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FW SO FORT WORTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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FWSO Education Concert to Feature World Premiere, Bilingual Narration

February 14-15, 2017 | Arborlawn United Methodist Church | Daniel Black, conductor

FORT WORTH, TX—February 1, 2017—On February 14 and 15, the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra will perform concerts at Arborlawn United Methodist Church for kindergarteners from more than 14 Fort Worth ISD schools. The “Aesop’s Fables” Kinderconcerts will feature the world premiere of music composed by TCU Associate Professor of Composition Till MacIvor Meyn and will include bilingual narration in English and Spanish by the internationally-recognized youth theatre group Kids Who Care.

The Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra commissioned Meyn to write an orchestral suite based on three of Aesop’s Fables in July of 2016. Meyn penned his own adaptation of the text for the suite, which was then translated into Spanish by TCU professor, Dr. David Bedford. The piece, titled *Three Fables*, was written specifically for a young audience and interweaves the narration with imaginative music to bring the fables to life.

In preparation for these concerts, volunteers from the Symphony League of Fort Worth distributed nearly 1,000 copies of the storybook *Timeless Fables Collection* to kindergarten classes in the “Symphony In Your School” program, an FWSO outreach effort funded in part by the Arts Council of Fort Worth that includes 12 Title 1 elementary schools and two middle schools. Students attending these schools receive free admission to Kinderconcerts through the Amon G. Carter Star-Telegram Employees Fund. The 1,000 copies of *Timeless Fables Collection* were donated by the Red Oak Foundation and include three of Aesop’s classic tales (*The Tortoise and the Hare*, *The Lion and the Mouse*, and *The Boy Who Cried Wolf*) adapted by Teresa Mlawer and illustrated by Olga Cuéllar.

The world-premiere performances will take place at **Arborlawn United Methodist Church Tuesday and Wednesday, February 14-15, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. each day.** Kinderconcerts are \$5 per person, and reservations can be made online at http://www.fwsymphony.org/education/education_concerts.asp or by calling (817)-665-6500 ext. 102.

About Till Maclvor Meyn

Till Meyn earned his Bachelor of Arts in Music from the University of California at San Diego, a Master of Music in Composition from Indiana University, and the Doctorate of Musical Arts in Composition from the University of Southern California's Thornton School of Music.

Dr. Meyn's music has been widely performed. Highlights include: *Tango Royale* in Italy in 2013; *Wall of Babel* in Cuba in 2013; *Icon Concerto* at the NASA 2013 Southwestern regional conference; *Revolutions* at Carnegie Hall (Weill Recital Hall) in New York City in 2012; *Orion (Tango)* in Valencia, Spain in 2011; *Orion* in Shanghai, Beijing, and Shenyang, China 2009; *Dominant Curve* at the National Music Academy of Ukraine in 2009; *Red/Blue* at Clarinet Fest 2008 in Oklahoma City, MO; *Precipice* at the 2008 Biennial Saxophone Congress in South Carolina; *Anthem* at the 2007 Florida State University Festival of New Music; *Groovelocity* at the 2006 SCI/CMS National Convention in San Antonio, and many others.

Dr. Meyn's music is published by GIA Publications, ECS Publishing, C. Alan Publications, and Alry Publications.

About Symphony In Your School

This season, the Fort Worth Symphony invited Title I elementary schools and middle schools in Fort Worth to apply for the opportunity to partner with the FWSO in the 2016-2017 school year. Schools selected to participate are provided with multiple opportunities for their students to experience the orchestra throughout the year at no cost thanks to funding from the Arts Council, including in-school performances by the full orchestra and free admission for students to attend Young Persons' Concerts, Kinderconcerts and Open Rehearsals.

The following schools were selected to participate in the 2016-2017 Symphony in Your School program:

Bonnie Brae Elementary
Carter Park Elementary
Como Elementary
George C. Clarke Elementary
Harlean Beal Elementary
Hubbard Heights Elementary
JP Elder Middle School
Luella Merrett Elementary
Meadowbrook Elementary
MH Moore Elementary
Monnig Middle School
Oaklawn Elementary
Springdale Elementary
South Hills Elementary

About the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra

Since 1912, Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra has educated, entertained and enhanced the cultural life of Cowtown. The Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra performs a broad range of symphonic and pops concerts from August through May. In addition to its own concert series, the Orchestra also collaborates with the Texas Ballet Theater, Fort Worth Opera, Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, Southwestern Seminary Master Chorale, and the Children's Education Program of Bass Performance Hall. Concerts In The Garden, Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra's summer music festival, was launched in 1990 and takes place each June - July at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden. For more information about Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra, visit www.fwsymphony.org.

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