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NEAL'S NOTES

"What Mahler Tells Me" or "The Program in the Program"

ake a glance at the program page for January's classical concert and you'll see some usual stuff. There's only one piece on the program—Mahler's Third Symphony. There's an intermission in the middle of the piece, between the first and second movements. And instead just the customary tempo markings for the movements, there are titles, all in the form "What the ______ Tell(s) Me".

What the . . . indeed!

There's a perfectly logical explanation for everything.

Mahler Three is a long symphony, designed to stand alone. It clocks in at somewhere between 90 and 100 minutes. It's often called the longest symphony ever written, but I'm sure someone somewhere has written a longer one since. When Mahler premiered it in 1902, it was certainly the longest symphony that anyone had ever encountered.

Even though we usually don't take an intermission between movements of a symphony, 90 to 100 minutes is a long time to sit, so taking a break after the nearly 40-minute first movement seems the prudent thing for everyone concerned! Plus, we know that on one occasion Mahler himself performed the *Third* with an intermission after the first movement. We could infer from the fact that it was once and only once that Mahler didn't like the idea. But the fact that he did it even once gives us some cover!

The issue of the movement titles opens up the fascinating-but-thorny subject of program music. Nowadays, we accept that some pieces are program music (music that tells a story or depicts something extra-musical) and other pieces are absolute music (music that's

about nothing beyond the way the sounds fit together). Although program music dates back at least to the 14th century, the floodgates of program music opened after Beethoven wrote his *Pastoral Symphony* in 1808. Beethoven's one-time experiment in symphonic tone-painting showed the way and helped make the 19th century a golden age of program music.

But no movement in Western classical music goes unopposed. Even as composers from Berlioz to Saint-Saëns to Franck to Liszt to Smetana to Dvořák to Richard Strauss wrote program music, many critics belittled the idea, implying that composers who resorted to programmatic elements lacked the talent, technique, or inspiration to write "pure music". As a result, many composers were ambivalent about their programmatic works. Even Strauss, the undisputed king of program music, hedged his bets by subtitling his tonepoem Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks a "Rondo for Orchestra"—to point out that not only was it a piece of program music, it also followed an established "pure music" form.

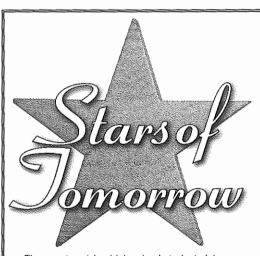
No composer was more ambivalent about program music than Gustav Mahler. Nearly all of his symphonies have programmatic elements, and in almost every case Mahler started with an overt program, wrote the piece, then gradually retracted the program, leaving us with what appears to be a piece of "absolute music" hiding its programmatic roots.

Mahler's *Third* is a perfect example. From its earliest inception in the summer of 1895, the symphony had a title, with subtitles for each individual movement. The first title was *The Happy Life: A Summer Night's Dream* (Not after

Shakespeare). As he worked on the piece over the next year, Mahler changed the title several times: first to simply A Summer Night's Dream; then to My Happy Science (a reference to Nietzsche's book The Happy Science); then to The Happy Science: A Summer Night's Dream; then to The Happy Science: A Summer Daydream; and finally to A Summer Daydream. Each movement title underwent similar changes, before the symphony was complete. Later, frustrated by all the attention the program attracted, Mahler suppressed all the titles and published the piece without them.

This puts modern performers in a quandary: should we suppress the titles, too? Mahler didn't just revise his titles. He revised his music, too. I almost always prefer to perform his music from the latest edition possible, so what we play represents Mahler's final thoughts. But look at the program page, and you'll see all Mahler's titles as they stood when he finished composing the piece in 1896.

I can't imagine this symphony without the titles, and it's not just that I think "What Love Tells Me" is the perfect title for the glorious last movement. I believe that printing the titles helps you in the audience connect with the ideas that inspired Mahler and with the music those ideas drew from his vivid imagination. It's certainly important for you to know that Mahler renounced the titles. But I think it's even more important for you to know that they were in his mind when he first put pencil to music paper.



These enterprising high school students join us for select concerts throughout the season to display their musical skills and to enjoy the DPO performances afterwards. Here, at the Dayton Philharmonic, we are proud of these talented teens. Please plan to join them in the Wintergarden, pre-concert, on the dates listed at the right!

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Fri, Dec 1 (Hometown Virtuosi) Oakwood High School Orchestra NAN WATSON, DIRECTOR

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West Carrollton High School Varsity Choir
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Sat, Dec 9 (Soulful Celebration)
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SHARON BUSCH, DIRECTOR

Sat, Jan 6 (Jazzin' with Marvin)
Stivers School for the Arts Jazz Orchestra
CLAUDE LUCIEN THOMAS, DIRECTOR

Fri, Jan 12 (Soul of Nature) Stebbins High School Symphonic Choir CHRISTINA SMITH, DIRECTOR

Sat, Mar 24 (Melodies & Milestones)
Stivers School for the Arts Philharmonic Orchestra
LOIS CLARK RAMEY, DIRECTOR

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Gustav Mahler (1860-1911) Symphony No. 3 in D Minor "A Summer Daydream"

PART ONE

"What the Mountains Tell Me"
 Pan awakes. Summer marches in.
 (The Procession of Bacchus)
 Kräftig

INTERMISSION

PART TWO

- II. "What the Flowers of the Meadow Tell Me"
 Tempo di Menuetto
- III. "What the Animals of the Forest Tell Me" Comodo. Scherzando. Ohne Hast.
- IV. "What Man Tells Me" Sehr langsam. Misterioso.
- V. "What the Angels Tell Me"
 Lustig im Tempo und keck in Ausdruck
- VI. "What Love Tells Me"

 Langsam. Ruhevoll. Empfunden.

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GUSTAV MAHLER

Symphony No. 3 in D minor

ahler was late Romantic music's ultimate big thinker. In his own lifetime, he was generally regarded as a conductor who composed on the side, producing hnge, bizarre symphonies accepted only by a cult following. The conductors Bruno Walter, Otto Klemperer, William Mengelberg, and Manrice Abravanel kept Mahler's legacy alive, and Mahler's are now among the most recorded of any symphonies.

Instrumentation: 4 flutes, 4 oboes, 5 clarinets, 4 bassoons, 8 French horns, 4 trumpets, posthorn, 4 trombones, tuba, 2 timpani, percussion, harp, and strings.

The DPO last performed this work in 1990, with Isaiah Jackson conducting.

This is Mahler's longest symphony, in six movements and lasting nearly 90-100 miuutes. Mahler's concept of the symphony as a world unto itself finds its complete exposition here in the highly diverse styles and elements, creating problems of continuity and coherence that he did not completely solve.

The primary theme of the Third is Nature and Man's place therein, and its principal literary inspirations are Das Knaben Wunderhorn (as in the previous symphony) and Nietzsche . . . Mahler added words and voices to expand his means of expression and used material from one of his earlier Wunderhorn Songs . . . the Third Symphony as a whole is his most specific example of "world building" in artistic terms.

Kräftig. Entschieden. (Strongly and Confidently). This is the single longest sonata-form movement ever written. Mahler sets bizarre, primordial, and harsh brass and percussion rumblings depicting Pan's awakening in opposition to pastoral music of bird calls and light fanfares over tremulous strings and woodwind trillings. These elements are transformed into the

ultimate example of Mahler's symphonic military marches. The entire movement covers a vast soundscape of imagery, from bold, assertive proclamation to harsh and grotesque fugal passages, to despairing outcries, to a lighthearted and popular sounding march tune.

Tempo di Menuetto. (Minuet Tempo). This is a light and folk-like dance movement in the style of the comic Wunderhorn Songs. It stands in sharp coutrast to the weighty first movement.

Comodo. Scherzando. Ohne Hast. (Moving, Scherzo-like, Without Haste). This movement quotes extensively from Mahler's song Ablösung im Sommer (Relief in the Summer) about a dead cuckoo. Its comic vein is interrupted twice, once by a sentimental posthorn solo and later by a dramatic outburst symbolic of the great god Pan's intrusion into the peaceful snmmer.

Sehr langsam. Misterioso. Durchaus ppp. (Very Slow, Mysterious, Pianissimo Throughout). Here Mahler moves into a more metaphysical realm, by setting Nietzsche's Midnight Song in this slow and haunting movement.

Lustig im Tempo und keck im Ausdruck. (Happy in Tempo, Saucily Bold in Expression). Children's and women's voices are used here, to sing this angel's song about the redemption of sin from Das Knaben Wunderhorn. Mahler imitates church bells to delightful effect, in this inuocent and uplifting movement.

Langsam. Ruhevoll. Empfunden. (Slow, Peaceful, Deeply Felt). A majestic and awesome Adagio concludes the symphony, in a hymn-like paean on love. It rises to a powerful climax, as "Nature in its totality rings and resounds."

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NEAL GITTLEMAN

Biography

The 2006-2007 season is Neal Gittleman's twelfth year as Music Director of the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra. Gittleman has led the orchestra to new levels of artistic achievement and increasing renown throughout the country. The orchestra's performance has been praised by American Record Guide magazine as well as by the Cincinnati Enquirer, which called the DPO ". . . a precise, glowing machine." And when the Orchestra christened the Mead Theatre in the Benjamin and Marian Schuster Performing Arts Center in March of 2003, the paper attested that "Gittleman has brought the DPO to a new level." During Gittleman's tenure, the orchestra has received five ASCAP awards from the American Symphony Orchestra League for its commitment to contemporary music.

Prior to coming to Dayton, Gittleman served as Music Director of the Marion (IN) Philharmonic, Associate Conductor of the Syracuse Symphony, and Assistant Conductor of the Oregon Symphony Orchestra, a post he held under the Exxon/Arts Endowment Conductors Program. He also served for ten seasons as Associate Conductor and Resident Conductor of the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra.

Neal Gittleman has appeared as guest conductor with many of the country's leading orchestras, including the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Chicago, San Francisco, Minnesota, Phoenix, Indianapolis, San Antonio, Omaha, San Jose, and Jacksonville symphony orchestras and the Buffalo Philharmonic. He has also conducted orchestras in Germany, the Czech Republic, Switzerland, Japan, Canada, and Mexico.

A native of Brooklyn, New York, Gittleman graduated from Yale University in 1975. He studied with Nadia Boulanger and Annette Diendonné in Paris, with Hugh Ross at the Manhattan School of Music, and with Charles Bruck at both the Pierre Monteux School and the Hartt School of Music, where he was a Karl Böhm Fellow. It was at the Hartt School that he earned his Arts Diploma in Orchestral Conducting. He won the Second Prize at the 1984 Ernest Ansermet International Conducting Competition in Geneva and Third Prize in the 1986 Leopold Stokowski Conducting Competition in New York.

At home in the pit as well as on stage, Gittleman has led productions for Dayton Opera, the Human Race Theatre Company, Syracuse Opera Company, Hartt Opera Theater, and for Milwaukee's renowned Skylight Opera Theatre. He has also conducted for the Milwankee Ballet, Hartford Ballet, Chicago City Ballet, Ballet Arizona, and Theater Ballet of Canada.

Gittleman is nationally known for his *Classical Connections* programs, which provide a "behind the scenes" look at great works of the orchestral repertoire. These innovative programs, which began in Milwankee 19 years ago, have become a vital part of the Dayton Philharmonic's concert season.

When not on the podinm, Neal is an avid golfer and squash and t'ai chi ch'uan player. He and his wife, Lisa Fry, have been Dayton residents since 1997.

DAYTON PHILHARMONIC WOMEN'S CHORUS

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Erin Elizabeth Lintz Deborah Nash Probert Annette Rizer Kristi Schnipke Marilyn Smyers Susan Thomas Deborah Tipps Amy Vaubel Meghan A. Wakeley

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Amy Gray, Accompanist

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HANK DAHLMAN

Director, Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra Chorus

ank Dahlman is Professor of Music, Director of Graduate Studies in Music, and Director of Choral Studies at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. He is the principal conductor of the Wright State University Collegiate Chorale, Chamber Singers, and Women's Chorale. He has been Director of the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra Chorus since 1996 and serves as a guest conductor with the Dayton Philharmonic

Orchestra. Dahlman is the Artistic and Musical Director of Wright State University's annual *Madrigal Dinners*, a Dayton tradition for over twenty years, and is the founder and Artistic Director of the school's *Holidays in the Heartland* concerts.

Dahlman has been a member of the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra's programming committee since 1997.

KATHLEEN CLAWSON

Biography

merican mezzo-soprano Kathleen Clawson receives consistent praise for the burnished, bronze beauty of her voice enhanced by an innate musicality and a persuasive, sensuous manner of communication. She has appeared throughout the United States in opera, on the concert stage and recital platform in a wide range of repertoire from Bach and Janácek to Verdi and Wagner. Highlights of the current (2006-

2007) season include her first-ever performances of Mahler's Symphony No. 3 in her return to the Dayton Philharmonic, Dvořák's *Stabat Mater* with the Santa Fe Symphony, Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 with the Midland Symphony, and a recital of Classical Christmas music for the 20th anniversary of the Music in Corales (NM) series. This summer, she returned to the Santa Fe Opera for *Salome*.

KETTERING CHILDREN'S CHOIR

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NATALIE DEHORN

Biography

rtistic Director and Director of the Concert Choir, Dr. DeHorn is a co-fonnder of the Kettering Children's Choir. She is a graduate of Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Michigan State University, and Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. Dr. DeHorn has received over 40 grants for the KCC from Culture Works of Dayton, The Ohio Arts Council, Montgomery County Arts and Cultural District, and the Dayton Foundation, sponsoring special projects and commissioned works. She has also received study grants from the National

Endowment for the Hnmanities and the Ohio Arts Conncil. Since the fonnding in 1986, the Kettering Children's Choir has grown to five graded choirs with over 200 singers participating from 9 connties in the Miami Valley area. The choir performs on tour every spring, and every third year it tonrs and performs internationally. In 2003, Natalie took the KCC on its fifth international tour to Australia. In 2006, they traveled to Germany, Austria, and Italy and participated in a Snnday Mass at St. Mark's Basilica in Venice, Italy.