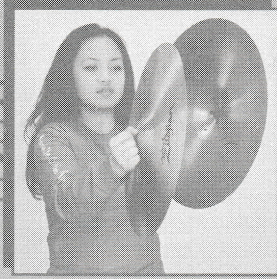
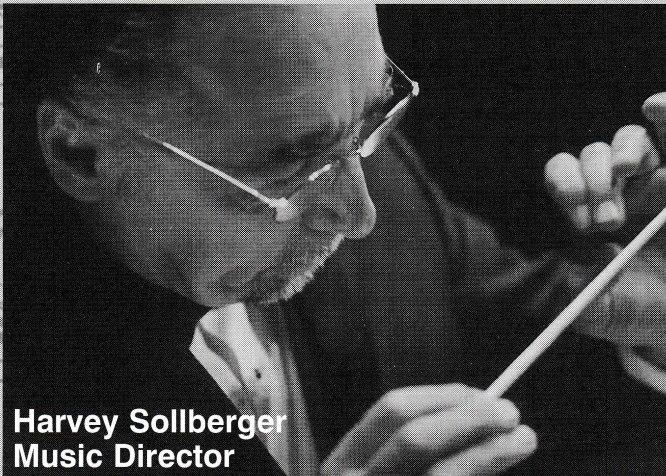


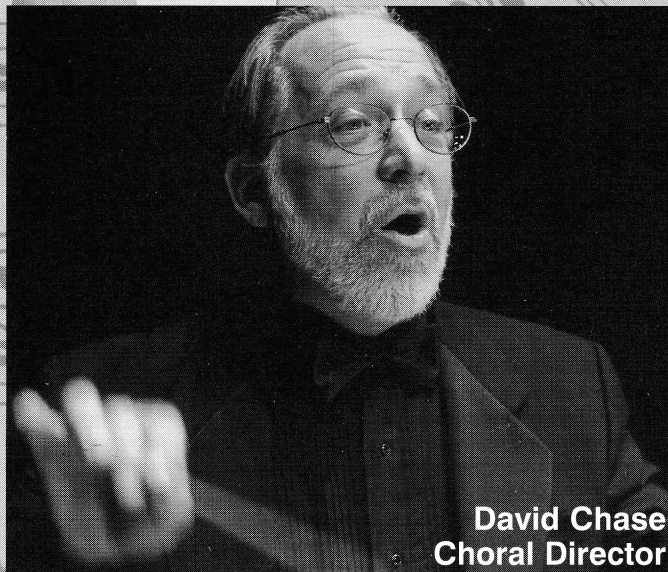
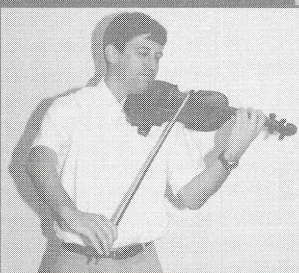
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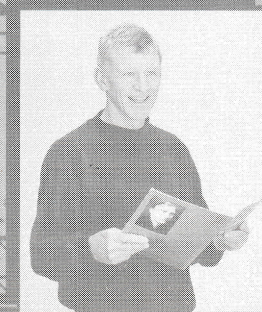
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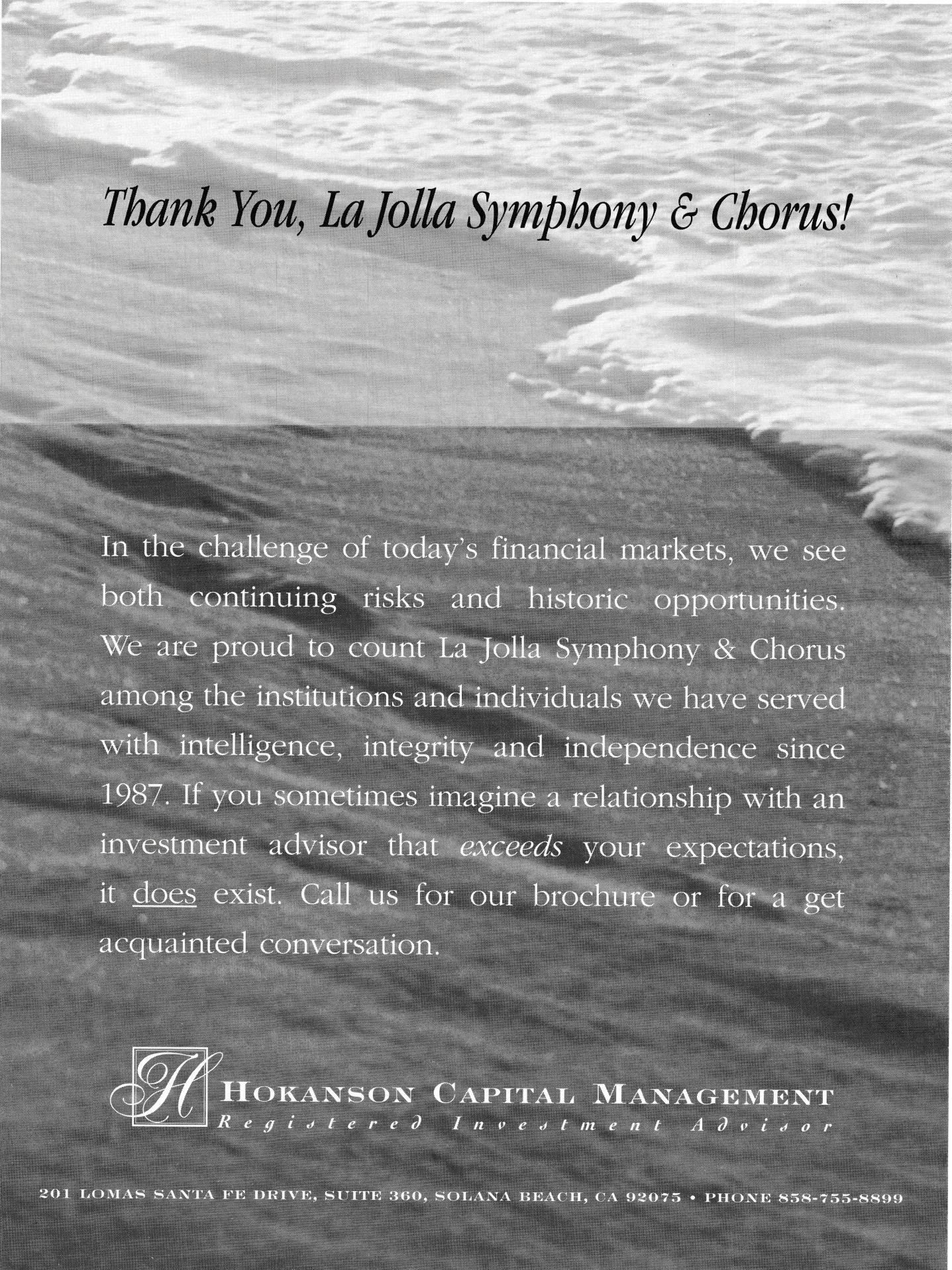


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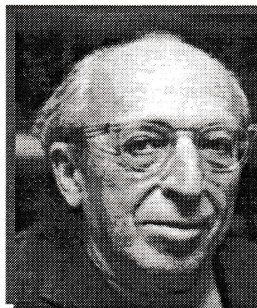
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Fanfare for the Common Man

AARON COPLAND

Born Nov. 14, 1900, Brooklyn

Died Dec. 2, 1990, North Tarrytown, New York



When the United States was plunged into World War II in December 1941, Aaron Copland—then 41—tried to enlist in the army. That could not be arranged, and he

turned instead to composing music on American themes as his contribution to the war effort. First came his *Lincoln Portrait* (February-April 1942), and during the summer he composed the ballet *Rodeo*. At this same time, conductor Eugene Goossens of the Cincinnati Symphony commissioned fanfares from ten composers to be performed during the 1942-43 season. Copland was asked to contribute a fanfare for that November but could not finish in time, and the premiere was put off until the following March.

Copland composed a brief fanfare for brass and percussion, but was unable to think of a suitable title. He considered *Fanfare for a Solemn Ceremony*, *Fanfare for the Day of Victory*, *Fanfare for the Spirit of Democracy*, and several others before settling on *Fanfare for the Common Man*. In his autobiography, Copland noted how that name at first mystified Goossens, who wrote to the composer: "Its title is as original as its music, and I think it is so telling that it deserves a special occasion for its performance. If it is agreeable to you, we will premiere it 12 March 1943 at income tax time."

The *Fanfare*—whatever its name—has of course become one of Copland's best-known works, played around the world. Thunderous percussion attacks launch the arcing trumpet fanfares, which are quickly joined by the rest of the brass. In 1946 Copland used the *Fanfare* in a slightly revised form as the introduction to the last movement of his *Third Symphony*, and the *Fanfare* has been heard since at presidential inaugurations, as a television signature tune, at groundbreaking ceremonies, and on many other occasions.☉

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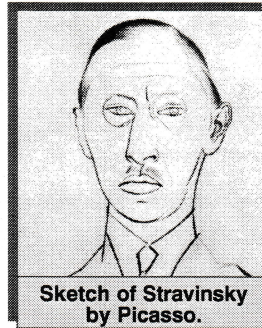
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IGOR STRAVINSKY

Born June 17, 1882, Oranienbaum

Died April 6, 1971, New York City



Sketch of Stravinsky
by Picasso.

Stravinsky composed his *Symphonies of Wind Instruments* during the summer of 1920, which he spent in a fishing village in Brittany. The music was written as the result of a request from the *Revue Musicale*, which had asked a number of composers for short pieces in memory of Claude Debussy, who had died two years before. Stravinsky had been friends with Debussy, although his own music had been a source of mixed pleasure to the older composer. Stravinsky noted that

While composing my *Symphonies* I naturally had in mind the man to whom I wished to dedicate them. I used to wonder what impression my music would have made on him, and what his reaction would have been. I had a distinct feeling that he would have been rather disconcerted by my musical idiom...

According to my idea, the homage that I intended to pay the memory of the great musician ought not to be inspired by his musical thought; on the contrary, I desired to express myself in a language which should be essentially my own.

What emerged from Stravinsky's wish to remember Debussy was a brief (nine-minute) piece for wind instruments only. The *Symphonies of Wind Instruments* remains one of Stravinsky's less-known works, as the composer knew it would be:

I did not, and indeed I could not, count on any immediate success for this work. It is devoid of all the elements which infallibly appeal to the ordinary listener and to which he is accustomed. It would be futile to look in it for any passionate impulse or dynamic brilliance. It is an austere ritual which is unfolded in terms of short litanies between different groups of heterogeneous instruments.

Stravinsky's choice of title should be understood carefully, for it does not denote a series of small symphonies in the formal sense of that term. Rather, *symphonies* should be understood in its literal sense: the playing together of a group of instruments. Stravinsky said that what he meant by the title was "the togetherness of wind instruments."

This music is scored for what might be called a symphony orchestra minus its strings and percussion: the 24-member ensemble consists of three flutes, alto flute, two oboes, English horn, two clarinets, alto clarinet, three bassoons (the third doubling contrabassoon), four horns, two trumpets in C, trumpet in A, three trombones, and tuba. The work divides into three sections played without a break, and the opening and closing sections are built on a slow chorale. Stravinsky's description of the *Symphonies* as "an austere ritual" is accurate: throughout, the music is somber and subdued, its gravely ceremonial tone appropriate to its function as a memorial.

Stravinsky revised the *Symphonies* in 1947, making some small changes that involve instrumentation and metrical notation. At these concerts, the original version of 1920 is performed. ♪

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Our own "backyard" consists not just of the UCSD Community, but all of San Diego County. The La Jolla Symphony is diversity in action, with participants across a wide range of ages, professions and backgrounds united in the common goal of bringing great and original symphonic music to life in our city and county for the benefit of all.

In this context, choice of repertoire plays a considerable role in defining our identity and mission as a musical organization. 18th and 19th century Europe gave the orchestra its wonderful traditional (or "mainstream") repertoire, which we continue to celebrate. Meanwhile, though, the orchestra as a medium has become host to a far broader and more diverse range of expression than ever before. Our goal, in this respect, is to fully engage these new musical worlds—even as we preserve and continue to re-discover the riches of the past—educating and challenging ourselves and our public in the process. As we do so, I expect to see the La Jolla Symphony Orchestra & Chorus taking its message more directly and effectively to a broader public, thus raising its profile in the community and fulfilling its artistic and social mission to the fullest degree possible.

Music Director of the La Jolla Symphony & Chorus since 1998, Harvey Sollberger has been active as a composer, conductor, flutist, teacher, and organizer of concerts. His work in composition has been recognized by an award from the National Institute of Arts and Letters, two Guggenheim Fellowships, and by commissions from the Koussevitsky Foundation, Fromm Foundation, National Endowment for the Arts, Walter W. Naumberg Foundation, Music from Japan, and the New York State Council on the Arts. Maestro Sollberger's music has been performed here and abroad by such ensembles as the New York Philharmonic, San Francisco Symphony, and Pierre Boulez's Domaine Musical. As a flutist and conductor, he has toured and recorded extensively. His orchestral credits include appearances and recordings with the San Francisco Symphony, San Diego Symphony, Buffalo Philharmonic, American Composers Orchestra, and the June in Buffalo Chamber Orchestra. He has taught at Columbia University, Manhattan School of Music, Indiana University, and Amherst College, and he is currently Professor of Music at UCSD, where he conducts the new-music ensemble SONOR.

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Music for Strings, Percussion, and Celesta

BÉLA BARTÓK

Born March 25, 1881, Nagyszentmiklos, Hungary

Died September 26, 1945, New York City



When the young Swiss conductor Paul Sacher met Bartók in the early 1930s, he was—like everyone else—swept away by the force of the composer's presence. In a famous description, Sacher said of Bartók: "His being breathed light and brightness; his

eyes burned with a noble fire." Sacher was so impressed by a performance of Bartók's *Fifth String Quartet* that he asked the composer for a new work for the tenth anniversary of his Basle Chamber Orchestra.

Bartók was interested. At 55, he had written no purely orchestral music since his *Dance Suite* of 1923. This particular commission limited him to a small orchestra, but Bartók restricted his forces even more precisely—he chose to write only for the string and percussion sections of the orchestra. Working rapidly over the summer of 1936 (he composed this work directly into full score), Bartók completed the piece he called *Music for Strings, Percussion, and Celesta* on September 7. Sacher had twenty-five rehearsals before the very successful premiere in Basle on January 21, 1937, which Bartók attended. The American premiere, with John Barbirolli leading the New York Philharmonic, followed in October, 1937, but it was not until after World War II (and the composer's death) that the *Music* came to be regarded as one of Bartók's finest works and—in its intensity and distinct sound-world—one of the most influential works of this century.

Bartók arrived at this abstract and functional title only after some uncertainty: this is *Music* for precisely-defined forces. It is also a work of real originality. One seminal theme gives shape to all four movements, the players are distributed across the stage in exact locations so that where the sounds come from is an important part of the music, and Bartók generates a world of sounds never heard before. Even the composer could be surprised by what he had written: during rehearsals he wrote to his wife "A couple of spots sound more beautiful and startling than I had imagined. There are some very unusual sounds in it!" Yet for all this originality, the *Music for Strings, Percussion, and Celesta* is composed in some of the most traditional of classical forms, which Bartók handles with crisp control. This close fusion of the new with the traditional is one of the most impressive features of the *Music*, a work that appeals powerfully to the mind, to the ear, and also to the heart—from the dark opening, Bartók leads us across a varied landscape to as exciting and cathartic a finale as he ever wrote.

Bartók chooses that most disciplined of forms—the fugue—for the first movement. The somber fugue subject

(announced by muted violas and developed exclusively by the strings) divides into four brief rising-and-falling phrases. While this theme is rooted in A minor, it is of such tight compass—and such chromatic freedom—that any sense of a home key is quickly obliterated. Bartók changes meter almost every measure during this fugue, and so the sense of a downbeat or natural phrase unit is also obliterated. The composer himself provided a program note for the premiere in which he noted the strictness of his fugue: each succeeding even-numbered entry is up a fifth from the previous, each odd-numbered entry is down a fifth. His control is absolute—there are no interludes, no counterthemes, and the fugue reaches its climax on E-flat, harmonically the furthest point possible from the opening A, as timpani, cymbals, and bass drum contribute to the intensity. The music breaks off in silence, and the return is almost more impressive than the fugue itself. Bartók reduces his fugue theme to fragments, inverts them, and telescopes their entries. Over the icy sound of celesta, the fugue glides to its final measures, where various fragments try to take hold and collapse. The music winds into silence as two violin sections offer a mirror-image cadence that slowly and precisely lands on a unison A, the point at which the fugue began. Mere words do not begin to get at the impact of this music, which is powerful precisely because it is so controlled: it begins in near silence, and Bartók gradually unleashes a searing energy that flames to life, then re-controls it, and—like a genie driven back into its lamp—this music vanishes at just the spot it had come to life.

After such intensity, some release is necessary, and Bartók changes everything in the second movement. Now he treats the two string orchestras antiphonally (they had been tightly woven together in the first movement) and deploys the rest of his percussion, which had sat silent through the fugue. Here is another quite traditional structure—a sonata-form movement in C major—and Bartók quickly has the music ricocheting across the stage as the two string orchestras take bits of it up in turn. Only gradually does the ear recognize that their sharply-inflected music is a variation of the opening fugue subject. Every sonata-form movement needs a second subject, and here it shows up in the classically-correct dominant, G major (Haydn and Mozart would have approved). The structure of this movement is crystalline: Bartók seals off the exposition with four ringing G-major chords and a timpani salvo that sweeps upward into nothing (surely a wry joke) before proceeding into a development that includes a muted fugato on the movement's opening theme. The recapitulation—as clearly defined as in any Haydn symphony—transforms the opening 3/4 and 2/4 meters into 3/8, and the movement concludes riotously as the two string orchestras fire bits of the main theme back and forth across the stage. This movement—full of energy, humor, and sounds in motion—is just plain fun to hear.

Once again, everything changes with the *Adagio*, one of the classic examples of the Bartók "night-music movement" (though it should be noted that—in its dark colors and somber expression—the *Music's* opening fugue is also a

night-music movement). The form here is a great deal more fragments of the fugue theme. Here, more than in any other movement, Bartók explores the range of sounds available within his choice of instruments. The *Adagio* opens with the clink of solo xylophone, which gives way to the uneasy swoop of timpani glissandos. The violas' *parlando* entrance (imitating the rhythms and sounds of speech) launches the sequence of episodes, which runs from icy swirls through great snapped-off chords for full forces. The *parlando* theme returns at the end, and the xylophone and timpani draw the music to a barely-audible close.

Out of the silence, the finale—a rondo built on dance episodes—explodes to life. Once again, Bartók returns to the antiphonal presentation of the second movement, and the opening violin dance rips along the asymmetric rhythms of Bulgarian folk-music (accented 3+3+2). A passage marked *Presto strepitoso* ("fast and noisy") rushes the *Music* to its climax: beneath a high harmonic A, the opening fugue subject—now opened out to a somewhat more diatonic form—returns, and Bartók expands this into a grand statement: the theme that had been so somber in the first movement now rises up to assume a heroic, almost romantic, form. Bartók invokes a little of the third movement's spooky chromaticism before the main theme of the finale dances the *Music for Strings, Percussion, and Celesta* to its exuberant close.☉



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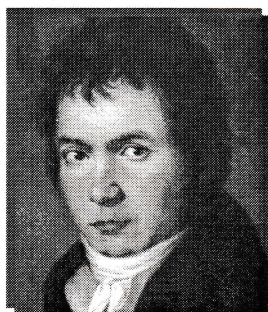
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Symphony No. 5 in C Minor, Opus 67

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

Born December 16, 1770, Bonn

Died March 26, 1827, Vienna



None can remember the first time he heard Beethoven's *Fifth Symphony*—this music is so much a part of us that we seem to be born knowing it. The *Fifth* surrounds us: as background music for chocolate and motor oil commercials, as the symbol for Victory in World War II, as the stuff of jokes. Even children who know nothing about classical music sing its opening four notes on playgrounds. Those four notes are the most famous in classical music, and Beethoven's *Fifth* is certainly the most famous symphony ever written.

Music so white-hot in intensity, so universal in appeal, cries out for interpretation, and over the last two centuries many have been ready to tell us what this symphony "means." To some, it is Fate knocking at the door. To one nineteenth-century critic, it told the story of a failed love affair. Others see it as the triumph of reason over chaos and evil. Still others have advanced quite different explanations. But engaging as such interpretations are, they tell us more about the people who make them than about the music itself. The sad truth is that this music is so over-familiar that we have

almost stopped listening to it: the opening rings out, and our minds go on automatic pilot for the next thirty minutes—we have lost the capacity to listen to the *Fifth* purely as music, to comprehend it as the astonishing and original musical achievement that it is.

Beethoven made the first sketches for his *Fifth Symphony* in 1804, soon after completing the *Eroica*, but did not begin work in earnest until after finishing the *Fourth* in 1806. Most of the composition took place in the summer of 1807, and the score was completed that fall. The first performance took place on December 22, 1808, six days after Beethoven's 38th birthday.

The stark opening of the *Allegro con brio*, both very simple and charged with volcanic fury, provides the musical content for the entire movement. That (seemingly) simple figure saturates the first movement, giving it extraordinary unity. Those four notes shape the main theme, generate the rhythms, and pulse insistently in the background—they even become the horn fanfare that announces the second theme. One of the most impressive features of this movement is how short it is: of Beethoven's symphonies, only the Haydn-esque *First* has a shorter first movement. The power unleashed at the beginning is unrelenting, and this movement hammers to a close with the issues it raises still unresolved.

The *Andante con moto* contrasts two themes. Violas and cellos sing the broad opening melody in A-flat major; Beethoven reportedly made eleven different versions of this theme before he got the one he wanted. The second subject, in heroic C major, blazes out in the brass, and Beethoven sim-

ply alternates these two themes, varying each as the movement proceeds. The third movement returns to the C-minor urgency of the beginning. It seems at first to be in scherzo-and-trio form, with lower strings introducing the sinuous opening idea. But horns quickly sound the symphony's opening motto, and the movement never quite regains its equilibrium: the trio, with lumbering fugal entries in the strings, subtly incorporates the opening rhythm as well. At just the point where one anticipates a return to the scherzo comes one of the most famous—and original—moments in music.

Instead of going back, Beethoven pushes ahead. Bits of the scherzo flit quietly over an ominous pedal, and suddenly the final movement—a triumphant march in C major—bursts to life: this dramatic moment has invariably been compared to sunlight breaking through dark clouds. Beethoven's scoring here reminds us of something easy to overlook—his concern with instrumental color. The march theme is

announced by a full orchestra that includes three trombones (their first use in a symphony), and Beethoven employs a piccolo and contrabassoon to good effect here as well. Near the middle of this movement, Beethoven brings back some of the scherzo, which briefly—and darkly—slows progress before the triumphant march bursts out again to drive the symphony to its close. The coda itself is extremely long, and the final cadence—extended almost beyond reason—is overpowering.

No matter how familiar this symphony is, no matter how overlain it has become with extra-musical associations, the music remains extraordinary. Heard for itself, free of the cultural baggage it has acquired over the years, Beethoven's *Fifth Symphony* is as original and powerful and furious today as it was when it burst upon an unsuspecting audience on a cold winter night in Vienna nearly two centuries ago. ☼

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