the Christian religion. Christians believe that Jesus Christ was born on December 25, so they celebrate the day to remember his birth. Santa Claus is a large part of the holiday, too. Santa Claus is really Saint Nicholas, who was a real man that lived 300 years after Jesus was born! He gave money to his poor neighbors to help them out, so they remembered him and kept his memory alive by telling people about him. Santa Claus comes from Saint Nicholas: Saint = Santa and **Nicholas** = Claus!

Some famous Christmas songs (called **carols**):

- Joy to the World
- Deck the Halls
- Silent Night
- Little Drummer Boy
- O Come All Ye Faithful
- The First Noel

HANUKKAH

Hanukkah (sometimes spelled **Hanukkah**) means “Festival of Lights,” and comes from the Jewish religion. It celebrates the time when the Maccabees, a group of Jewish people living together, won a battle against the Seleucid Empire, who told Jewish people that they could no longer practice their religion. After the battle, the Maccabees wanted to pray at a temple. They could only find enough oil to light their candles for one night, but a miracle happened and the oil burned for eight nights! Now the holiday is celebrated by families lighting one branch of a menorah, or lamp, per night. Family members exchange gifts over the eight nights and eat and pray together. The holiday is celebrated at a different time every year, sometime between late November and early December.

Some famous Hanukkah songs:

- S’vivon Sov Sov Sov
- I Have a Little Dreidel
- Maoz Tzur
- Al Hanisim
- Mi Y’malel
- Ner Li

Kwanzaa

Kwanzaa is a holiday that celebrates African-American culture. It was first practiced in 1966, and runs from December 26 until January 1 each year. Each of the seven days is meant to learn about and reflect on one of these principles: **Umoja** (Unity), **Kujichagulia** (Self-Determination), **Ujima** (Collective work/responsibility), **Ujamaa** (Cooperative Economics), **Nia** (Purpose), **Kuumba** (Creativity), and **Imani** (Faith).

Some famous Kwanzaa songs:

- The Kwanzaa Song
- Seven Principles
- Ishe Oluwe
- Ogunire
- Oshun Chant
- Tarig Ash-Shoag

Scavenger Hunt

How many questions can you answer?

1. How many columns are there around Woolsey Hall? _____
2. How many organ pipes are there behind the stage? _____
3. How many flutes are on stage? _____
4. How many string instruments are on stage? _____
5. How many lights are hanging from the ceiling? _____

If you were writing a review of Connor Bogart's performance tonight, which words would you use to describe them? Check all that apply!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Captivating | <input type="checkbox"/> Boring | <input type="checkbox"/> Effortless | <input type="checkbox"/> Quick |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exhilarating | <input type="checkbox"/> Amazing | <input type="checkbox"/> Fascinating | <input type="checkbox"/> Vibrant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quiet | <input type="checkbox"/> Fast | <input type="checkbox"/> Strong | <input type="checkbox"/> Slow |

Out of all the pieces that you heard tonight, which one is your favorite? Why?

Concert Review

Write about your experience at the concert tonight.

Who did you see? What did you hear?

What did you think about the music and the experience?

What would you like to tell the Maestro and the musicians?

We would love to know what you think!
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Family Concert Series:

“THE SYMPHONY GOES TO THE ZOO!”

The NHSO Family Concert Series provides fun, interactive **FREE!** concerts for students ages 3-9 to meet the instruments of the orchestra. These concerts will be held on Saturdays at Davis Street School in New Haven and Sundays at Shelton High School.

Before each concert, the NHSO offers an Instrument Petting Zoo where children can tap, tickle, and toot real orchestral instruments before the performance. Following the concert, families are invited to stay for a healthy snack. New Haven Reads provides free children's books for everyone who attends the concert. Attendance is FREE but donations are welcome!

BABAR THE ELEPHANT

January 20 & 21

Piano music with special guest Michael Boudewyns of Really Inventive Stuff

THE TORTOISE AND THE HARE

February 17 & 18

Brass quintet with guests from the the Beardsley Zoo.

THE CAT IN THE HAT

March 3 & 4

Piano, violin, and cello with local storyteller Tom Lee.



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