

Concert

Carnegie Mellon Philharmonic
Juan Pablo Izquierdo, music director
Carnegie Music Hall
Thursday, September 14, 2006 • 8 pm

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## PROGRAM

# Scythian Suite

Sergei Prokofiev (1891-1953)

The Adoration of Veles and Ala

The Enemy God and the Dance of the Black Spirits

Night

Night
The Glorious Departure of Lolly and the Procession of the Sun

## **Nuclear Winter**

Marilyn Taft Thomas (b. 1943)

Life as it Was The Chaos of Survival The Last Days

Intermission

# The Firebird (1919)

Igor Stravinsky (1882-1971)

Introduction - The Firebird - The Firebird's Variation The Princesses' Khorovod Infernal dance of King Kashchei Berceuse Finale

JUAN PABLO IZQUIERDO has an international career conducting the major orchestras in Europe and South America—including the Vienna Symphony Orchestra and those in Hamburg, Berlin, Frankfurt, Dresden, Leipzig, Madrid, Paris, and Brussels; and the BBC Glasgow, Holland Radio Orchestra, and the Bavarian Radio Orchestra. He has been principal conductor of the Gulbenkian Orchestra in Lisbon and the Santiago Philharmonic Orchestra which he reorganized and conducted until 1986. In the Middle East, Izquierdo has conducted the Jerusalem Symphony and the Israel Chamber Orchestra, and was music director of the Testimonium Israel Festival in Jerusalem and Tel-Aviv from 1974 until 1985. In 1976 he was awarded the National Music Prize by the Israel Ministry of Culture. He has also conducted at the Holland, Paris, Strasbourg, Berlin, Munich, and Budapest music festivals, and in 1998 received the National Critics Award in his native Santiago for the second time.

Izquierdo began his career conducting Chile's National Orchestra and Philharmonic Orchestra. In 1966 he won First Prize in the Dimitri Mitropolous International Competition for Conductors, and was named assistant conductor to Leonard Bernstein and the New York Philharmonic.

While his interpretations of the Viennese masters of the nineteenth century continue a long-standing European tradition and reflect the brilliance of his teacher and mentor, Hermann Scherchen, Izquierdo is also known internationally for his bold interpretations of avant-garde music of the twentieth century. As music director of the Carnegie Mellon Philharmonic, he has presented that orchestra in works by Iannis Xenakis (Carnegie Hall, New York), Edgar Varèse (Kennedy Center, Washington, D.C.), Olivier Messiaen (Symphony Hall, Boston), and Giacinto Scelsi (Carnegie Hall, New York). His recordings with the Carnegie Mellon Philharmonic appear on the Mode and New Albion labels, and on *International Music from Carnegie Mellon*, a radio series with international distribution in three languages. Izquierdo is professor of music and director of orchestral studies at Carnegie Mellon.

### NUCLEAR WINTER for Orchestra by Marilyn Taft Thomas 1984

Nuclear Winter was commissioned by Carnegie Mellon University in 1984.

It is dedicated to the students.

The inspiration for this composition came from the words of Carl Sagan:

"We should plan for and cherish

our fragile world

as we do our children

and our grandchildren:

there will be no other place

for them to live."

Marilyn Taft Thomas is Interim Head of the Carnegie Mellon School of Music and Professor of Theory and Composition. She is an active composer with works for orchestra, choir, piano, voice, and chamber ensembles. She has won prizes from the National Federation of Music and the "National Harvey Gaul Competition," and has received nine awards in composition from ASCAP, with commissions from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, the McKeesport Symphony Orchestra, Carnegie Mellon University, the American Music Center, and the Pittsburgh New Music Ensemble.

Her diverse background includes 25 years as a pianist, church organist, and director of music. Dr. Thomas was the first woman to receive a Ph.D. in composition from the University of Pittsburgh, and the only woman to serve as President of the Pittsburgh Alliance of Composers. Her computer music research and development of music theory software is internationally known. As a teacher, her innovative teaching methods have been cited by Associated Press and honored by the university with its prestigious Henry Hornbostel Teaching Award.

Since joining the Carnegie Mellon faculty in 1981, Dr. Thomas has served as Head of the School of Music, 1988-1996, Director of Graduate Studies, 1997-2000, and Executive Director of the River City Brass Band, 2000-2003. In addition to her work as a composer, she has published over 20 articles and papers on composition, technology, computer music, music education and women in music. She has also authored two books, several collections of essays, poetry, and travel journals. In 2004, Thomas was granted the Stolarevsky Lifetime Achievement Award by the McKeesport Symphony Society for distinguished service in the arts, and for excellence in and contributions to the cultural life of our communities.

Dr. Thomas currently serves as President Elect of the Executive Board of the Andrew Carnegie Society at Carnegie Mellon University. She is the mother of three grown children and has six very active grandchildren.

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#### Violin 1

Anne Jackovic
Megan Prokes
Amanda Grimm
Sarah Silver
Diana Pepelea
Anastasia Storer
Jessica Hsu
Michael O'Gieblyn
Joyce Yue Lin
Emma Hancock

#### Violin 2

Christopher Franke Ashley Buckley Maureen Gutierrez Hajnal Pivnick Neysis Rangel Rachael Mathey Caroline Drozdiak Rachel Berkowitz Melanie Riordan Sharon Wang

#### Viola

Andrew Griffin
Jason Hohn
Justin Johnson
Brianne Lugo
Oya Ucarci
Soyoung Jeong
Ida Lomibao
Amber Rogers
H. Mattie Kaiser
Lucy Woodward

#### Cello

Marianne Dumas Lauren Dunseath Lisa Kramer Simon Cummings Chenni Chen Lisa Campbell Chelsea Giordan Maria Walton

#### Bass

Matt McGrath
David Kahn
Adam Cobb
Jon Powers
Ryan Woodworth
Samantha Dickman
Greg Whittemore

#### Flute

Jeffrey Barker Jennifer Bouton Sarah Moon Jodi Petroelje

#### Oboe

Stanil Stanilov Heidi Stapel Allison Webber Laura Gershman

#### Clarinet

Kira Bokalders Jahaziel Marin Jeremy Olisar Martin Scalona

#### Bassoon

Daniel Shifrin Elise Wagner Victoria Olson Vanessa VanSickle

## Horn

Nelly Juarez

Luciano Maestro Kathryn Petrarulo John Berezney Mitchell Marcello Oliver Nakano-Baker Megan Shand Charlie Shifrin

Melissa Van Timmeren

### Trumpet

Jerry Gaudi Bob Kircher Matthew Pienkowski Tilden Olsen Russell Scharf

#### Trombone

Bradford Courage Andrew Duncan Rob Sheppard-Sage

## **Bass Trombone**

James Siders

#### Tuba

Brian McBride

#### Percussion

Cristobal Gajardo Emily Hawkins Marcus Kim Eddie Meneses Michael Pape Brandon Schantz Kim Toscano Raul Vergara Ariel Zaviezo

# Ensembles Manager

Robert Skavronski

## Orchestra Manager

James Siders

### Orchestra Librarian

Matthew McGrath Neysis Rangel Stanil Stanilov

concert master

# **Upcoming Events**

Thursday, September 21
Cuarteto Latinoamericano
Walter Morales, guest pianist
Kresge Recital Hall 8:00 pm
Part of Hispanic Heritage month

Thursday, September 28
Carnegie Mellon Wind Ensemble
Denis Colwell, conductor
Carnegie Music Hall 8 pm
Tickets: \$5/\$4 Carnegie Mellon students free with ID

Saturday, September 30
Carnegie Mellon Contemporary Ensemble
Walter Morales, conductor
Kresge Recital Hall 5 pm

Wednesday, October 11
Carnegie Mellon Philharmonic
Walter Morales, conductor
Carnegie Music Hall 8 pm
Tickets: \$5/\$4 Carnegie Mellon students free with ID

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