OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY
Department of Music

Presents

Old Dominion University Wind Ensemble
Brian Diller, director
Laura Johnson, graduate conductor

with

Ocean Lakes High School Wind Ensemble
Michael Parker, director

Program: “Global Rhythms”

Suite of Old American Dances (1949)  
1. Cakewalk
4. Wallflower Waltz
5. Rag
by Robert Russell Bennett (1894-1981)

by Donald Grantham (b. 1947)
Ocean Lakes High School Wind Ensemble

Puszta: Four Gypsy Dances (1987)  
1. Andante moderato
2. Tranquillo
3. Allegro molto
4. Marcato
by Jan van der Roost (b. 1956)

Archangel Raphael Who Leaves a House of Tobias (2008)  
by Masanori Taruya (b. 1978)

Intermission

Danzón No. 2 (1994)  
by Arturo Márquez (b. 1950)

Dragon Rhyme (2010)  
1. Mysteriously-Harmoniously
2. Energetically
by Chen Yi (b. 1953)

Chale Chalo from “Lagaan” (2001)  
by AR Rahman (b. 1967)
arr. Brian Diller
Dale Lazar, tabla
Dennis Northerner, dumbeck

Old Dominion University Wind Ensemble
University Theatre

Sunday, February 17, 2019  3:00 PM
Ocean Lakes High School Wind Ensemble
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Piccolo
Waverly Van Gundy

Flute
Justine Arenas
Kylee Caldwell
Hailey Dauphin
Analise Gonzalez
Hayley Hemmings
Allison O'Dell
Kate Watson
Esther Yi

Bassoon
Shelbie Gray
Nascia Phillips

Clarinet
Lyric Bruner
William Harrison
Rachel Owen
Garrett Price
Eric Rhoades
Zach Six

Bass Clarinet
Zoey Hatfield
Ben Majors

Alto Saxophone
Josh Makela
Matthew Pohl
Alex Privette
Grace Richardson
Justin Santangelo
Lars Wirstrom

Tenor Saxophone
Kaden Bock
Alex Elkins
Israel Olukanni

Baritone Saxophone
James Phillips
Ethan Velivlis

Trumpet
Ethan Boardman
Lauren Chuderewicz
Gabriel Gonzalez
Ryan Marrero
Evan Meares
Xander Stebritz
Carter Velivlis
Theo Young

Tuba
Thomas Beasley
Gabe Dolan
Ashton Trexler

Percussion
Sean Campbell
Cadin Harn
Rex Fenner
Erik Lohse
Kameron Martin
Josh Sambo

French Horn
Trent Adams
Kay Brennan
Anthony Crispin
Aaron O'Dell

Trombone
Corey Coerse
Maddie Pollock
Ryder Robins

Euphonium
Adam Caputi
Gabi Hickman
Jackson Varga

Clarinet
Alicia Bryan
Nicole Jenkins
Hyorim Kim*
Brook Matthews
Shannon Schubert
Mary Sensabaugh, piccolo

Oboe
Hailey Hargis*
Rebecca James*
Vladislav Voscanean*

Bassoon
Jonathan Carr*
Hunter Lemkpa

Trumpet
John Beckner
Tim Burleigh
Elly Carlson
Austin Kopp*
Alonzo Tinsley
Josh Williams

Horn
Andrew Broom*
Nico Craig
Justin Durham
Eric Quick
Lizzy Tait

Trombone
Noah Chapman
Devonte Ezell*
Mason Kennedy
Phil Lane, bass
Jose Rodriguez

Euphonium
Alex Federico*
Foster Grubbs*

Bass Clarinet
Roderick Gaines

Saxophone
Patrick Bays
Braden Garner
Lawrence O'Neal
Noah Payton*

Tuba
Brandon Berridge
Erik Lavallais*
Lea Sampsell
Josh Sissel

Special Thanks to Professors Marlene Ford, Patti Watters, and David Walker for extensive sectional coaching.
Dr. Brian Diller teaches conducting and directs the Wind Ensemble at Old Dominion University. He was recently awarded the Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music (CCM) where he served as Music Director of the University of Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra. He has previously served on the faculties of Ithaca College and Tennessee Tech University.

Diller's scholarly research centers on integrating chamber music in the school music program. He was invited to present a paper on this topic at the 2014 College Band Directors National Association Conference on Music Education. Other research on band pedagogy has appeared as an article in Teaching Music Through Performance in Band, volume 10 and two articles in Teaching Music Through Performance in Middle School Band, both published by GIA.

Diller received a Masters degree in wind conducting from Ithaca College where he studied conducting with Stephen Peterson and Jeffrey Meyer. From 2007-2010 he served as Associate Director of Bands at Brentwood High School in suburban Nashville, Tennessee. Mr. Diller holds undergraduate degrees summa cum laude in Music Education and Piano Performance from Miami University (OH). While at Miami, he was honored as winner of the Undergraduate Artist Performance Competition and received the 2007 Presser Scholar prize for excellence in music scholarship and performance.

An active pianist, Diller performs regularly as soloist, chamber recitalist, and studio musician; he has completed additional study in piano, chamber music, and conducting at France's Fontainebleau Conservatory. Having prepared arrangements in the recording studios of A. R. Rahman, India's most celebrated film composer, Diller is also an avid arranger and his works have been performed by orchestras, wind ensembles, and choirs across the country. Experienced in the marching milieu, he has also arranged and instructed brass with Nashville's Music City Drum Corps and various high school bands.

Michael Parker is a native of Colonial Heights, VA. He recently graduated Cum Laude from James Madison University with a Bachelor of Music in Music Education degree. Mr. Parker performed with a number of ensemble at JMU including the wind symphony, symphonic band, jazz ensembles, and the JMU brass band, which placed 2nd at the 2016 NABBA Championships. He studied trumpet with Drs. Carrillo and Alhorn as well as conducting with Steven Bolstad.

Mr. Parker was also heavily active in JMU’s member marching band, the MRDs. He served on the MRD leadership team for 3 years, including one season as drum major in 2016. During his time with the MRDs, Parker had the opportunity to perform at a number of notable venues including the Macy’s (2013) Parade, Rome New year’s parade performing for Pope Francis in Vatican Square (2015), the VMEA conference (2016), and the FCS national championship game (2017).

Mr. Parker was active in the music ed community at JMU, as well. In 2015, he was awarded the Joy Hollar Costello endowed scholarship for music ed. He served as outreach committee head for the JMU chapter of NAfME and was a student presenter at the 2016 VMEA conference.

Program Notes

Puszta is a suite of four gypsy-style dances composed in 1987. The work is an homage to The Puszta, a vast Hungarian prairie in which Romani people (gypsies) roamed among wild horses. Though the piece is reminiscent of authentic Hungarian and Slavic folk dances, the themes and melodies of Puszta are entirely original. Puszta is characterized by its temperamental nature, as each of the dances has a unique mood, character, and disposition. The dances alternate between various feelings typical of Romani music, including elation, tranquility, melancholy, and an ecstatic frenzy. Contrasting tempos, striking mood shifts, and a distinct stylistic flair make Puszta a vivacious, colorful, and captivating representation of Romani music.

Archangel Raphael Who Leaves a House of Tobias is based on the story of the Archangel Raphael in the Book of Tobit. The composer provides the following narrative in the score:

While traveling with Raphael disguised as a human, Tobias met Sara who was possessed by a demon. Following the instructions of Raphael, Tobias smoked the heart and the liver of a huge fish he had caught, and Sara was exorcised. Later, Tobias married Sara after heeding Raphael’s advice, and they live happily after. When Tobias returned home, he poured the liver juice over the blind eyes of his father, and he regained his eyesight. Then, Raphael revealed his true self, instructed them to write down the story, and returned to Heaven.

The piece begins mysteriously with the woodwinds, which transforms into a melody that provides an image of the vast lands and seas. The middle of the piece portrays the obstacles that the two faced, and the end of the piece expresses how they overcame those obstacles and the ending of the story, where all is resolved.

Danzon No. 2. Arturo Márquez is one of the leading composers of contemporary Mexican art music. The son of a mariachi musician and the grandson of a Mexican folk singer, Mexico’s musical culture enveloped Márquez from his earliest days. Following in the family tradition, he became a musician as well, studying piano, violin, and trumpet. At age sixteen he discovered his ultimate outlet of musical expression, composition, which he studied at the National Conservatory of Music of México in Mexico City.

The distinct sounds of the Mexican dance salons, which Márquez knew so well from childhood, became an important influence on his mature work. In fact, he is best known for a series of compositions based on the danzón. One of these, Danzón No. 2, is so well loved it has been referred to as a second national anthem for Mexico. Márquez provides this account of Danzón No. 2:
The idea of writing the Danzón No. 2 originated in 1993 during a trip to Malinalco with the painter Andrés Fonseca and the dancer Irene Martínez, both of whom are experts in salon dances with a special passion for the danzón, which they were able to transmit to me from the beginning, and also during later trips to Veracruz and visits to the Colonia Salon in Mexico City. From these experiences onward, I started to learn the danzón’s rhythms, its form, its melodic outline, and to listen to the old recordings by Acerina and his Danzonera Orchestra. I was fascinated and I started to understand that the apparent lightness of the danzón is only like a visiting card for a type of music full of sensuality and qualitative seriousness, a genre which old Mexican people continue to dance with a touch of nostalgia and a jubilant escape towards their own emotional world; we can fortunately still see this in the embrace between music and dance that occurs in the State of Veracruz and in the dance parlors of Mexico City.

**Dragon Rhyme**

As a Distinguished Professor at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory of Music and Dance, Chen Yi blends Chinese and Western traditions, transcending cultural and musical boundaries. Through doing so, she serves as an ambassador to the arts, creating music that reaches a wide range of audiences, inspiring people with different cultural backgrounds throughout the world.

The first movement of *Dragon Rhyme* is more lyrical and the second powerful. The thematic material in both movements is matched, which is used economically for development throughout the work. The instrumental texture is rich in colors, from transparent and delicate to angular and strong. Taking the image of the dragon, which is auspicious, fresh and vivid, the music is layered and multidimensional. It symbolizes the Eastern culture. When it meets the world, it becomes part of the global family.

**Chale Chalo** was composed by AR Rahman, India’s most celebrated film composer. He composed the song for the film “Lagaan,” which tells the story of a rural Indian village which is deeply in debt; in order to restore the village to financial success, the villagers challenge the British colonial authorities to a game of cricket. In the film’s emotional heart, Chale Chalo tells the villagers that “No one can defeat us. Keep on moving.”