

Wide Variety of Classical Music on NET Radio's "Nebraska Concerts" in May

LINCOLN, Neb. (April 19, 2010) -- In May, "Nebraska Concerts" follows a parade, looks at "The Zodiac," takes part in a rite of spring, goes to a chamber music concert in a TV studio, and attends a choral conference at a college in Crete. NET Radio's weekly series of fine music performed and recorded on Nebraska's stages airs Sundays at 2 p.m. CT.

On Sunday, May 2, the Omaha Symphony presents "I Love A Parade" from their Casual Classics concert series. Conductor and music director Thomas Wilkins leads the orchestra in symphonic marches from Tchaikovsky; Johann Strauss, Jr.; Gounod; Vaughn Williams; Mendelssohn; Julius Fucik; Kenneth J. Alford; Sousa; Beethoven; and Berlioz.

A recording of the young clarinet-violin-piano ensemble called the Zodiac Trio airs on Sunday, May 9, from a concert presented by the Lincoln Friends of Chamber Music. The musicians, from Japan, Russia and France, have performed on stages throughout the world, winning awards and praise from critics for their "truly exceptional talent." On the program is Darius Milhaud's "Suite for Clarinet, Violin, Piano, Op. 157b," from "Voyage without Baggage;" Igor Stravinsky's "Suite" from "L'histoire du soldat;" Aram Khachaturian's "Adagio for Clarinet, Violin and Piano," from "Chamber Concerto for Piano and Violin with 13 Wind Instruments;" and, Bela Bartok's "Contrasts."

The "Nebraska Concerts" broadcast on Sunday, May 16, presents a concert entitled "Rite of Spring" Omaha Symphony's Masterworks series. This concert, under the baton of Thomas Wilkins, features Stravinsky's "Rite of Spring," Liszt's "Mephisto Waltz, No. 1," and Copland's "Appalachian Spring Suite."

On Sunday, May 23, Lincoln's Third Chair Chamber Players perform once again from Studio One at NET, their home for the 2009-2010 season. This concert features works by living American composers and arrangers. On the program is Normand A. Pepin's "A Sweet Suite," Christian K. Ellenwood's "Trio" and "Three Jazz Pieces," Rick Sowash's "Trio No. 3: Les Ombres de Novembre," Eric Ewazen's "Trio," and Alberto Ginastera's "Danza del gaucho matrero," arranged by John Jensen. Also on this program is a preview of next week's program which will feature highlights from last year's Nebraska Choral Director's Conference. This week, listeners will hear the Lincoln Lutheran Choir under the direction of Joshua Norris.

The last "Nebraska Concerts" of the month on Sunday, May 30, will present more highlights from last year's Nebraska Choral Director's Conference at Doane College in Crete. Featured will be performances from Lincoln's First Plymouth Choir, under the direction of Jeremy Bankson; Paradigm Vocal Ensemble, under conductor Paul Tucker; the Nebraska All State Jazz Choir, with director Kerry Marsh; and the 2009 Conductor's Chorus, with director Dr. Edith Copley.

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