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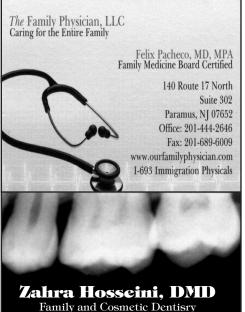




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This fall, Diane Wittry was appointed as the Artistic Director and Conductor of the Ridgewood Symphony, NJ. In addition, she also serves as the

Music Director and Conductor of the Allentown Symphony, PA, and Artistic Director of the International Cultural Exchange Program with the Sarajevo Philharmonic in Bosnia.

In the past, Ms. Wittry has been the Music Director and Conductor of the Norwalk Symphony (CT), and Music Director and Conductor of The Symphony of Southeast Texas (TX) where her artistic leadership garnered national attention.

Diane Wittry has been the subject of profiles in The New York Times and Newsweek, and she was honored as the Outstanding Alumnus (2013) of the University of Southern California's Thornton School of Music. Ms. Wittry also received the national Helen M. Thomson Award from the League of American Orchestras, the Women of Excellence Award in Beaumont, Texas, and the Arts Ovation Award and the Woman of Distinction Award from Allentown, Pennsylvania. She is one of only three Americans to be named - in recognition of her leadership in the arts and humanities - the recipient of the prestigious Fiorino Doro Award from the City of Vinci, Italy.

Diane Wittry is the author of Beyond the Baton, a book focusing on artistic leadership for regional orchestra conductors, and her new book, Baton Basics, was recently released by Oxford University Press.

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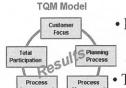
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### 75th ANNIVERSARY SEASON

May 1, 2015

### Mars from the Planets

Holst

with members of the Ridgewood Concert Band

**Pavane** Faure

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### Polovetsian Dances

Borodin

No. 8 "Dance of the Polovtsian Maidens"

No. 17 "Polovtsian Dance with Chorus"

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### **INTERMISSION**

**Zigeunerweisen** (Gypsy Airs)

Sarasate

Joey Hsia, Violin

### Pines of Rome

Respighi

with members of the Ridgewood Concert Band

I. Pines of the Villa Borghese

(I pini di Villa Borghese: Allegretto vivace)

II. Pines Near a Catacomb (Pini presso una catacomba: Lento)
Trumpet solo by Ivan Miller

III.Pines of the Janiculum (I pini del Gianicolo: Lento)

IV. Pines of the Appian Way (I pini della Via Appia: Tempo di marcia)

### **Guest Artists**



Joseph Hsia

Violinist, Joseph Hsia, is an 8th grade student at Thomas Grover Middle School at West Windsor, NJ. Joseph started the violin at the age of 5 and is currently studying with Sheryl Staples. His accolades include 1st place in the MTNA Junior Performance Competition, NJMTA Young Musicians Competition, American Fine Arts Festival, Gala Concert, Golden Strings of America, and Young Classical Virtuosos of Tomorrow, and he was a recipient of the String Scholarship at Westminster Conservatory. He has performed at various prestigious venues, such as Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall; the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts in Philadelphia; Voorhees Chapel at Rutgers University; Dicapo Opera Theatre Concert Hall; Bristol Chapel at Westminster Conservatory; the Liszt School

of Music in Weimar, Germany; the University of Music in Wurzburg, Germany; and Cite Internationale des Arts in Paris. At age 8, Joseph performed as a soloist with Westminster Orchestra at Richardson Hall at Princeton as the 1st place winner of its concerto competition. Since then he has appeared with several orchestra, including Ocean City POPS Orchestra (4 concerts in 2 seasons) and Sinfonietta Nova Orchestra. This past summer he was selected to participate in Aaron Rosand's Intensive Violin Program at the Summit Music Festival, an honor for someone so young. In addition to music, Joseph enjoys sports, reading, and science. He has been winner of the New Jersey Science Olympiad Competition for the last two years.

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### **Program Notes**

### By Edmund A. Moderacki

### Mars and Jupiter from The Planets

**Gustav Holst** 

(1874-1934)

For many years, Holst was the music instructor for St Paul's Girls School in London, and on holidays and in the evening after classes, he worked on many of his greatest compositions. In 1914, Holst began the composition of his suite for large orchestra based upon the astrological significance of each of the known planets. He had recently been introduced to astrology, and had developed his understanding to the point where he was able to cast horoscopes for his friend.

The subtitles for the movements are the best clue to the astrological feature that Holst wished to emphasize. Mars, "The Bringer of War" was the first section to be composed, and was written in the summer of 1914, during the weeks leading to the commencement of WWI.

The suite first appeared in a two piano version made by two of Holst's assistant at St. Paul's. The first orchestral performance occurred on September 29, 1918 when the Queen's Hall Orchestra under Adrian Bolt read the suite for a private audience of Holst's students and friends, including many of the leading London critics. It was very well receive, and The Planets was immediately programmed for the Orchestra's winter concert season where five of the seven movements received their public premiere on February 27, 1919. The first performance of the complete suite occurred in London on November 20, 1920.

The ultimate piece of Space Music, The Planets is one of the masterpieces of the past century.

### The Pines of Rome

Ottorino Respighi

(1879-1936)

Respighi's study with Rimsky-Korsakov may have encouraged his composition of his Roman Trilogy. The three compositions in the trilogy are The Fountains of Rome composed in 1915 and 1916, The Pines of Rome composed in 1923 and 1924, and Feste Romane. Each of the extended tone poems has four movements.

The first movement of the Pines of Rome is entitled The Pines of the Villa Borghese and represents children playing on the grounds of the home of the aristocratic Borghese family on a sunny morning. The movement draws to a conclusion with a loud discord. The Pines near a Catacomb portrays a deserted

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chapel next to a tomb in the district of Campagna. The third movement, The Pines of the Janiculum, is set at night near the temple to the Roman God Janus on the Janiculum Hill. It is famous for the recording of a nightingale that is to be played at the end of the movement. The last movement is the most famous The Pines of the Appian Way This movement represents the march of a Roman legion to the Capitoline Hill.

The Pines of Rome was premiered in Rome on December 14, 1924 and was frequently programmed by the noted conductor Arturo Toscanini. Movements I, III and IV were arranged to accompany the first story in Disney's

Fantasia 2000, the great blue whale sequence.

### Polovetsian Dances from Prince Igor

### Alexander Borodin

(1833-1887)

The opera Prince Igor, started by Borodin 1869, was completed by Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov with the assistance of Alexander Glazunov. The idea for the opera, based upon a literary work entitled The Epic of the Army of Prince Igor that chronicled events from an 1185 invasion by the Cuman (Polovetsi), was suggested by Borodin's friend, Vladmir Stasov, who also contributed some of the libretto. During the next eighteen years, Borodin, one of the great chemists and teaching physicians of the Nineteenth Century, composed bits and pieces for his opera, especially during his summer vacations. As is often the case with operas taking several years to complete, portions were performed before the opera premiere. Excerpts were heard in concert as early as 1876. The Polovetsian Dances were completed in 1879 and received their concert hall premiere on March 11th of that year. The dances are the climax of the second act and occur when the Polovetsian leader Khan Konchal entertains Prince Igor and his son Vladmir.

After his death, the completed sections, sketches, and fragments were gathered by Rimsky-Korsakov and Glazunov and were assembled and orchestrated. Prince Igor received its first performance in St. Petersburg on November 4, 1890. While popular in Russia, it has rarely been performed in the West in its entirety and only received its Metropolitan Opera premiere in 2014. The Overture and The Polovetsian Dances have become popular concert hall favorites.

Pavane Gabriel Faure

(1845-1924)

The importance of patronage to an artist cannot be easily dismissed. Elizabeth, countesse Greffulhe maintained a literary salon where she cultivated friendships with many Parisian writers, artists, musicians, and leaders of society and government during the late Nineteenth and early Twentieth Centuries. Faure, active as a teacher and as an organist, was a member of the countess' circle. His musical output was constrained by his need to make a living, but he was encouraged to enlarge one of his planned compositions, an piece based upon the 16th Century stately court dance known as the pavanne. Originally conceived as a short piano work, Faure decided to expand it as an orchestral composition. Countess Elizabeth encouraged him to add a chorus that would

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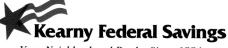
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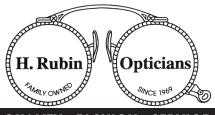
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use a text written by her cousin Robert de Montesquiou in the style of the French poet Verlaine. There would also be dancers on stage to provide a visual component to the performance. Faure completed the Pavanne in 1887.

Faure's Pavanne received its orchestral premiere at one of the popular Concert Lamoureux performances conducted by Charles Lamoureux on November 25, 1888. Three days later, it received it first performance with the added choral parts at a concert of the Societe National de la Musique of which Faure was a director. It was finally performed with dancers at a 1891 garden party given by Countess Elizabeth in Paris' famed municipal park, Bois de Boulogne.

### Zigeunerweisen

**Pablo Sarasate** (1844-1908)

The Roma are an ethnic group that is believed to have originated in northwestern India. Groups of the Roma migrated to the west settling in Europe and North Africa. In particular, large populations settled in the Balkans and Hungary. In the Eighteenth and Nineteenth centuries they were often called Gypsies. The Hungarian and Balkan groups had a very strong musical heritage that inspired composers including Brahms, Lizst, Dvorak and Johann Strauss, Jr.

Sarasate was a Spanish composer and violinist. He was one of the greatest violin virtuosi of the second half of the Nineteenth Century and was known for his great technical abilities. Several of his contemporaries composed and dedicated compositions for him. Like many of the great virtousi, he composed some of his own solo material. Zigunerweisen (Gypsy Songs) was one of his pieces intended to captivate audiences and to show off his technique.

Zigunerweisen was composed while Sarasate was in London in 1878 and published in Leipzig, Germany that same year. It is in four sections that are joined together without break. The first section is an introduction in a medium tempo that features florid statements by the soloist. The middle two sections are slower and more melodic. The second of the two sections features a song by Elemer Szentirmal (1836-1908). The fourth and final section marked Allegro molto vivace is a czardas on a theme by Hungarian violinist Janos Bihari (1764-1827). The same theme had been used by Franz Lizst in his Hungarian Rhapsody No. 3.



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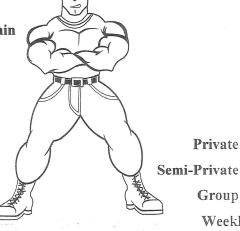
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