

2016-2017 Season

From on High ... and Down Below

October 8, 2016

Bo Atlas, *tuba*

Hungarian March

Tuba Concerto in F minor

Good Friday Spell

Le Chasseur maudit (The Accursed Huntsman)

Hector Berlioz

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Richard Wagner

César Franck

The season opens with a tantalizing mix of the sacred and profane. From the lofty imagery of Wagner's Good Friday Spell to the demonic pursuit of Franck's Accursed Huntsman, this program guarantees an emotional roller coaster. The orchestra also welcomes tuba virtuoso Bo Atlas to perform Vaughan Williams's Tuba Concerto, a work highlighting the divine side of the brass section's deepest voice.

Austrian Holidays

December 3, 2016

Der Rosenkavalier Waltz

Andachtsjodler

Kaiserwalzer

Radetzky March

Symphony No. 1 in C Minor, Op. 68

Richard Strauss

Traditional

Johann Strauss II

Johann Strauss, Sr.

Johannes Brahms

Celebrate a rich musical panorama of Austria with music that rings in the new year Viennese style and sends greetings from high in the mountains. The program begins with familiar favorites by three different Strausses and a traditional Alpine song to liven holiday spirits. Brahms's majestic Symphony No. 1 brings the concert to a rousing conclusion.

Young Artists Concert

March 5, 2017

Young Artists Winners

Ames High School String Orchestra

Boy Fights Alligator from *Louisiana Story*

Adagio from Symphony No. 5

Intermezzo from *Cavalleria Rusticana*

Bachianas Brasileiras No. 4

Young Artists Selections

Virgil Thomson

Gustav Mahler

Pietro Mascagni

Heitor Villa-Lobos

Our annual showcase of astounding youthful virtuosity is always an audience favorite. In addition to winners of the orchestra's annual Young Artists competition, this year we also welcome the return of the Ames High School String Orchestra for collaborative performances of two of the most beautiful and stirring works in the repertoire. The concert concludes with music by Villa-Lobos to brighten up the dark days of winter with greetings from the southern hemisphere.

Atlantic Bridge with Michael Londra

May 6, 2017

Celebrated Irish tenor Michael Londra and the Central Iowa Symphony present an evening of music exploring the shared heritage of Ireland and America music across the "Atlantic Bridge." Join us for an extraordinary journey through the evolution of some of our greatest musical traditions.