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# THE UNIVERSITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Robert Gutter, conductor

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Maribeth Yoder-White, conductor

featuring

Carla LeFevre, Soprano Levone Tobin Scott, Mezzo-Soprano

> Sunday, November 5, 2000 7:30 p.m. Aycock Auditorium

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

GREENSBORO

#### **PROGRAM**

# Symphony No. 2 "Resurrection" Gustav Mahler (1860-1911)

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#### First Movement

Allegro maestoso
Im Tempo nachgeben
Wie zu Anfang
Sehr mässig and zuruckhaltend
Etwas drängend
Schnell
Sehr langsam beginnend
Sehr getragen
Molto pesante
Tempo I
Zuruckhalten
Tempo sostenuto

#### 7 Second Movement

Andante moderato, Nicht eilen, Sehr gemächlich

#### 7 Third Movement

In sehr ruhig fliessender Bewegung Vorwärts Sehr getragen und gesangvoll

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Pause

# Fourth Movement - "Urlicht"

Sehr feierlich, aber schlicht

# 7 Fifth Movement - "Der Grosse Appell"

Im tempo des Scherzo
Langsam
Im Anfang sehr zuruckhalten
Wieder sehr breit
Wieder zuruckhaltend
Sehr langsam und gedehnt ("Der Grosse Appell")
Langsam Misterioso (Chorus "Aufersteh'n")
Etwas bewegter (Mezzo-Soprano Solo "O Glaube")
Mit Aufschwung, aber nicht eilen (Duet "O Schmerz)
Pesante

# PROGRAM NOTES

The cohesive vision of Mahler's second symphony belies its drawn out genesis. While still an assistant conductor in Leipzig, Mahler completed Weber's posthumous opera *Die drei Pintos*. He conducted the triumphant premiere on January 20, 1888. While the flowers from the performance littered his room, Mahler imagined himself dead, laid in state, and surrounded by flowers. Work must have progressed quickly since a full score for the first movement was completed by August 8, 1888. At the same time Mahler also sketched out the beginnings of the second movement. He called his symphonic Allegro in C minor *Totenfeier* (funeral rites), probably after the epic poem of the same name written by Polish poet Adam Mickiewicz and recently translated by his boyhood friend, Siegfrid Lipiner.

After a five-year hiatus caused by his conducting obligations and a "dry spell" in his compositional career, Mahler continued his work on the second symphony. The second movement, based on the two themes written previously, was finished quickly. The scherzo was composed immediately afterwards, at the same time as his song des Antonius von Fischpredigt (the story of St. Anthony preaching to the fishes), whose musical material is identical. Mahler was stymied in his attempts to complete the symphony until he attended the funeral of Hans van Bulow and was inspired by Klopstock's chorus Aufersteh'n. "It was as if I had been struck by lightning, everything suddenly seemed crystal clear! After that, I had to create in sound what I had just experienced." The fifth movement was completed in June, 1895, and the orchestration was finished a month later.

Not long after completing his second symphony Mahler stated "the term symphony means creating a world with all the technical means possible". According to Bruno Walter, the second symphony is not a religious message in symphonic language, but the exact opposite, a symphony with a religious message. Unlike Strauss programmatic Death and Transfiguration, Mahler, though still affected by images and emotions, composed a symphonic work. After the composition of the second symphony Mahler supplied verbal analogies, which helped to describe the emotional content of the symphony, but did not predetermine the form of the work. Mahler's own words should be considered while reading the following program notes written by Mahler for a performance in Dresden on December 20, 1901. "I only drew up the program as a crutch for the cripple. It only gives a superficial indication, all that any program can do for a musical work, let alone this one which is so much all of a piece that it can no more be explained than the world itself."

Pirst movement - We stand by the coffin of a well-loved person. His life, struggles, passions and aspirations once more, for the last time, pass before our mind's eye. — And now in this moment of gravity and of emotion which convulses our deepest being, when we lay aside like a covering everything that from day to day perplexes us and drags us down, our heart is gripped by a dreadfully serious voice which always passes us by in the deafening bustle of daily life: What now? What is this life- and this death? Do we have an existence beyond it? Is all this only a confused dream, or do life and this death have a meaning? — And we must answer this question if we are to live on.

The next three movements are conceived as intermezzi.

Second movement – Andante: A happy moment from the life of his beloved departed one, and a sad recollection of his youth and lost innocence.

Third movement – Scherzo: The spirit of unbelief, of presumption, has taken possession of him, he beholds the tumult of appearances and together with a child's pure understanding he loses the firm footing that love alone affords; he despairs of himself and of God. The world and life become for him a disorderly apparition: disgust for all being and becoming lays hold of him with an iron grip and drives him to cry out in desperation.

Fourth movement - Urlicht (alto solo): The moving voice of naïve faith sounds in his ear. "I am of God and desire to return to God! God will give me a lamp, will light me unto the life of eternal bliss!"

Fifth movement

(?...the cry of desperation starts up...?)
We again confront all the dreadful questions and the mood of the end of the first movement. -The voice of the caller is heard: the end of all living things is at hand, the last judgment is announced, and (all) the whole horror of that day of days has set in. - The earth trembles, graves burst open, the dead arise and step forth in (long) endless files. The great and the small of this earth, kings and beggars, the just and the ungodly - all are making that pilgrimage, (shuddering and in endless files); the cry for mercy and grace falls terrifyingly on our ear. - The crying becomes ever more dreadful - our senses forsake us and all consciousness fades at the approach of eternal judgment. The 'great summons' is heard; the trumpets from the Apocalesses

call (every body and every soul); - in the midst of the awful silence we think we hear in the farthest distance a nightingale, like a last quivering echo of earthly life! Softly there rings out a chorus of the holy and the heavenly: 'Risen again, yea thou shalt be risen again!' There appears the glory of God! A wonderful gentle light permeates us to our very heart – all is quiet and blissful! – And behold: there is no judgment: – There is no sinner, no righteous man – no great and no small. – There is no judgment. – There is no judgment. – There is no judgment and no reward! An almighty feeling of love illumines us with blessed knowing and being!

Richard Strauss, who had already arranged for a performance of the first symphony, asked to perform the first three movements of the second symphony in Berlin on June 3, 1894. Mahler took over the rehearsals and undertook a performance of the entire symphony on December 13 of the same year even though the initial response was negative. Though critics also greeted this performance with disapproval, the audience reaction was enthusiastic.

Mahler's second symphony set him on the path toward highly individualistic, grandly scaled symphonies that expressed his wide-reaching worldview. He sought to fuse the logic and formal structure of Beethoven with the psychological intensity of Wagner and the lyricism of Schubert. Most important, Mahler wanted to explore the deeper meanings of life and death with his second symphony. Gerhard Specht states the spiritual significance of Mahler's second symphony succinctly with this 1915 quote: "The problems of the hereafter and immortality, for which this work provides such a redeeming and promising answer, are problems with which everyone has wrestled. What is expressed here in tones is the echo of all fear, all hope, and all doubt, which everyone carries about in the depths of his being and which is ever-present."

-Colleen Chenail

#### TRANSLATIONS

Fourth movement
Primeval Light (from The Youth's Magic Horn)

O rosebud red!
Man's lot is of such extreme necessity,
of such bitter pain, I had far rather be in Heaven.
I came upon a broad highway
when a little angel appeared and tried to send me back.
Oh no! I refused to be sent back!
I am from God and shall return to God!
Dear, merciful God will give me a little light
to light my way to everlasting bliss!

# Fifth movement Resurrection

You will rise again, yes rise again, my mortal dust, after a short repose. Eternal life will be granted to you by Him who has called you to Him!

You are sown in order to blossom again. The Lord of the harvest goes forth and gathers us in sheaves when we have died.

Oh, believe, my heart, only believe: nothing is lost to you! All that you yearned for is yours, yes yours; yours, all that you loved and fought for.

Oh, believe: you were not born in vain! You did not live or suffer in vain!

All that is created must die. All that has died must rise again. Fear no more. Prepare yourself. Prepare to live!

Oh, Grief, all-pervading, I have escaped you!
Oh, Death, all-conquering, now are you conquered.
On wings that I have won by the ardent labors of love, I shall soar aloft to that light which no mortal eye has penetrated. On wings that I have won I shall soar aloft, I shall die so that I may live!

You will rise again, yes rise again, my heart in a trice. Your beating will suffice to carry you to God!

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Violin I
\*Daniel Skidmore, Morgantown WV
+Angela Hsu, Herndon, VA
C. Christopher, Greensboro
Travis Newton, Lumberton
Kimberly Farlow, Sophia
William Freeman, Hickory
Melissa Ellis, Apex
Katie Costello, Greensboro
Erin Abernethy, Huntersville
Kwanghee Park, Hendersonville
Tim Kim, High Point
Stacey Smith, Greensboro
Ralph Wayne Reich, Greensboro

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Violin II

\*Colleen Chenail, Sanford
+Julia Barefoot, Candler
Hansuk Kim, Seoul, South Korea
Becky Averill, Charlotte
Mary Pipan, Greensboro
Jennifer Lail, Hickory
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Piano Concerto #1

Schubert Mendelssohn

Arthur Tollefson, soloist

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Debussy