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PASADENA COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

Bethany Pflueger, Conductor

Friday, March 18, 2016, 8:00 p.m.

PROGRAM



Sabre Dance from Gayane Suite No. 3.....Aram Khachaturian (1903–1978)
Cortège et Air de danseClaude Debussy (1862–1918)
The Pleasure Dome of Kubla Khan.....Charles Tomlinson Griffes (1884–1920)

INTERMISSION

A Midsummer Night's Dream - Overture.....Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

Cello Concerto No. 1, Op. 33.....Camille Saint-Saëns (1835–1921)
Allegro non troppo
Allegretto con moto
Allegro non troppo – Un peu moins vite

Catherine Biagini, cello

CONCERT NOTES



Catherine Biagini, cellist, began studying piano at the tender age of 4 and added the cello at age 9 studying with Raymond Davis, principal of Seattle Symphony. She continued with both instruments until college where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Clinical Dietetics from the University of Washington while still pursuing the cello. She soon realized that music, and the cello, was the path she should follow and finished a Bachelor's degree in Music Performance from the University of Washington, studying with Toby Saks. In 1985 during her last year at UW, she won the position of assistant principal of Northwest Chamber Orchestra. As principal of Northwest Chamber Orchestra, she performed all six Bach Brandenburg Concerti with Ken Cooper and Ransom Wilson among others. The recipient of the 200+1 Performance Grant while in Seattle, Catherine went on to procure the principal position in Savannah Symphony Orchestra in Savannah, GA which she held for 6 seasons. She has worked with such luminaries as Yo-Yo Ma, Itzhak Perlman, Pinchas Zukerman, and Mstislav Rostropovich. She has participated in music festivals in Spoleto, Italy, Charleston, Round Top, Bear Valley, and Coos Bay. Catherine has appeared as soloist with several orchestras including Savannah Symphony, Hilton Head

Chamber Orchestra, Santa Cecilia Orchestra, and the upcoming solo with the Pasadena Community Orchestra in March 2016. She has also toured the United States, Italy, and China, with various orchestras. Back home in Los Angeles, she is currently the principal cellist with Asia American Symphony, Santa Cecilia Orchestra and Burbank Philharmonic, as well as a member of Santa Barbara Chamber Orchestra. On the wilder side, Catherine is a member of Angels of Venice, a band that performs a range of repertoire from Renaissance to Metallica. She has released 5 albums with Angels on the Windham Hill label and more recently, a rock album was released in 2010. Her next project is an album of sacred and medieval music. You can also view her in a Jeep 2014 commercial on YouTube. Cathy currently lives in La Crescenta with her husband and two children. Ms. Biagini's gown was designed by Art As Couture.

2016 YOUNG ARTIST WINNER

Alexander Agate, 21, began learning piano at age 11. At 13 he was accepted into the Applied Music Scholarship program at Moorpark Community College, a two-year program during which he worked with Professor Mona DeCesare. In February of 2015 Alexander competed in the National Chopin Competition held in Miami, Florida. Join us Friday, May 13, to hear Alexander play Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No. 1.

2015-2016 CONCERT SEASON

Friday, May 13, 2016, 8:00 p.m., Young Artist Concert, Copland + Dvorak + Shostakovich

Saturday, June 11, 2016, 6:30 p.m., Annual Concert in the Park, Sierra Madre Memorial Park

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