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# Biographies

# **Kevin Kozacek, Music Director**



Originally a native of Colorado, Kevin Kozacek graduated in 1977 from the University of Northern Colorado where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Music Education, with an emphasis in choral conducting under the tutelage of Dr. Howard Skinner. In 1990, Mr. Kozacek received his Master of Education degree from Northern Arizona University. Mr. Kozacek has taught public school music in grades K-12, and has directed theater, instrumental ensembles and choral groups in churches and communities in England, Nebraska, Colorado, Texas and

Arizona. He studied orchestral conducting under Maestros Lawrence Golan, Don Thulean, Apo Hsu, Harold Farberman, Raymond Harvey, Zvonimir Hacko, and Nicholas Ross and has guest conducted orchestras in Kiev, Ukraine and Krasnoyarsk, Russia. He recently served for 10 years as the founding Artistic Director for ProMusica Arizona Chorale & Orchestra, and is pleased to have been invited to serve as the founding Music Director for NVSO. He currently flies part-time as a commercial pilot for Southwest Airlines while pursuing his Master of Music degree in Orchestral Conducting at Northern Arizona University.

Carol Routh, Concertmaster—Mrs. Routh graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University (IWU) with a Bachelor of Music Education degree. Her teaching experience includes nine years of Suzuki Violin training at IWU, 13 years as a strings and orchestra teacher in the Washington Elementary School District here in Arizona, and many years of Suzuki and traditional violin private instruction. Mrs. Routh's orchestral experience includes playing 12 years with the Bloomington/Normal (IL) Symphony and nine years with ProMusica Arizona Orchestra. She is currently a member of the North Phoenix Baptist Church Instrumental Team. Carol and her husband, Brad, have three grown children and five beautiful grandchildren.

# Welcome to North Valley Symphony Orchestra's 2013-14 Concert Season

Please mark your calendars for the remaining concerts in our season:

### Tchaik FIVE — March 8, 2014

"Tragic to Triumph." These words are representative of the underlying meaning behind Tchaikovsky's *5th Symphony*.

# Youth and Symphonettes Concert — May 3, 2014

# American Masterpieces — May 17, 2014

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Teachers are encouraged to offer extra credit to students who attend the concert and complete the tri-fold.

Look for the Adventures in Symphonic Music Series in our lobby. Enjoy the concert!

Corinne Assad Grant – NVSO Education Director





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# North Valley Symphony Orchestra Presents "Holiday Toys"

Toy Symphony

attributed to either Joseph Havdn or Leopold Mozart

#### **NVSO Youth Orchestra Kevin Kozacek — Conductor**

March of the Toys from "Babes in Toyland"

Victor Herbert arr. Otto Langey

Concerto for Flute in D Major

Johann Joachim Quantz

#### Flute: Joshua Barnes

Suite No. 1 from the ballet "The Nutcracker"

Pyotr Ilich Tchaikovsky

- I. Overture
- II. Danses Characteriques
  - a. March
  - b. Danse de la Fee-Dragee (Sugar Plum Fairy)
  - c. Danse Russe Trepak (Russian Folk)
  - d. Danse Arabe (Arabian)
  - e. Danse Chinoise (Chinese)
  - f. Danse des Mirlitons (Reed Flutes)

III. Valse des Fleurs (Waltz of the Flowers)

Sleigh Ride

Leroy Anderson

**NVSO Orchestra Kevin Kozacek - Conductor** 

20 Minute Intermission

# Intermission Music in the Lobby

Shalom Chaverim A Christmas Canon Christmas Quatrain Santa Plays the Viola Traditional arr. by Michael Green arr. by Elliot Del Borgo arr. by Mark Williams

# NVSO Symphonettes Murilou Chilman and Sujoy Spencer - Conductors

(program continued after intermission)

The Maestros of Juing

Baby It's Cold Outside

Frank Loesser arr. Roger Holmes

Rest Ye Merry Samba

Traditional arr. Paul Baker

Santa Baby

Joan Javits, Phil Springer, Tony Springer

arr. John Berry

White Christmas

Irving Berlin arr. Michael Sweeney

It's the Holiday Season

Irving Berlin, Kay Thompson

arr. Roger Holmes

Christmas Time Is Here

Vince Guaraldi, Lee Mendelson

arr. David Pugh

Here Comes Santa Claus

Gene Autry and Oakley Haldeman

arr. John Berry

NVSO Maestros of Swing Glenn Graca- Conductor

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# **NVSO Adult Orchestra Personnel**

#### First Violin

Carol Routh\*†
Kylie Ahern
Kathy Chesser
Beth Chiarenza
Susan Haack
Frank Islas
Gabrielle Lorenc
Anthony McNeil
Anne Phelan
Joanne Schartow
Marjorie Sherman
Sujoy Spencer
Honey Yellin

#### **Second Violin**

Murilou Chilman\*
Dennis Dorch
Janene Ferraris
Stanley Green
Alberto Islas
Ann Kosiba
Chad Kurtzman
Anne Lackey
Pearl Mahar
Janet Steinberg
Lauren Vogini

#### Viola

Gail Salameh\* Larry Bunch Lauren Harris Janet Plummer Parikhit (Ricky) Sinha Noel Washington

#### Cello

Amanda Sinha\*
Shannon Bost
Carrington Buze
Bob Chilman
JoAnn Cleland
Emily Helton-Riley
Jana Fry
Alyssa Mahar

#### Bass

Mary Kelly\* Zac Carson Howard Robinson Dylan Suehiro

#### Harp

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#### Flute

Cheryl Riggle\* Joshua Barnes Brenda Bosley

#### Oboe

Larry Lorenzen\*
Suzanne Johnsen

#### **English Horn**

Suzanne Johnsen

#### Clarinet

Corinne Assad Grant\* Kira Assad Sean Assad Dan Greene

#### Bassoon

Alisa Mastin\* Andrew Dopilka Carla Eschenbrenner

#### Trumpet

Glenn Graca\* Lori Hefner Dennis Umber Kerry Williams

#### Trombone

Greg James\* Dennis Patterson Alan Wiseman

#### Tuba

Mike Burt\*

#### Horn

Philip Johnson\* Heather Beaman Sally Hadzimuhovic John Schartow Steve Thomasson

#### **Percussion**

Liz Patronik\* Matt Deller Hal Gill Jeanna Hodges Cindy Kozacek

- <sup>+</sup> Concertmaster
- \* Principal
- ♪ Guest

(section members listed alphabetically)

# **NVSO Youth Orchestra**

#### Violin 1

Gabrielle Lorenc \*
Samantha Baird
Adriana Boderash
Sydney Cooney
Frank Islas
Megan McGary
Sophia Packard
Justin Palacios

#### Violin 2

Haley McKeown \*
Nicole Campos
Ava Chard
Andreja Donaldson
Danielle Ruebbelke
Sage Witt

#### Viola

Lauren Harris \*
Alberto Islas
Catherine Spencer
Noel Washington

#### Cello

Alyssa Mahar \*
Eleanor Faussane
Nathan Hayward
Calista Ramirez
Bryan Sullivan
Brielle Watchman

#### **Bass**

Erin Wilson

\*Principal

# **NVSO Symphonettes**

**Violin** Julianna de Mello

Natasha Jarick Jack Kapps Harrison Newton Olivia Notte

Viola

Gabriella Sandhu Megan Tomson

Megan Tomson Rasa Walter

#### Cello

Chloe Barrett Stephen Bosley Danielle Ceccardi Madison Harmon Jared Mahar Christina Spencer

#### Bass

Kaine Holloway Augusta Willet

Accompanist: Anne Phelan

(section members listed alphabetically)

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# **Program Notes**

The Nutcracker Ballet was one of Tchaikovsky's latest works, composed in 1892. The composer would die of cholera less than a year after its premier. The premier of the Nutcracker Ballet in St. Petersburg, Russia was not a success. In fact, over a half century would pass before it began to get traction to where it is now: at least in America, the Nutcracker has become the most performed ballet. Before the ballet's premier, Tchaikovsky had already created a suite from the music, which proved incredibly popular from the very first concert. An "orchestral suite" is a piece of music that is an ordered set of pieces that have been extracted from the original, such as a ballet, incidental music for a play, or in our contemporary world, film and video games. Indeed, the Nutcracker Suite is one of those rare pieces of music that is immediately accessible on the first hearing and then continues to enchant for years.

Tchaikovsky was a master of orchestration. His process of composition was often centered on meticulously choosing the correct instrument or groupings of instruments in order to evoke the proper mood that his music reflects. While traveling through Paris in the late 1880's he became acquainted with a new instrument that had just been designed by Auguste Mustel in 1886 -- the celesta. Celesta in French means "heavenly", so in the Nutcracker Tchaikovsky uses it to make the music of the Sugar Plum Fairy more dream-like. The celesta, or celeste in English, is played like a piano, with a small keyboard of about 3 octaves. Rather than striking strings, the hammers instead strike metal plates that are very similar to a glockenspiel. The keyboard configuration provides the musician the ability to play numerous notes and full chords just as is possible on a piano. Typically a percussionist can only play three or possibly four notes at a time on a glockenspiel, and scales and runs are very difficult. The celeste gave composers such as Mahler, Bizet, and of course Tchaikovsky a new virtuosic tool to use in their orchestrations.

Just over ten years after the premier of the Nutcracker, the song March of the Toys came to life in the mind of Victor Herbert. Hebert was born in Ireland, educated in Germany, and became an American by choice. He was a composer of serious music, but was also proficient in composing lighter pieces as well. The piece March of the Toys is from the light operetta Babes in Toyland, which was written specifically for Broadway. The musical The Wizard of OZ, which was likewise produced in 1903, had been a resounding success, and the producers decided to capitalize on that success with

# Program Notes (cont.)

another youth-centered production such as Babes in Toyland. Victor Herbert was enlisted to write the music for the operetta, which was based on the libretto by Glen MacDonough, who had been instrumental in helping rewrite The Wizard of OZ and was familiar with what was currently successful in theaters. The storyline of Babes in Toyland is dear to many children, as it centers around numerous characters from the stories of Mother Goose. Hebert was also an extraordinary cellist, as well as an accomplished conductor and composer.

Johann Joachim Quantz was a flute virtuoso, a composer, an author of an influential treatise on flute technique, a master flute maker. and was also the music teacher for Fredrick the Great of Prussia. Having been born in 1697 and dying in 1773, he was a contemporary of Bach, and in the generation just before Mozart and Beethoven. He was popular in their day, and his influence concerning flute technique and composition was manifold in their compositions. The Concerto in D for Flute is in typical Baroque concerto form. The form begins with a statement by the orchestra, and then the statement is echoed by the soloist with the orchestra as a quiet accompaniment. The piece then transitions to a minor key for contrast, then transitions back to the home key for the finale. Just before the final statement, the orchestra stops, and the soloist performs a solo "cadenza." which shows off the virtuosic capability of the soloist. The orchestra re-enters, and quickly finishes the movement. Though the form is around 300 years old, the thrill of listening to a soloist perform a cadenza is a great for audiences of today.

When it comes right down to it, we don't really know who wrote the Toy Symphony. The fact that it has been ascribed to Mozart's father Leopold, or possibly to Haydn shows just how well liked the piece is. The delightful composition is in three short movements which employs toy trumpets, whistles and noise makers. But, there is nothing in either Mozart or Haydn's letters or diaries that corresponds with the piece. The confusion over to whom we should attribute compositions centers around the practice of music copying during that time period. In order for composers to learn about compositional techniques, they would often hand copy another composer's score, and the piece would end up in their library with no name associated. One thing that we do know is that the composition seems to be associated with the German town of Berchtesgaden, which was a center of making toy instruments.

# Introducing NVSO's Outreach Performing Groups

# **String Personnel**

VIOLIN:

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Frank Islas Chad Kurtzman

Gabrielle Lorenc

Carol Routh

VIOLA:

Anne Phelan Gail Salameh

Ricky Sinha

**CELLO:** 

**Bob Chilman** Amanda Sinha

Janet Steinberg

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#### **SAXOPHONE:**

1st Alto: Corinne Assad Grant 2nd Alto: Cheryl Riggle 1st Tenor: Sean Assad 2nd Tenor: Kira Assad Baritone: Suzanne Johnson

#### TRUMPET:

1st Trumpet: Dennis Umber 2nd Trumpet: Glenn Graca 3rd Trumpet: Kerry Williams

4th Trumpet: Lori Hefner

#### **TROMBONE:**

1st Trombone: Alan Wiseman 2nd Trombone: Greg James 3rd Trombone: Dennis Patterson

4th Trombone: Mike Burt

#### RHYTHM SECTION:

Guitar: Larry Lorenzen Piano: Zac Carson Bass: Mary Kelly Drums: Hal Gill

Aux. Perc: Liz Patronik

**CONDUCTOR:** Glenn Graca MANAGER: Corinne Assad Grant

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