

NHCO

— 125 YEARS —

NEW HAVEN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Program Notes for Kids

November 8, 2018 | Woolsey Hall

Carmina Burana

Tonight's Concert

Overture to Oberon

Weber

Music From Sleeping Beauty

Tchaikovsky

Carmina Burana

Orff



Congratulations!

Tonight's cover was designed by Yuchen (Jessie) Jiang, Grade 12 at Amity Regional High School in Woodbridge, CT!

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:

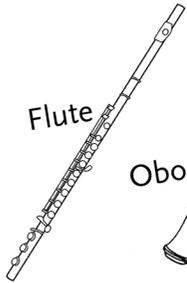
- Clap as people enter the stage.
- Listen quietly as the orchestra plays.
- Wait for every section (called *movements*) of a piece to be played, then clap. (Hint: the conductor will turn to face you when it's time.)
- During intermission, you are free to get up.
- At the end of the concert, people may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



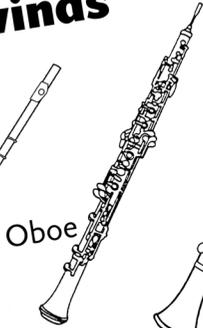
ENJOY!

Instruments of the Orchestra

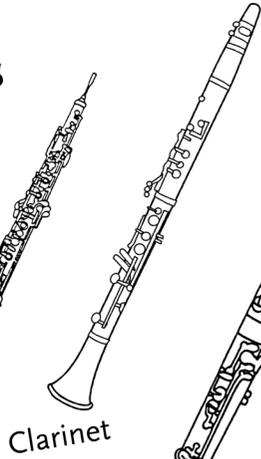
Woodwinds



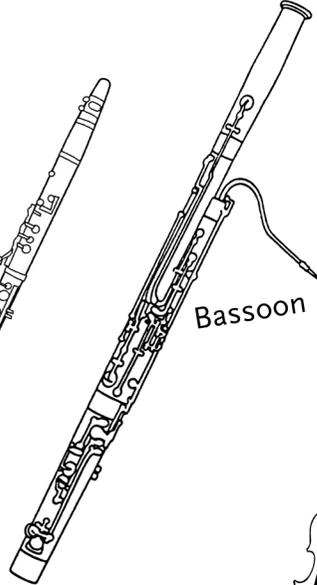
Flute



Oboe



Clarinet



Bassoon

Strings



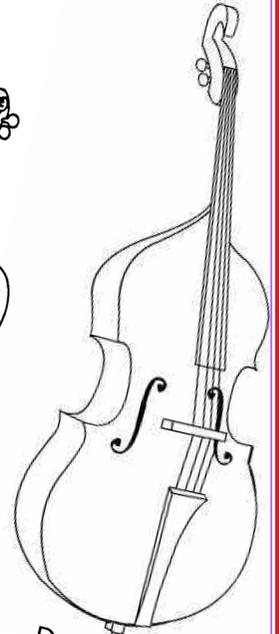
Violin



Viola



Cello

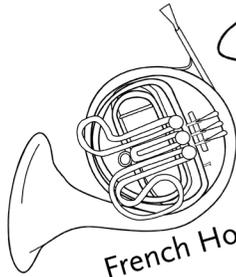


Double Bass

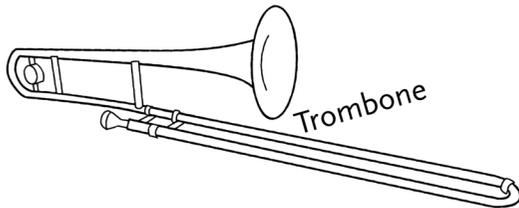
Brass



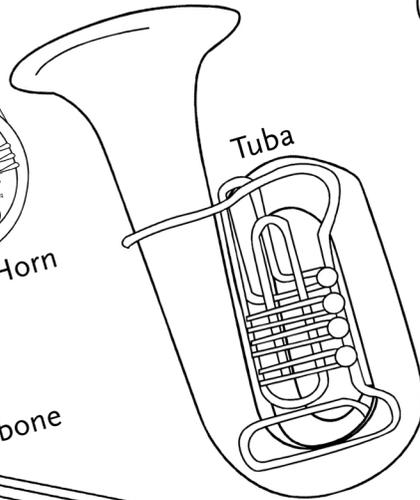
Trumpet



French Horn



Trombone



Tuba

Percussion



Bass Drum



Snare Drum



Timpani



Gong



Triangle



Tambourine



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

and more!

Overture to Oberon



“ “
It takes me so long to say
all of my names!
” ”

Carl Maria Friedrich Ernst Von Weber (1786-1826)...Wow, that's a long name! He was born in Germany to a musical family. In his childhood he would travel around taking lessons with various composers and musicians. As he became more successful, he became a champion of German opera.



Help! what's an Overture?

An Overture is a piece for only instruments at the beginning of an Opera.

Weber's *Oberon Overture* is the very beginning of his opera, like the beginning text and music of *Star Wars*. At the start of the piece, listen to for the horn solo. This solo is symbolizing a magic horn that can summon help!



Sleeping Beauty

“ “
I had five brothers and sisters!
” ”



Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, PYO-tur ihl-YIHCH chy-KAWF-skee (1840-1893) was born in a small town in Russia. His family had him start playing the piano at the age of 5! During his amazing career he composed pieces such as *The Nutcracker*, *Swan Lake*, six symphonies, and of course *Sleeping Beauty*.



Beauty is a ballet, but tonight it will be played without dancers. If you have seen the Disney movie (*Sleeping Beauty*), then you know this story. It goes like this: a princess gets cursed by a witch and goes into a long sleep that can only be awakened by her true love's kiss. So, her true love comes and defeats the witch and saves the princess. Today, we are performing two songs from the Ballet: "Panorama," depicts the true love's approach to where the princess is sleeping, and the "Waltz" was written to accompany the princess's birthday celebration!

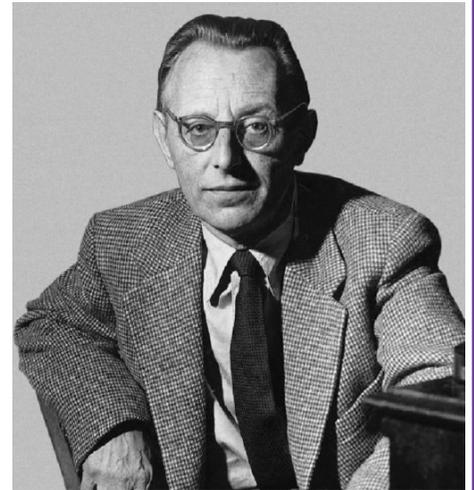


Help! What's a Ballet?

A Ballet is an artistic dance performed to music.

Carmina Burana

Carl Orff (1895-1982) was born in Bavaria, which is in southern Germany. He attended the Munich Academy of Music until 1914. He really liked to combine words, music and drama, making his music very exciting. He released the famous *Carmina Burana* in 1936. This piece uses very old text; Latin, Middle High German, and Old French. These are all languages that came before what people speak today! *Carmina Burana* has seven scenes that are broken into 25 movements. This is like how the whole Harry Potter series are broken down into seven books, and those books are divided into chapters.



Carmina Burana's Seven Scenes

1. Fortuna Imperatrix Mundi (Fortune, Empress of the World)

This first movement is all about how things can go from good to bad or bad to good very quickly. This is a very famous piece, and some people say it sounds like heavy metal! What do you think?

2. Primo Vere (Spring)

These movements are supposed to make you picture how springtime comes after winter and makes everything grow green and beautiful again.

3. Uf Dem Anger (In the Meadows)

These movements are about falling in love.

4. In Taberna (In Taverns)

These movements are about hanging out in bars too much and the dangers of making bad choices in life.

5. Cour D'Amourthe (Court of Love)

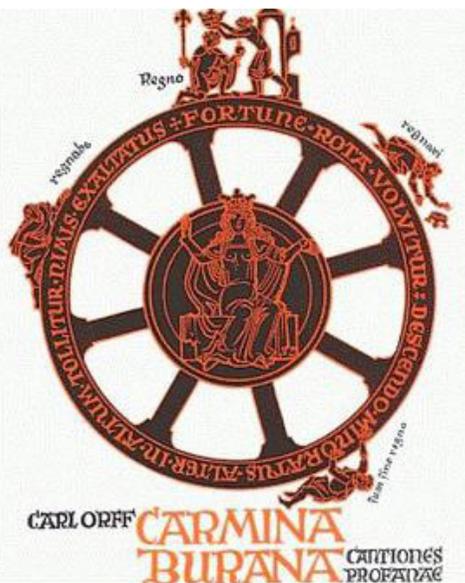
These movements are about falling in love. Cupid (the little guy with the bow and arrow!) makes an appearance and shoots people with his love arrows to make them fall in love.

6. Blanchefeur et Helena

Blanchefeur and Helen are two ancient women who are known as being the most beautiful women of their times.

7. Fortuna Imperatrix Mundi

The first movement returns again for a wild finale!



This wheel is what the first scene is based on. The wheel and the lady in the center symbolize fate (the ups and downs of life). If you look closely you can see on the top there is a person being crowned at the top of his life, but the wheel keeps spinning and that person falls from being a king to a lower class. As the wheel turns, the person becomes crushed under the weight of it. Finally, the person rises again from the bottom in redemption.

What do you picture when you hear Carmina Burana?



Spotlight on:

Tonight's featured artists

Featured Soloists



Lisa Williamson

Soprano



Tim Fallon

Tenor



Zachary Johnson

Baritone

Featured Choirs



The Fairfield County Chorale



New Haven Chorale



Chorus of Westerly

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 oboes are on stage? _____
4. How many string instruments are on stage? _____
5. How many lights are hanging from the ceiling? _____

Draw a Picture of Sleeping Beauty:

If you were writing a review of the Choirs' performances tonight, which words would you use to describe it? Check all that apply!

- | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <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 movements (or songs) that you heard tonight, which one was your favorite? Why?

Family Concert Series: FAIRY TALES

The NHSO Family Concert Series provides fun, interactive concerts for students ages 3-9 to meet the instruments of the orchestra. These concerts will be held from January - March at Davis Street School in New Haven and Shelton Intermediate 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!

THREE BILLY GOATS GRUFF
January 9 & 10

The NHSO string quintet tells this classic fairytale while studying famous melodies.

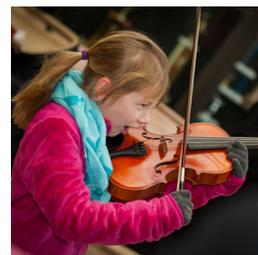
GREEN EGGS & HAM
February 23 & 24

Dr. Seuss's classic tale is told by NHSO fan favorite, Michael Boudewyns

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD TAKES METRO NORTH
March 9 & 10

A world premiere by the NHSO's mixed quartet!

Visit NewHavenSymphony.org/Family to learn more.



Did you know?

Kids go FREE to ALL NHSO concerts!

The NHSO offers free KidTix for children age 17 and under with the purchase of an adult ticket. Additional child tickets are available for \$10 each. KidTix can be purchased online or by calling the NHSO box office at 203.787.4282.

Frontier
COMMUNICATIONS

NewHavenSymphony.org

