

Date: Sunday, February 8, 2015

Event: Sinfonietta Pops Orchestra concert “Dark Adventure”

Where: Cecilian Auditorium, St. Mary of the Woods College

Time: 3:00 p.m.

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The Sinfonietta Pops Orchestra is working with the Vigo County Public Library to present a concert based on the book *True Grit* the selection for the 2015 Wabash Valley Community Read. The concert, titled *Dark Adventure* will be performed on Sunday, February 8th at 3:00 p.m. in the Cecilian Auditorium at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

Olivia Goulding will be the narrator for the concert. A lifelong resident of Terre Haute, she is currently a member of the Vigo County Public Library Board of Trustees. She is a dedicated volunteer for a variety of causes and organizations in the Wabash Valley including coordinating the annual placing of 7,000 American Flags in the Vigo County Veterans Park honoring our military heroes of Iraq and Afghanistan.

Zach Weaver will perform the violin solo in Sergei Rachmaninoff’s *Vocalise, Op.34, No. 14*. Originally written for voice and piano, the *Vocalise* has been arranged for many different instrument combinations including for orchestra by Rachmaninoff himself. Zach is a graduate of North Vigo High School and was a student of Rodney Foster. Zach is now a senior in the School of Music at Indiana State University.

Beginning with the Ralph Ford composition *Dark Adventure* the orchestra will include music representing many of the areas referred to in the book. The first of these is *Spirit of the Pioneers* by Susan Christiansen who specializes in the production of movie music sound tracks using the latest technical developments with synthesizers and computers. A quick change of pace is the blue grass style arrangement of the fiddle tune *Arkansas Traveler*.

Round Her Neck She Wore a Yellow Ribbon is a song poem that has appeared in various forms for at least four centuries. Yellow is the official color of the armor branch of the U.S. Army and depicted in Hollywood movies by the yellow neckerchief worn by 19th century U.S. Cavalry Soldiers. *The Yellow Rose of Texas* is based on the Texas legend about a mulatto woman who facilitated the Texan victory at the Battle of San Jacinto.

The Cowboys is a 1972 film starring John Wayne. John Williams wrote the musical score for the film and later arranged the music for a performance by the Boston Pops Orchestra. The Overture from the score seemed the ideal piece to conclude the concert.

Tickets are \$10 adults, \$5 students and children under 10 may attend at no charge.