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# Lower Columbia College Symphonic Band

*Kurt Harbaugh, Acting Director*

*Presents*

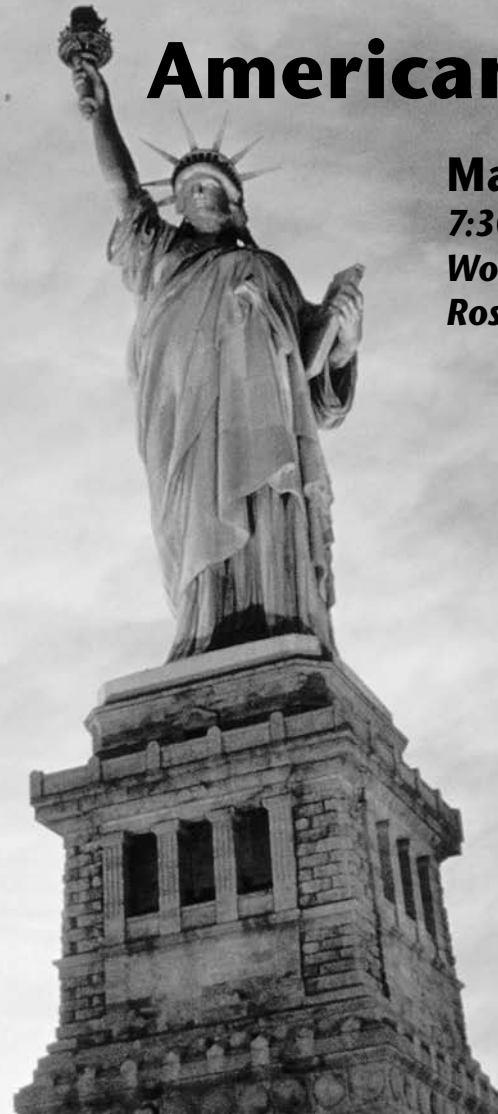
## American Salute

**March 11, 2011**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Wollenberg Auditorium  
Rose Center for the Arts**

*With Guest Conductor,*  
**Dr. Gary Nyberg**



## **LCC Symphonic Band Founder Dr. Gary Nyberg Making Farewell Appearance Tonight**

Dr. Gary Nyberg, founder of the Lower Columbia College Symphonic Band, will be guest conductor this evening for “American Salute.” It’s his farewell turn on the podium, as he has stepped down as band director in preparation for his retirement in June.

Dr. Nyberg came to Lower Columbia College in fall of 1979, having already directed marching bands, jazz bands, theatre ensembles and symphonic music. Shortly after joining LCC, Nyberg founded the LCC Symphonic Band and then the LCC High School Honor Band.

He has degrees in Performance (B.A., University of Idaho, and M. Music, University of Wisconsin-Madison). After eight years of full-time university teaching and performing in the Midwest and South, he studied four years at Brigham Young University, completing his Ph.D. in composition in 1980. In 1987, he received a Diploma in Wind Literature and Conducting from University of Calgary, Alberta.

He has performed with symphonies, orchestras, and jazz and chamber ensembles in almost every state, Mexico and Canada, as well as the Blue Monday Blues Band and the Brass Knuckles Blues Band. He has directed television performances and his compositions have been broadcast on National Public Radio.

Nyberg founded the Quintessence brass quintet in 1980 and was the the Southwest Washington Youth Symphony Association’s first board president. In 2004, he received a prestigious Fulbright Scholarship for travel and study in Bulgaria.

He was honored in 2006 as Music Educator of the Year for the Southwest Washington Music Educators Association.



## **Lower Columbia College Symphonic Band**

### **Piccolo**

Sharon Floyd

### **Flute**

Ellen Bercovitz  
Sharon Floyd  
Shannon Inman

### **Oboe**

Roxanne Knutson  
Rebecca Fistolera  
English Horn  
Lisa Sudar

### **Bassoon**

David Taylor  
Sarah Vinatieri-Wilson

### **B-Flat Clarinet**

Robert Mayclin  
Dick Uthmann  
Kris McElroy-Weber  
Jessica van Son  
John Salisbury  
Kim Gantner  
Cassie Calabrese  
Steven J. Shank

### **B-Flat Bass Clarinet**

Nicole Holt

### **E-Flat Alto Saxophone**

Dr. Chris Collins  
Justin Garrison  
Tracy Wood  
Angel Tapia

### **B-Flat Tenor Saxophone**

Kyle Parsons\*  
Matthew Meyers

### **E-Flat Baritone Saxophone**

Dylan Disch

### **B-Flat Cornet**

Joseph Boertmann  
Donnie Dugan  
Janet Dugan  
B-Flat Trumpet  
Brian Smith  
Carl Dautenhahn

### **French Horn**

Ron Joslin  
Lexie Feist  
Ginny Feist  
Ron Works  
Gary Lambert  
Perry Piper  
Jim Baker

### **Trombone**

John Veltkamp  
Cecile Calabrese  
Connie Ramos  
Dr. Marion Clark

### **Euphonium**

Buddy Patten  
Bob Pollock

### **Tuba**

Clint Anderson  
Perry Calabrese  
Justin Salisbury

### **Harp**

Madeline Wood

### **Piano**

Ann Long

### **Timpani**

Mark Van Zanten

### **Percussion**

Angie Boyer-Blum  
Bill Comin  
Jackson Gillihan  
Madeline Wood

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## **Kurt Harbaugh, Acting Director**

Kurt Harbaugh was raised in Kalama, beginning his musical studies at a very early age. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Music from Central Washington University in 1991. Since then he has worked in the music retail business, taught private music lessons and performed professionally throughout the local area.

Harbaugh is currently an adjunct faculty member at Lower Columbia College, teaching Music Fundamentals, Group Piano, Jazz Band, Music Appreciation, American Music (on-line) and Percussion Ensemble. He also teaches K-8 music at Longview-Kelso Adventist School.

He is Principal Percussionist with the Southwest Washington Symphony, Timpanist with the Columbia River Chamber Orchestra, Drummer for the Northwest Jazz Orchestra, and Percussionist for the Northwest Wind Ensemble and LCC Symphonic Band. Harbaugh was the bandleader for Cabaret 2004 and several local bands, appearing on local recordings. He has also been a Co-Conductor for the Southwest Washington Youth Symphony and two Summer Orchestra camps. He has also appeared on several local recordings. He also enjoys golf, fishing, hunting and spending time with his family.



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## **Tonight's Program**

### ***Mars (1914)*..... *Gustav Holst***

Mars is a movement from Gustav Holst's 7-movement orchestral suite, "The Planets." Mars is called "The Bringer of War". This piece is written in an insistent, irregular 5/4 time and the tri-tonal harmonic basis instills energy, motion and activity. You will hear this similar theme in "The Star Wars Saga."

### ***Aquarium (opus 5) (1989)*..... *Johan de Meij***

*Commissioned by the Dutch Composers Fund and SAMO Nederland.*

The Suite "Aquarium" is the Johan de Meij's third composition for symphonic band, after his successful Symphony no. 1 "The Lord of the Rings" and the symphonic poem "Loch Ness." It features six tropical fishes, each of them represented by a motif, and surfacing as such in several guises. The composition consists of the three movements, with the second and third merging uninterruptedly into each other.

1. Allegretto grazioso (Neon Tetra, Electric Eel and Angelfish)
2. Andante/Adagio (Sea Horse and Zebrafish)
3. Finale: Allegro giocoso (Guppy & Co.)

The Neon tetra motif functions as a kind of 'leitmotiv' and describes the beautifully colored, frisky fish: and will also appear in the other movements. The Electric Eel in fact is not represented by motif, but by a rhythm based on the restless electric pulses audible in some aquaria.

The Angel fish is represented by elegant cluster chords.

In the second movement, the Sea Horse emerges from the water vegetation and starts a dialogue with the Zebrafish, which is represented by one melodic phrase in unison, getting more and more threatening by added parallel fifths and octaves. Simultaneously with the Sea Horse motif, the Neon Tetra theme emerges, this time in 3/4-time and in E<sup>b</sup> minor.

The third movement starts with only two instruments (trumpet and xylophone), but as is often the case with Guppies, their number rapidly increases. Piccolo and Alto Saxophone introduce the Guppy theme followed by several instrumental combinations. Every theme from the first movement 'swims by' once more, after which the principal motif leads us to a brilliant ending.

***Passacaglia in C minor* ..... *By Johan Sebastian Bach*  
*Arranged by..L.W. Chidester***

This is a short arrangement of Bach's *Passacaglia*, which was originally performed on Organ. The name *passacaglia*, which, at Bach's time, was used to designate a composition with a continuously recurring bass (*basso ostinato*) originally belonged to a certain type of dance. This song was used in "The Godfather," "White Nights," and a few others.

***Laude (1976)* ..... *Howard Hanson***

Hanson left a wide wake in American music. Advocate for performance of American works, teacher of composers, conductor, and administrator were just some of the important facets to this composer's life. Born in Wahoo, Nebraska, Hanson served the Eastman School of Music at University of Rochester for several decades, leading it to national and international eminence among professional music schools.

*Laude: Chorale, Variations, and Metamorphosis*, written only five years before Hanson's death, is a seasoned musician's reflection on his musical roots. *Laude* is based on a Swedish chorale that he loved as a boy attending Wahoo's Lutheran Church, with a text from Psalm 150. Within the work are examples of many techniques characteristic of composition of the highest order and unusual in many more ordinary works written for band. His many works made Hanson the first American to win the coveted Prix de Rome, plus a Pulitzer Prize in America for his Fourth Symphony, in addition to many other awards here and abroad.

## **Intermission**

***American Salute (1943)* ..... *Morton Gould***

Gould's music is unique in its Americanism and in its seemingly endless wealth of creativity. Using only the Civil War era song *When Johnny Comes Marching Home* for melodic resources, he contrives a brilliant fantasy. Originally conceived for orchestra and transcribed for band, *American Salute* remains a favorite in the repertoires of both.

***Suite of Old American Dances (1950)*..... *Robert Russell Bennett***

Cakewalk  
Schottische  
Western One-Step  
Wallflower Waltz  
Rag

This original work for band was written by a leading member of Tin Pan Alley as a musical reminiscence from the barn dances of his boyhood. This goal produced a genuinely original and uniquely American piece of music. Listeners may recall Claude Debussy's *Golliwogg's Cakewalk* for piano, Scandinavian schottisches on a straw-covered floor, high drama in the strutting and prancing of showboating cowboys on the dance floor, the forlorn who that were too timid to dance and remained spectators, and the ragged rhythms featured in the final dance, borrowed from piano's ragtime style.

***Star Wars Saga* ..... *John Williams*  
Arranged by Johan de Meij**

The music of the "Star Wars Saga" is drawn from the movie-pictures "Star Wars" and "The Empire Strikes Back" and was composed by John Williams, one of the most important composers of film music of the last decades. John Williams (New York, 1932) studied at the University of California and at the Juilliard School of Music in New York with Rosina Lhevinne. He wrote the music for more than 50 movies, including "The Towering Inferno" "Superman," "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," "Jaws," "Raiders of the Lost Ark," "E.T." and "Earthquake". Williams received various awards for his works; such as two American Television Academy Awards and three Oscars, one of these was for "Star Wars" in 1978.

John Williams is currently chief conductor of the famous Boston Pops Orchestra, succeeding the legendary Arthur Fieldler. "Star Wars Saga" was compiled and scored for symphonic windband by arranger Johande Meij. He studied the trombone and windband-conducting at the Royal Conservatory at The Hague. His arrangements of film music and musicals such as "Moment for Morricone," "James Bond 007" and "Songs from the Musical 'Cats'" have earned widespread popularity.