



PALMETTO CONCERT BAND PRESENTS ITS FEBRUARY CONCERT

COLUMBIA, SC (January 18, 2023) – The Palmetto Concert Band is proud to present its February concert “International Impressions” under the direction of guest conductor Dr. Cormac Cannon. Each piece gives an impression of another country and will be based on the music from another country or a composer from another country. You will hear Argentinian dance songs from the ballet “Estancia” by Albert Ginastera, English folk songs in a suite by Ralph Vaughn Williams, a beautiful Australian tune by Percy Aldridge Grainger, as well as a march by Norwegian composer Johan Halvorsen. The band will also perform an arrangement of folk songs from Armenia written by American composer Alfred Reed and impressions from the Romani people whose melodies and rhythms are a fusion of styles and cultures: Malagueña of Spain, Argentine Tango, Arabic music, Turkish folk songs, Latin claves, and Jazz. **The concert will take place at the Koger Center for the Arts on February 11, 2023 at 8:00pm and is free and open to the public.**

About the Palmetto Concert Band

The Palmetto Concert Band, founded in 1999, is comprised of professional and semi-professional musicians from throughout South Carolina. A large majority of the ensemble’s members are alumni of the University of South Carolina and more than half of its members are public school band directors. These experienced performers, who receive no compensation for participating, choose to play with the ensemble because of their passion for making music and performing outstanding repertoire composed or transcribed for wind band.

Now in its twenty-fourth season, the Palmetto Concert Band performs three concerts annually in the Columbia area: in November on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, in February as part of the USC Band Clinic and a Memorial Day concert in May to honor those who have given to our country. For more information on our upcoming concerts, please visit www.palmettoconcertband.com.

About the Conductor

Scott Weiss is the Music Director and Conductor of the Palmetto Concert Band, the Music Director and Conductor of the Aiken Symphony Orchestra and the Director of Orchestras at the University of South Carolina School of Music. In demand internationally as a guest conductor, Scott has conducted recent performances with the orchestras of Shenzhen, Tianjin, Hunan, Inner Mongolia, Shandong, and Nanchang and at major international venues including the Taipei National Theatre and Concert Hall, the National Centre for the Performing Arts Concert Hall in Beijing, and the Hangzhou Grand Theatre Concert Hall.

Scott has several critically-acclaimed recordings on the Naxos Records and Summit Records labels. His latest offering is the world premiere recording of Nico Muhly’s *Reliable Sources*, released on the Cantaloupe Music label in October 2021. The piece is one of dozens of new works that Scott has commissioned from many of today’s leading composers, including Samuel Adler, Jennifer Higdon, Zhou Long, Cindy McTee, and Joseph Schwanter.

For more information, visit www.scottanthonyweiss.com

About the Guest Conductor

Cormac Cannon is Director of Bands and Associate Professor of Music at the University of South Carolina, where he conducts the University of South Carolina Wind Ensemble, guides the graduate wind conducting program, and oversees all aspects of the band program.

Cannon earned the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in conducting at the University of Texas at Austin in 2009. He received the Master of Music degree in wind conducting from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, and the Bachelor of Music degree in percussion performance and music education from the University of Iowa. From 2001-2005 Cannon served as director of bands at Williamsburg High School in Williamsburg, Iowa, and from 2006-2007 was music director and conductor of the Cincinnati Youth Wind Ensemble.

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