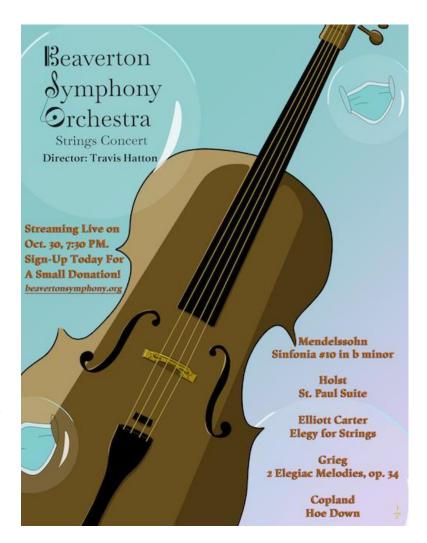


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**7:30pm Friday, October 30, 2020** 



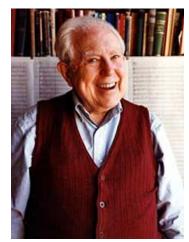
## The Composers





Felix Mendelssohn

Gustav Holst







Edvard Grieg



Aaron Copland

# Beaverton Symphony Orchestra

## Travis Hatton, Music Director

Felix Mendelssohn 1809-1847	Sinfonia No. 10 in b minor (1824)
Gustav Holst 1874-1934	St. Paul's Suite in C Major, Op. 29, No. 2 (1913)
Elliott Carter 1908-2012	Elegy, for String Orchestra (1943)
Edvard Grieg 1843-1907	Two Elegiac Melodies, Op. 34 (1880)
Aaron Copland 1900-1990	Hoe Down (1942)

## **Program Notes**

#### Felix Mendelssohn: Sinfonia No. 10 in B minor

This child prodigy composed 13 sinfonias during his adolescence; the tenth was composed at the age of only 14. This piece is in a single movement that begins darkly in b minor then moves to a major mode before returning to the initial stormy theme.

#### **Gustav Holst: St Paul's Suite in C Major**

Named after the St Paul's School in Hammersmith, London. As the school's music master, Holst wanted to pay homage to the school for building him a sound-proof studio, so he wrote this for the school's students. It begins with a *Jig*, then an *Ostinato*, followed by an *Intermezzo*, and ending with themes from his *Second Suite in F for Military Band* – the *Dargason* followed by *Greensleves* with both folk songs played together until the end.

## Elliot Carter: Elegy, for String Orchestra

As a modern American composer in the second half of the  $20^{\rm th}$  century, Carter was influenced by European modernism, producing a distinctive style whose compositions are performed throughout the world . He was twice awarded the Pulitzer Prize in Music for his string quartets and published more than 40 works between the ages of 90 and 100. Rewritten from a string quartet of 1946 to a string orchestra in 1952, it is linear in style and tonal in expression, unlike his other works.

### **Edvard Grieg: Two Elegiac Melodies**

These were originally composed as part of his *Twelve Melodies*, which were settings for voice and piano of verses by the Norwegian poet and journalist Aasmund Olavsson Vinje, published in 1880. In that same year he made these instrumental arrangements of two of those songs, which were published in 1881. The first is titled *The Wounded Heart*, which relates to wounds suffered by the heart in the struggles of life. The second melody, titled *The Last Spring*, describes the beauty of the countryside in spring appearing after a winter of snow.

## Aaron Copland: Hoe Down from the ballet Rodeo

The original folk song *Bonaparte's Retreat* by William H. Step was the inspiration for these two American square dance tunes. Composed in 1942 it commemorates the dramatic world of cowboys, cowgirls, and the American West. Staged as a dance competition you may imagine the noise and energy as cowgirls and boys pair off. A hoedown is traditionally a dance in duple time, often played by fiddle (violin).

#### The Orchestra

#### Violin I

Rachael Susman, Concertmaster Sarah Brody Webb Anne Haberkern Pamela Jacobsen Regan Wylie

#### Violin II

Elle Hohn, *Principal*Susan Booth Larson
Jon Newton
Christina Reynolds
Andrew Shu

#### Viola

Bev Gibson, *Principal* Jane Brown Shauna Keyes Jazzy Leemhuis

#### Cello

Marcy England, *Principal* Holly Hutchason Jackson Ross

#### Bass

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