A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS - BOISE PHIL RELEASES PUCCINI, PISTON, AND HIGDON

Boise, ID - (May 13, 2021) Boise Philharmonic has found a light in the darkness. The newest Digital Stage premiere, Puccini, Piston, and Higdon, looks back to how the world changed over the last year, showing the darkness mourning can bring, but with only a light, we can fly.

Starting with an elegy, Puccini’s "Chrysanthemums," then moving to Piston's Divertimento for nine strings, and ending with Higdon's An Exaltation of Larks, this performance takes you on a journey from mourning the loss of a dear friend to joyful optimism and exaltation. This powerful program can be streamed on-demand through Boise Phil's Digital Stage app.


After the concert, audiences can dive deeper into the music in "Backstage with the Phil." Music Director Eric Garcia sits down with Kathy Stutzman, violinist, to discuss performing Puccini’s elegy, the difficulty of performing during a pandemic, and how this piece has pushed her emotionally and skillfully.

Access to this performance can be found at https://www.boisephil.tv and is available for rent or on demand with a subscription.

Program
Puccini: Crisantemi, elegy for string quartet "Chrysanthemums"

Kathy Stutzman, Violin
Erin Held, Violin
Marcia von Huene, Viola
Doug Lawrence, Cello

Piston: Divertimento for Nine Instruments
Sierra Schmeltzer, Flute
Jessie Brown, Oboe
Carmen Izzo, Principal Clarinet
Patty Katucki, Principal Bassoon
Katherine Jarvis, Assistant Concertmaster
Holly Lawrence, Violin
David Johnson, Viola
Lisa Cooper, Cello
Christopher Ammirati, Principal Bass

Higdon: An Exaltation of Larks
Jessica Harned, Violin
Lauren Anderson, Violin
Emily Jones, Viola
Kyla Davidson, Cello

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The Boise Phil’s mission is to reflect the energy and heartbeat of our communities through invigorating musical experiences that touch the human spirit. Serving the Treasure Valley, the Boise Phil was established 60 years ago but traces its artistic roots back to 1885. It is the longest continuously running cultural organization in the state, and one of the longest in the country. In addition to the professional orchestra, the Boise Phil also includes the Boise Phil Master Chorale and the Boise Phil Youth Orchestras.

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