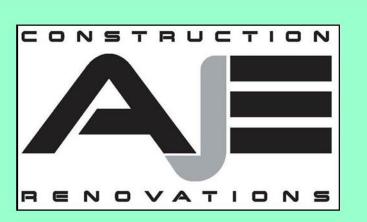


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## **Program Notes**

#### Aaron Copland (1900-1990) An Outdoor Overture

Aaron Copland was born in Brooklyn into a Conservative Jewish family. While emigrating from Russia to the United States, Copland's father had changed his surname "Kaplan" to "Copland," though Copland was unaware of this until late in his life. By the age of fifteen, Copland decided to become a composer, and took formal lessons in composition from Rubin Goldmark, a noted American composer who had also taught George Gershwin. Copland's passion for the latest European music inspired him to go to Paris in 1917 for further study with famed teacher Nadia Boulanger. Upon returning to America in 1921, Copland was determined to make his way as a full-time composer. He rented a studio apartment on New York City's Upper West Side, which kept him close to Carnegie Hall and other music production opportunities, and he remained in that area for the next thirty years. An Outdoor Overture was written in 1938 for the High School of Music and Art in New York City at the request of Alexander Richter, the school's orchestra director. The school had undertaken a long-term campaign with the slogan, "American music for American Youth." Copland found the project irresistible, as he said it would provide "young people with a music commensurate with their emotional and technical capacity...[and] that by so doing, the composer would be building future audiences for his music." Though for many years An Outdoor Overture was considered too trivial for professional orchestras, today many leading orchestras have performed and recorded the piece, including New York and London orchestras.

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## Program Notes (cont.)

### Antonio Lucio Vivaldi (1678-1741) L'Estro armonico, Op. 3, No. 6

Vivaldi was born in Venice, and served as a composer, virtuoso violinist, teacher and ordained Catholic priest. He is recognized as one of the greatest Baroque composers, and known mainly for his instrumental concertos, sacred choral works, and more than forty operas. His best-known work is a set of four violin concertos known as *The Four Seasons*. Many of his compositions were written for the female music ensemble of the Ospedale della Pietà, where Vivaldi was employed from 1703 to 1740. *L'Estro armonico Op. 3* (which translates "harmonic inspiration") is a collection of twelve concertos written in 1711 for one, two and four solo or soli violinists. Vival-di scholar Michael Talbot describes the set as "perhaps the most influential collection of instrumental music to appear during the whole of the eight-eenth century." *Op. 3, No. 6* was chosen as the audition piece for this year's Summerford Violin Concerto Competition due to its accessibility to younger musicians, and its popular audience appeal.

Antonín Dvořák (1841-1904) Symphony No. 9 in E Minor, Op. 95

The original score for *Symphony No. 9 in E minor* was inscribed by Dvořák as being "From the New World" when he mailed the score to his European publisher Simrock for publication. Thus it has popularly become known as the "New World Symphony." It was composed in 1893 while he was the director of the National Conservatory of Music of America. It is by far his most popular symphony, and one of the most popular of all symphonies: Neil Armstrong carried a recording on the 1969 Apollo 11 lunar landing mission. Dvořák became very interested in Native-American music and the African-American spirituals while he toured America. Dvořák stated,

"I am convinced that the future music of this country must be founded on what are called Negro melodies...these beautiful and varied themes are the product of the soil. They are the folk songs of America."

He later specifically commented on his use of Native-American or African-American Spirituals when he composed the *New World Symphony*.

"I have not actually used any of the melodies. I have simply written original themes embodying the peculiarities of the Indian music, and, using these themes as subjects, have developed them with all the resources of modern rhythms, counterpoint, and orchestral colour."

Dvořák discovered through transcriptions that many of the melodies in "American music" were based on the pentatonic scale (analogous to the black notes on a piano). Dvořák called upon this scale throughout the *New World Symphony* to emulate the melodies that he had heard while living in America. Many folk melodies around the world utilize this scale, including Scottish and English folk tunes because the simplicity of the resulting melody is easily sung and remembered.

-Program Notes by Kevin Kozacek

## Biographies



#### Kevin Kozacek, Music Director

Originally a native of Colorado, Kevin Kozacek graduated from the University of Northern Colorado where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Music Education, with an emphasis in choral conducting under the tutelage of Dr. Howard Skinner. Mr. Kozacek received both his Master of Education and Master of Music degrees from Northern Arizona University, studying orchestral conducting under Dr. Nicholas Ross and Dr. Daniel O'Bryant. He has additionally studied conducting under Maestros Lawrence Golan, Don Thulean, App Hsu,

Harold Farberman, Raymond Harvey and Zvonimir Hacko. Mr. Kozacek has guest conducted orchestras in Kiev, Ukraine and Krasnoyarsk, Russia, and been invited to conduct workshops and high school honor orchestras in local Arizona school districts. Mr. Kozacek taught public school music in grades K-12, and directed theater, instrumental ensembles and choral groups in churches and communities in England, Nebraska, Colorado, Texas and Arizona. He served for ten years as the founding Artistic Director for ProMusica Arizona Chorale & Orchestra. In 2012 he was invited to serve as the founding Music Director for North Valley Symphony Orchestra. Mr. Kozacek and his wife Cindy are proud parents of two sons, Matt and Chris, and have two grandchildren, Audrey and Owen.

#### J. Marshall Valentine, Concertmaster

Marshall's love of the violin began at age eight, and he began private instruction with Deirdre Thorne of Charleston, West Virginia at age ten. Marshall was selected for the West Virginia Youth Strings, becoming concertmaster his second year. Progressing to the WV Youth Symphony, he began instruction from the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra Concertmaster, David Langr. He played in a guartet within WV Youth Symphony, performing at various social and legislative events, including a symphonette for a visit from Colin Powell. As concertmaster of the WV Youth Symphony his last year in high school, Marshall won the solo competition, performing the first movement of the Lalo Symphonie Espagnole. Since moving to Arizona in 2000, Marshall has been perfecting his technique in solo private instruction, and currently plays in a guartet at his church. Marshall joined North Valley Symphony Orchestra in December 2014, and looks forward to many future concerts.

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American Fanfare An Outdoor Overture Appalachia Waltz James Stephenson Aaron Copland Mark O'Connor

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L'Estro armonico, Op. 3, No. 6 ("Violin Concerto in A Minor") Antonio Vivaldi

- I. Allegro
- II. Largo
- III. Presto

Sydney Cooney, soloist (winner of Summerford Violin Concerto Competition)

> NVSO Youth Orchestra Kevin Kozacek - Conductor Carol Peat - Continuo

20 Minute . Intermission

(please join NVSO Symphonettes for a mini-concert in the lobby during intermission)

Symphony No. 9 in E Minor, Op. 95 ("New World")

Antonín Dvořák

- I. Adagio Allegro molto
- II. Largo
- III. Scherzo. Molto vivace
- IV. Allegro con fuoco

#### NVSO Orchestra Kevin Kozacek - Conductor

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#### **First Violin**

Marshall Valentine \*+ Beth Chiarenza Susan Haack Frank Islas Anne Phelan Carol Routh Joanne Schartow Marj Sherman Sujoy Spencer Janet Steinberg Laura Svjud

#### Second Violin

Murilou Chilman\* Sydney Cooney Dennis Dorch Renee Estes Stanley Green Albert Islas Chad Kurtzman Anne Lackey Michelle Lowry Pearl Mahar Alexandra Oprea Justin Palacios Lauren Vogini

#### Viola

Craig Triplett\* Janet Plummer Gail Salameh Katie Tay Jessica Triplett Noel Washington

#### Cello

Emily Helton-Riley\* Carrington Buze Bob Chilman JoAnn Cleland Michelle Hill Alyssa Mahar

#### Bass

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Sophia Packard\* Karlo Canete Luis Antonius Canete Julianna de Mello Rebecca Felton Czarina Perez Madison Rose Sage Witt

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Noel Washington\* Rachel Chung Gabriella Sandhu Megan Tomson Rasa Walter

#### Cello

Connely Packard\* Eleanor Faussane Madison Harmon Nathan Hayward Brielle Watchman

#### Bass

Kaine Holloway

### Director:

Kevin Kozacek

Assistant Director: Murilou Chilman

**Orchestra Manager:** Kristel Donaldson

\*Principal

(members listed in alphabetical order)

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#### Violin

Jackson Aoyama Brayden Blevins Delaney Columbus Jonathan Green Asure Ho Brooke Hulstedt Natasha Jarick Jackson Lee Ruby Lee Harrison Newton Taylor Porter Lexi Ranno Waverly Simpson Kayla Wang Mark Yee **Viola** Sailor Regan

#### Cello

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