# "MUSIC FOR LIFE!" AT FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Music performance opportunities at Ferris State University are designed to supplement and enrich the lives of students by assisting them in making the transition from the high school musical setting to the world of adult amateur musical ensembles. FSU students can continue to develop their musical skills and be prepared for a rewarding musical "life after college" by participating in Ferris' musical ensembles that include both university students and members of the community – the format of the majority of community ensembles throughout the country. In this way, we aspire to *inspire* all FSU students to continue to enrich their lives and the lives of others as active performers of music – for life! Please Contact the FSU Music Center at (231) 591-2501 for more information.

### THE FSU SYMPHONY BAND

The FSU Symphony Band is sponsored by Ferris State University as part of its *Music for Life!* initiative. The FSU Symphony Band presents a series of varied and diverse concerts throughout the year. It is comprised of primarily of Ferris State University students, with potential participation by community members and talented musicians from local high school programs. Ferris students can earn credit and scholarships for their participation in the FSU Symphony Band by enrolling in Music 160. Community members and qualified high school students recommended by their directors may participate free of charge. The band rehearses every Wednesday evening throughout school year. Every summer, the band presents an outdoor concert series on Thursday evenings as the FSU Community Summer Band, which holds rehearsals on Monday evenings in the Music Center on FSU's main campus. We encourage and invite all experienced players of brass, woodwind and percussion instruments to join the band. Please contact Scott Cohen at (231) 591-2484 or rscohen@ferris.edu to get signed up!

# DR. RICHARD SCOTT COHEN, MUSICAL DIRECTOR

Scott Cohen is Professor of Music and Director of Instrumental Concert Ensembles at Ferris State University. He directs the FSU West Central Concert Band, the FSU Symphony Band, the FSU Community Summer Band, and the FSU West Central Chamber Orchestra, and he also teaches courses in music appreciation. He has partnered concerts with community organizations such as Mecosta County Medical Center (MCMC) Auxiliary, Festival of the Arts, Mecosta-Osceola Area Resource Center (MOARC), Tuba Bach Chamber Music Series, Canadian Lakes Association, Big Rapids Old Jail, and various veterans organizations. He has also partnered holiday programs with local charities such as Big Brothers Big Sisters, Project Starburst Food Pantry, Toys for Tots, and the Salvation Army. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Big Rapids and has served on the boards of directors of Art Works, Festival of the Arts, Tuba Bach Chamber Music Series, City of Big Rapids Park & Recreation Board, Big Rapids Band Shell Development Committee, and Big Rapids Band Shell Programming Committee. Cohen was the 2012 recipient of the MCMC Foundation's Northern Lights Award for the Arts. A native of Chicago, he is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate from the University of Illinois, a doctoral conducting graduate form Northwestern University, and a Fulbright Scholar to Spain. In addition to service on numerous professional committees at Ferris and in state, national and international associations, Cohen also remains active as a conductor, trombonist, composer, music adjudicator, researcher, author and lecturer throughout North America, Europe and Asia.

# Program Notes for The Fairy Ring

The Chippewa observed that there were circular pathways on the prairie, worn as if by the tread of many feet. They call these *fairy rings*, for it is said that a young warrior named Algon once concealed himself in the long grass near one of these pathways and witnessed a miraculous event. He first heard very faint, sweet music, which grew gradually louder and louder. He looked about for the source, and before long, realized that it was emanating from above, where he saw a tiny white speck like a little cloud. Nearer and nearer it came, and soon Algon realized that it was no cloud but rather a dainty willow basket containing twelve beautiful maidens. Descending into the ring, they danced round and round with exquisite grace and abandon. Algon was delighted to watch them, but eventually, in the desire to meet the lovely creatures, came out of hiding and revealed himself to them. Upon seeing him, the maidens took fright and immediately returned to their basket, floating up into the air and departing in the manner in which they had arrived.

# UPCOMING MUSICAL EVENTS BY THE FSU INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT ENSEMBLES

NOVEMBER 10 (SU) 11th ANNUAL VETERANS DAY CONCERT 4:00 p.m. G. Mennen Williams Auditorium FSU West Central Concert Band & Guests

**NOVEMBER 17 (SU)** 

FALL ORCHESTRA CONCERT

4:00 p.m. G. Mennen Williams Auditorium

4:00 p.m. G. Mennen Williams Auditorium

4:00 p.m. G. Mennen Williams Auditorium

FSU West Central Chamber Orchestra

**DECEMBER 8 (SU)** 

SYMPHONIC SANTA SUNDAY

FSU Symphony Band FSU West Central Concert Band FSU West Central Chamber Orchestra

FEBRUARY 23 (SU)

**FESTIVAL WINTER CONCERT** 

FSU Symphony Band FSU West Central Concert Band FSU West Central Chamber Orchestra

APRIL 13 (SU) SPRING BAND & ORCHESTRA CONCERT

4:00 p.m. G. Mennen Williams Auditorium

FSU Symphony Band FSU West Central Concert Band FSU West Central Chamber Orchestra

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# The FSU Symphony Band

9th Concert Season - 2013-14

Dr. Richard Scott Cohen, Musical Director

# FALL BAND CONCERT

featuring

Dr. Dale E. Skornia, guest conductor Dr. Scott Herron, speaker

presented in conjunction with

Native American Heritage Month 2013 Festival of Nations Beyond: Mythologies

8:00 p.m.
Thursday • November 7, 2013
G. Mennen Williams Auditorium

### **PROGRAM**

### FSU SYMPHONY BAND PERSONNEL

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The Big Cage (1934)	
A "Circus Gallop" March	1

Karl L. King

arranged by Andy Glover

**Toccata** (1925)

Gaspar Cassadó i Moreu

In the style of Baroque composer Girolamo Frescobaldi

arranged by Earl Slocum

In conjunction with

The 2013 Festival of Nations

Sponsored by the Office of International Education

The Lion King (1994)

arranged by John Higgins

Circle Of Life by Elton John & Tim Rice

I Just Can't Wait To Be King by Elton John & Tim Rice

Be Prepared by Elton John & Tim Rice

Hakuna Matata by Elton John & Tim Rice

Can You Feel The Love Tonight by Elton John & Tim Rice

King Of Pride Rock by Hans Zimmer

The West Wing (1999)

W.G. "Snuffy" Walden

arranged by Roy Phillippe

Dr. Dale E. Skornia, guest conductor

**Dream Variants** (2012)

**Roland Barrett** 

The Fairy Ring from Two Native Legends (2000)

**Max Williams** 

Introduction by Dr. Scott Herron FSU Professor of Biology & Circle of Tribal Nations RSO Faculty Advisor

In conjunction with

The "Beyond: Mythologies" Program
Sponsored by the Office of International Education

and

Native American Heritage Month Sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Student Services

**Jump Swing Fever** 

arranged by John Wasson

Jump, Jive An' Wail (1956) by Louis Prima Zoot Suit Riot (1998) by Steve Perry

It Don't Mean A Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing) (1932) by Duke Ellington & Irving Mills

FLUTE/PICCOLO

Clare Kelsey Bott (2) FSU Student: Medical Technology †Alli Brandt (2) FSU Student: Respiratory Care Weidman Robin Gessner (1) FSU Student: Hospitality Management **Grand Rapids** FSU Student: Pre-Medicine New Baltimore Rachel Kempisty (2) Allendale Rachel LaBrecque (1) FSU Student: Graphic Design FSU Student: Biology / Chemistry †Alexandra Ortiz (2) Kalamazoo Houghton Lake Nicole Outman (1) FSU Student: Psychology Monica Polkowski (1) FSU Student: Pre-Pharmacy Belmont

**OBOE** 

Jordan Mullauer (2) FSU Student: Nursing Hartford Jana Snider (1) FSU Student: Nursing Michigan Center

BASSOON

Elizabeth Smith (1) FSU Student: Music Industry Management Grand Blanc

CLARINET

Kassi Anger (1) FSU Student: Pre-Pharmacy Kingston Ashlyn Chambers (4) FSU Student: Nuclear Medicine Technology Edwardsburg Angela Fournier (1) FSU Student: Pre-Science Clio Tiffany Schack (1) FSU Student: Business Data Analytics White Bear Lake, MN Emily Schreur (1) FSU Student: Pre-Diagnostic Medical Sonography Lowell Emily Steward (1) FSU Student: Pre-Radiography Fenton Michelle VandenBoss (1) FSU Student: Pre-Optometry Allegan Retired Cadillac Tony Weglarz (3) Carmen Zender (2) FSU Student: Pre-Optometry Fostoria

BASS CLARINET

Malissa Such (1) FSU Student: Pre-Pharmacy Harrison Township
†Cameron Wiseman (2) FSU Student: Criminal Justice Muskegon

ALTO SAXOPHONE

†Kyle Denney (1) FSU Student: Computer Networks & Systems Dryden Antonio Siciliano (1) FSU Student: Music Industry Management Munith Dr. Dale Skornia (7) Music Professor, FSU Big Rapids \*Sarah Thompson (4) FSU Student: Biology Alpena †Eric Watson (5) FSU Student: Biology Clarkston Sam Whittaker (3) FSU Student: Criminal Justice Niles

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Gina DiGiovanni (1) FSU Student: Information Security and Intelligence Shelby Township
†Daniel Hart (4) FSU Student: Computer Information Systems Grand Rapids
Amir Jairazbhoy (1) FSU Student: Marketing Farmington Hills
Sara Vitek (2) FSU Student: Business Management Marketing & Technology Byron

BARITONE SAXOPHONE

Megan Carpenter (3) FSU Student: Automotive Management Laingsburg
Amanda Clarke (1) FSU Student: Elementary Education Charlotte

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TRUMPET

Amber Cumings (3) FSU Student: Pre-Optometry Montague †Autumn Daniels (2) FSU Student: Social Work Big Rapids Robert Hickson (2) FSU Student: Education Big Rapids Benjamin LaRoche (1) FSU Student: Computer Networks & Systems Dorr Danielle Lefevre (2) FSU Graduate Student: Optometry Bay City †Chelsea Rae Miller (2) FSU Student: Criminal Justice & Psychology Brownstown †Bryan Seguin (2) FSU Student: Information Security & Intelligence Clarkston Kendra Sheffer (1) FSU Student: Pre-Pharmacy Montague Thomas Talsma (1) FSU Student: Respiratory Care Zeeland Andrew Zwerlein (1) FSU Student: Pre-Pharmacy Howell

FRENCH HORN

Stewart Bower (1)FSU Student: Professional Golf ManagementHarbor SpringsHannah Leedy (1)FSU Student: Dental HygieneHoughton LakeRachel Pizarek (3)FSU Student: Environmental BiologyMattawanSamantha Schwerin (2)FSU Student: AccountingSaginaw†Steven Sutherland (2)FSU Student: Pre-PharmacyAlto

TROMBONE

Brett Bohan (1) FSU Student: Pre-Law Marcellus FSU Student: Criminal Justice Coldwater Josh Dunny (2) Matthew Falconer (1) FSU Student: Automotive Engineering Technology Anchorage, AK Jim Mehl (8) Administrative Law Judge, retired Big Rapids Christopher Morgan (2) FSU Student: Pre-Pharmacy North Branch Brandon Morrill (2) FSU Student: Pre-Nursing Manistee Tanner Page (3) FSU Student: Biology Education Alma †Grant Walker (4) FSU Student: Criminal Justice Bay City Lindsey Warren (2) FSU Student: Forensic Biology Livonia FSU Student: Plastics & Rubber Engineering Technology Port Huron †Douglas Young (1)

**EUPHONIUM** 

†Thomas Andrews (1)FSU Student: Pre-PharmacyCascoCaitlin McCallion (1)FSU Student: General StudiesBeldingCalvin Rehkopf (1)FSU Student: General StudiesReed City

TUBA

Geoffrey Amor (2) FSU Student: Pre-Respiratory Care St. Joseph T. Patrick Billig (5) Band Director, retired White Cloud

PERCUSSION

†Andrew Best (3) FSU Student: Environmental Biology Big Rapids †Ian Goodrich (1) FSU Student: Product Design Engineering Technology Gobles †William Harris (3) FSU Student: Public Relations Rudyard Bret LeTorneau (1) FSU Student: Pre-Optometry Alpena Holton Christopher Moon (3) FSU Student: Psychology †Floyd Reinhard (4) FSU Student: Heavy Equipment Service Engineering Technology Cadillac FSU Student: Finance †Andrea Skula (1) Stanton Benjamin Tuttle (1) FSU Student: Pre-Pharmacy Jenison

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Homer Glen, IL

Rebecca Weinberger (2) FSU Student: Pre-Optometry

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