Wind Ensemble
David Kehler, conductor
featuring Charae Krueger, cello

GORDON JACOB (1989-1984)
An Original Suite (1928)
I. March
II. Intermezzo
III. Finale

MICHAEL SCHELLE (b. 1950)
Prayer (2004)
Charae Krueger, cello

Intermission

ROGER ZARE (b. 1985)
Mare Tranquilitatis (Sea of Tranquillity) (2008/2012)

RYAN GEORGE (b. 1978)
Riff Raff (2012)

HENRY FILLMORE (1881-1956)
The Klaxon (1930/84)
ed. Frederick Fennell
program notes

An Original Suite  |  Gordon Jacob

The youngest of ten siblings, Gordon Jacob enlisted in the Field Artillery to serve in World War I when he was 19, and was taken POW in 1917, one of only 60 men in his battalion of 800 to survive. After being released he spent a year studying journalism, but left to study composition, theory, and conducting at the Royal College of Music, where he then taught from 1924 until his 1966 retirement, counting Malcolm Arnold, Ruth Gipps, Cyril Smith and Imogen Holst among his students. Following his retirement from the Royal College in 1966, he continued to support himself by composing, often on commission. He describes many of the works as "unpretentious little pieces," though some of his most works were published during this time, including his 1984 Concerto for Timpani and Wind Band. An Original Suite was Jacob's first work for the band medium and was completed in 1928. It is assumed that the word "original" in the title was to distinguish it from transcriptions that made up the bulk of the band repertoire at the time or to alert listeners that the "folk song" themes were original.

Prayer  |  Michael Schelle

Raised in northern New Jersey, Michael Schelle has served for over thirty years as Composer in Residence and founder/director of the JCA Composers (new music ensemble) at Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana. In addition, he has been nominated three times for the Pulitzer Prize in Music, a finalist for the International Humour in Poetry Competition (Paris), a published author (film music book), and restaurant critic. Professor Schelle's music has been commissioned and or performed by over 300 orchestras, symphonic bands and professional chamber ensembles across the US and abroad including the Chicago Symphony, Minnesota Orchestra, Detroit Symphony, and more. In addition, he has received composition prizes, grants and awards from over 30 prestigious national arts organizations including the Rockefeller Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts, American Symphony Orchestra League (NYC), American Pianists Association, National Band Association (2012 Revelli Composition Prize), the Welsh Arts Council (Cardiff), the New England Foundation for the Arts, the New York State Arts Council, Arts Midwest, the Great Lakes Arts Alliance and ArtsFest 2015.

The composer writes:

Prayer was commissioned by Dr. Robert Grechesky, former Director of Bands at Butler University in Indianapolis in memory of the composer's mom, Dorothy. There were no guidelines or specifics regarding the commission - but solo cello with a chamber wind group was an ensemble that kept occupying my mind as I set to work on the project. Prayer is a reflective, determined and proud piece, like Bob's mom. Without going into unnecessary analytical detail, the surface association is quite simple: the piece is casually centered on two pitch areas: D and G (for Dorothy and Grechesky), 4ths and 5ths are critical intervals, and there are a few, strategically evolved slow dotted rhythms (for her nickname, Dottie). Brief hints at Russian Orthodox Jewish folk music reflect her cultural roots and deep spiritual core. I knew Bob's Mom, and we all grew up in New Jersey, and the piece was for Bob and his Mom - but, over time, Prayer has become a more personal and universal reaching out, as significant for each conductor / soloist / ensemble. As a matter of fact, the most recent performance of Prayer (late February 2014), actually happened one day before my own Mom (1917-2014) passed away ... wow.

Mare Tranquilitatis (Sea of Tranquility)  |  Roger Zare

Roger Zare has been praised for his "enviable grasp of orchestration" (New York Times) and for writing music with “formal clarity and an alluringly mercurial surface.” Born in Sarasota, FL, he has written for a wide variety of ensembles from solo instruments to full orchestra. His works have been performed across the United States by such ensembles as the American Composers Orchestra, the Minnesota Orchestra, the Sarasota Orchestra, the Omaha Chamber Symphony, the Aspen Music Festival Contemporary Ensemble, and the New York Youth Symphony. An award winning composer, Zare has received the ASCAP Nissim Prize, three BMI Student Composer Awards, an ASCAP Morton Gould award, a New York Youth Symphony First Music Commission, the 2008 American Composers Orchestra Underwood Commission, a 2010 Charles Ives Scholarship from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, and many other local and regional honors. Previously, he has been composer in residence at the Salt Bay Chamber Music Festival, the Chamber Music Festival of Lexington and the SONAR new music ensemble.

Zare holds a Doctorate of Musical Arts degree in 2012 from the University of Michigan, where he has studied with Michael Daugherty, Paul Schoenfeld, Bright Sheng, and Kristin Kuster. He holds degrees from the Peabody Conservatory (MM '09) and the University of Southern California (BM '07), and his previous teachers include Christopher Theofanidis, Derek Bernal, David Smooke, Donald Crockett, Tamar Diesendruck, Fredrick Lesemann, and Morten Lauridsen.

Mare Tranquilitatis translates to “Sea of Tranquility,” and is the famous location on the moon where Apollo 11 landed and the first man set foot on the lunar surface. The music seeks to capture a dichotomy of emotions - tranquil beauty and restless isolation. All of the musical material is derived from only two ideas - the descending fourth heard in the opening bar, and the flowing and surging melody heard not long after. These two ideas trade back and forth within a contrapunatal texture, swelling and flowing as they interact with each other. The music recedes into a quieter realm and solo instruments emerge, juxtaposing the lush full textures with a delicate and intimate passage. After many peaks and dips, the emotional arc of the piece culminates in the long-awaited return of the second theme. It grows and transforms into a sweeping gesture, bringing closure to the pent-up tension from before. What follows is an epilogue, and the piece ends with one final tender moment with solo oboe.

Riff Raff  |  Ryan George

Ryan George currently resides in Austin, Texas, where he is active as an arranger and composer. His works, ranging from music for the stage to music for the football field, have been performed throughout the United States, Asia, and Europe. He completed his first concert commission in 2007 and since then his works have received performances at the American Bandmasters Association Convention, the MidWest Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago, the Music for All (Bands of America) Concert Band Festival, the MidEurope Festival in Schladming Austria,
Carnegie Hall, the National CBDNA Conference, the CBDNA/NBA Southern Division Conference, TMEA, and multiple state music educator conferences. His first work for advanced wind ensemble, Firefly, was recorded by the University of North Texas Wind Symphony under the direction of Eugene M. Corporon and is featured in the Teaching Music Through Performance in Band series, volume 8. Ryan's professional affiliations include ASCAP, the American Composer's Forum, and TMEA. His wife Sarah currently produces nationally recognized music festivals in Chicago and Austin. They are the proud parents of 3 wonderful children.

Riff Raff was born out of a recently renewed interest in post-war jazz and big band. The works of composers and arrangers like Kenton, Riddle, Graettinger, Ellington, and even the jazz-inspired sounds in some of Bernstein's symphonic music conjure up iconic images (in my mind anyway) of the "urban rebel" found within mid-century American pop culture. This idea of the brooding lone figure who forges through life on their own terms can be found in some of the fictional characters of the early 1900s, including Miss Trombone, Sally Trombone, Lassus Trombone and Shoutin' Liza. Fillmore gained fame as the Father of the Trombone Smear, writing a series of fifteen novelty tunes featuring trombone smears called "The Trombone Family", including Miss Trombone, Sally Trombone, Lassus Trombone and Shoutin' Liza Trombone. A number of these have a strong ragtime influence.

The Klaxon was premiered at the Cincinnati Automobile Show in reference to the name for a loud horn added as an accessory to 1920s automobiles. Fillmore introduced a new instrument called the "klaxophone," a brace of 12 of the noisy devices, car-battery powered and table mounted, tuned to play along with the band, possibly in the trio and break strains. The horn section is featured in the work, with the subdued and simple tune in the trio and the final strain.

Program Notes compiled by J. David Collins

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wind ensemble personnel
(Listed alphabetically to emphasize the importance of each part.)

Flute / Piccolo
Madison Hall, Kennesaw
Brittany Pietsch, Marietta
Aly Soriano, Kennesaw
Ida Spence, Dallas
Corinne Veale, Augusta

Trombone
George Blevins, Marietta
Michael De Sousa, Milton
Joseph Poole, Marietta
Tony Wolcott, Marietta
Travis Longenger, Rincon

Tuba
Kadeem Chambers, Decatur
Kyle Loughman, Liburn
Melinda Mason, Atlanta

Clarinet / Bass Clarinet
Jonathan Itkin, Marietta
Alyssa Jones, Powder Springs
Mudussir Quraishi, Acworth
Crystal Maldonado, Kennesaw
Alana Rodgers, Marietta
Ryan Tang, Marietta

Bassoon / Contra Bassoon
Shelby Jones, Newnan
Andrew Niehoff, McDonough
Dustin Price, Senoia

Horn
David Anders, Kennesaw
Kristen Arvold, Cleveland
Nathan Bedgood, Kennesaw
Anna Rainwater, Williamson
Nicholas Watkins, Powder Springs

Trumpet
Brandon Austin, Conyers
Jesse Baker, Dallas
Kristen Gravlee, Lilburn

Percussion
Joshua Bouland, Marietta
Mitch Gillis, Phoenix, AZ
Mary Madison Jones, Powder Springs
Caty Mae Loomis, Marietta
Levi Lyman, Kennesaw
Michael Oilman, Woodstock
Brooks Payne, Powder Springs
Eric Ramos, Kennesaw
Charae Krueger is Principal Cellist for the Atlanta Opera Orchestra and the Atlanta Ballet Orchestra. She is the Cello Artist-In-Residence at Kennesaw State University and performs with the Summit Piano Trio and KSU Faculty String Trio. Ms. Krueger enjoys chamber music and solo recital work and plays throughout the Southeastern U.S. She is a regular featured artist at The Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival in North Carolina, the Grand Teton Music Festival in Wyoming and at the North Georgia Chamber Music Festival. Her solo and chamber music recitals have been featured on NPR’s Performance Today, WABE Radio Atlanta and WGBH Radio Boston. She also plays frequently with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. Ms. Krueger enjoys recording studio work and has played on albums of Bruce Springsteen, Faith Hill and Natalie Cole. Recent concerts include performances with Cleveland Orchestra Concertmaster William Preucil and solo violinist Tim Fain at Highland-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, performances at the North Georgia Chamber Music Festival, Emory Chamber Music Society of Atlanta with pianist William Ransom, performance with SO Percussion Ensemble, appearances with Sonic Generator, Atlanta Chamber Players, Fringe concert series, as well as solo appearances with the DeKalb Symphony, Atlanta Community Orchestra, and the KSU Orchestra. She has twice performed the entire Beethoven cycle of Cello Sonatas with pianist Robert Henry and is currently recording a Rachmaninoff and Beethoven CD with pianist Stanley Yerlow.

Ms. Krueger received her early cello training in Canada at the Regina Conservatory of Music. She went on to study at Brandon University and received her Bachelor of Music Performance degree from New England Conservatory in Boston. She also holds an Artist Diploma from the Longy School of Music in Cambridge MA.

ksu wind ensemble

Formed in 1996, the Kennesaw State University Wind Ensemble performs a diverse repertoire encompassing large works for band, wind ensemble repertoire, and chamber music. The KSU Wind Ensemble continues to lead in supporting and creating consortiums for the development of new music, which have included the creation of new works by Steven Bryant, Michael Markowski, Joel Puckett, James Stephenson, Christopher Theofanidis, and an upcoming commission by Pulitzer Prize winner, Joseph Schwantner. In addition, leading composers including Chen Yi, and Pulitzer Prize winner David Lang have visited and worked directly with the Ensemble and its students.

Because of KSU’s continued close relationship with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, Georgia Symphony Orchestra and Atlanta Opera Orchestra, collaborations and performances have resulted with many of those principal players. The KSU Wind Ensemble continues to serve as an important musical voice in the Atlanta Metropolitan area, and has been featured frequently on 90.1 FM (WABE-Atlanta public radio), and has garnered praise from leading composers including Jennifer Higdon, Karel Husa, David Lang, David Maslanka, Scott McAllister, and others. In 2012, the KSU Wind Ensemble was a featured ensemble and hosted the Southern Division College Band Directors/National Band Association Conference. In 2013, the KSU Wind Ensemble was the winner for The American Prize for best wind ensemble/concert band performance in the United States.

David Kehler, since 2009, has served as Director of Bands and Associate Professor of Music at Kennesaw State University where he oversees all aspects of the University’s band program while serving as Music Director and Conductor of the KSU Wind Ensemble. During his short tenure, the KSU Wind Ensemble has been featured several times on 90.1 FM (WABE-Atlanta public radio), and has garnered praise from composers including Steven Bryant, Jennifer Higdon, Karel Husa, David Maslanka, Scott McAllister and Joel Puckett. Under professor Kehler’s guidance, the KSU Wind Ensemble
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Previous teaching appointments were at Southern Methodist University, The University of Rhode Island, and Bay City Western High School, in Bay City, Michigan. Dr. Kehler received his Bachelor and Master of Music degrees from Michigan State University and his Doctor of Musical Arts degree from The University of Texas at Austin. During his tenure in Texas, Dr. Kehler also served America’s Premier Windband; The Dallas Wind Symphony as Associate Conductor. In addition, from 1999-2009, Dr. Kehler was Founder and Conductor of the GDOI Wind Symphony, an ensemble affiliated with the Greater Dallas Youth Orchestras, Inc. Serving as its music director for ten years, the GDOI Wind Symphony established itself as one of the premier youth wind ensembles in the United States. They were a featured ensemble at the Texas Bandmasters Association/National Band Association Convention in San Antonio, Texas, and were heard internationally on From the Top, a syndicated radio program featuring the finest young classical musicians in the country. In addition, the GDOI Wind Symphony participated in exchange concerts with the University of North Texas, the Atlanta Youth Wind Symphony and performed with Jeff Nelson, former horn of the Canadian Brass. In the summer of 2008, the GDOI Wind Symphony embarked on an extensive two-week tour of China, performing at the music conservatories of Shanghai, Xian, Beijing, and Hong Kong.
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Interim Director, KSU School of Music

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