

Date: Saturday, November 23, 2013

Event: Sinfonietta Pops Concert, "Christmas at the Cecilian"

Where: Cecilian Auditorium, Conservatory Bldg. Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Admission: \$10 adult, \$5 student, children under 10 free

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The Sinfonietta Pops Orchestra concert "Christmas at the Cecilian" sets the mood for the holidays with music, punch and cookies and a visit from St. Nicholas. The concert begins at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 23rd in the Cecilian Auditorium at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College.

St. Nicholas, considered by some to be the original Santa Claus was a Bishop in the 3rd Century known throughout the land for his generosity to those in need and his love for children. He will make his concert appearance at Intermission to dispense small gifts and meet the audience. The free refreshments will continue to be part of the tradition at this concert as will a special musical interlude during the intermission.

Dr. Sheron Dailey, ISU Communications Professor Emerita, will emcee the concert including the narration for the "Triumphal March" from Sergei Prokofiev's children's symphony "Peter and the Wolf" Dr. Dailey has performed the narration for the Terre Haute Symphony's presentation of "Peter and the Wolf" as well as commentary and reading for the Columbia Missouri Symphony Orchestra's production of "Shakespeare and Music".

The trombone section of Bill Heinrich, Duane Caperton and Kevin Forbes will be featured in the lighthearted "Holiday for Trombones" composed by David Rose. Rose was a popular composer winning four "Emmys" for his TV composition work and was also the music director for Red Skelton for more than twenty years.

"Babes in Toyland" is an operetta composed by Victor Herbert which weaves together characters from Mother Goose nursery rhymes into a Christmas themed musical. The most famous piece is the "March of the Toys" which still shows up on compilations of Christmas music.

"Hansel and Gretel" has become a popular opera at Christmas time. The audience can enjoy the wonder and magic of the story of Hansel and Gretel as the orchestra performs the "Sandman's Song, Evening Song and Dream Pantomime". An ancient Russian Christmas carol derived from the liturgical music of the Eastern Orthodox Church forms the basis for "Russian Christmas Music by Alfred Reed.

Tickets are available at the door. Admission for adults is \$10, students \$5 and children under the age of 10 are free. The Sinfonietta appreciates the grant support from Arts Illiana, the Indiana Arts Commission, the City of Terre Haute and the Wabash Valley Community Foundation to support their performances.

