

## 2022 Jan Program Notes

### **Duo Violano**

**Jennifer Heidmann** received a Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance from the University of Wisconsin. Although she continues to enjoy playing music, she also has a day job as a physician and is the mother of 2.9 teenagers. (2019)

**Sherry McHurd Hanson's** musical journey began in fourth grade when she signed up to play violin. In junior high, she turned to the dark side when the orchestra needed violists. Later, she received a Rockefeller Foundation Scholarship to the Peabody Conservatory of Music, studied at Sacramento State University, and graduated from Humboldt State University. She played in orchestras for the Carpenters, Tony Bennett, and others in Tahoe/Reno. For 20 years, Sherry taught in middle school. Currently, she plays in the Eureka Symphony, North State Symphony, Juneau Symphony Orchestra, Trinidad Bay Arts and Music Festival Strings, and Arcata Bay String Quartet. (2021-edited)

## **Humboldt Harmoniemusik**

**Petite symphonie** pour neuf instruments à vent, or the "Little Symphony for Winds," was composed in 1885. Gounod's friend, and flute professor at the Paris Conservatoire, Paul Taffanel, commissioned him to write a chamber piece for winds. Its instrumentation of a wind octet, with an added flute part in honor of Taffanel, is modeled after Mozart's wind serenades.

This complete miniature symphony is elegant, delicate, and sweet. The first movement uses a slow introduction, like that of Haydn, and an Allegretto in sonata form. The second movement features the added flute part. The scherzo that follows is based on a hunting theme, with a lively finale in the fourth movement to end the symphony.

**Gary Lewis** has played both modern and baroque flutes with orchestras in the Pacific Northwest, Panama, and Colombia, including the Eugene Opera and Oregon Baroque ensemble, and has taught at the University of Oregon, National Conservatory of Panama, and Humboldt State University. As a jazz flute and saxophone player, Gary performed with bands throughout the Pacific Northwest, New York, and Panama, and had

the opportunity to work with renowned musicians such as Quincy Jones and Ella Fitzgerald. (2022)

**Virginia Ryder** is a lecturer in the music department at Humboldt State University, where she teaches studio oboe, bassoon and saxophone, class woodwinds, music fundamentals, and chamber music. In addition, she serves as the nursery manager at Redwood Roots Farm and is currently working on a new project, Jacoby Creek Flowers. (2019)

**Susan Sisk** was born and raised in Humboldt County. She graduated from Humboldt State University in 2006 with a degree in Music Performance. An oboist in the Eureka Symphony Orchestra since 2008, Susan also participates as a community member in Humboldt State University performances and Humboldt Light Opera summer musicals. She enjoys playing in all types of groups for fun, while making a living in a whole different profession. (2019)

**Kenneth Ayoob** is Emeritus Professor of Music at Humboldt State University. His degrees include a Doctor of Arts in instrumental conducting and clarinet performance and a Master of Music Education. Dr. Ayoob has served as conductor for the Eureka Symphony Orchestra, HSU

Symphonic Band, Humboldt Symphony, and other groups, and he has held leadership positions in statewide music organizations. (2019)

**Gwen Gastineau-Ayoob** is a native of Del Norte County. She earned music degrees from the University of the Pacific and Humboldt State University, where she also received a teaching credential. She retired from the Eureka High School music department in 2012. Gwen was also conductor of the Curry-Del Norte Youth Orchestra and has been on the faculty of the Humboldt Music Academy. She has served in leadership roles in music educator and orchestra director associations, is currently principal clarinet of the Eureka Symphony, and is an active chamber musician. (2019)

**Aaron Lopez** received his bachelor's degree in Music from Humboldt State University with an emphasis in bassoon and saxophone. He is currently a member of the Eureka Symphony, Humboldt Symphony, Scotia Band, and Symphony of the Redwoods, in addition to being an active freelance chamber musician. (2019)

**Danny Gaon** is a Humboldt State University graduate who studied music and psychology. He currently plays bassoon in a few ensembles around the Humboldt

Bay area, including the Eureka Symphony Orchestra and a woodwind quintet. Danny also plays regular gigs as a jazz bass player with the Opera Alley Cats at the Speakeasy in Eureka. Danny works at Inclusive Education and Community Partnership as the regional coordinator for Humboldt County. (2019)

**Anwyn Halliday** graduated from Humboldt State University in 2012 with a degree in music performance. Since then, she has played everything from baroque trumpet and natural horn to rock music. She currently plays in the Eureka Symphony and welcomes any invitation to play in chamber groups. (2019)

**Don Bicknell** played horn in high school band and orchestra. After a 20 year hiatus, Don resumed studying and playing horn, performing with Humboldt County community music groups for many years, including Eureka Symphony, All Seasons Orchestra, Scotia Band, and Humboldt State University Wind Ensemble. He has also played in small chamber music groups, including the Five for the Fun of It quintet, Bayside Brass quintet, and others. (2021-edited)

## **North Coast Brass Ensemble**

**Chris Cox** is a local school music teacher and guest lecturer at Humboldt State University teaching trumpet. He earned his B.A. in music education from California State University, Fresno and his M.A. in music performance on trumpet from Ithaca College, New York. He keeps active by playing with the Eureka Symphony and North Coast Brass Ensemble. Chris loves to spend time with his wife and two children. (2020)

**Tom Hyde** picked up the trumpet in 1954 in North Chicago, Illinois, and he hasn't put it down yet. He's currently a freelance trumpeter in Sonoma County and plays principal trumpet in the American Philharmonic Orchestra Sonoma County. Semi-retirement has allowed Tom the opportunity to travel as far as Humboldt County to pursue his quest for the ideal ensemble. He keeps his outlook fresh by teaching trumpet lessons at Music To My Ears in Cotati, CA. (2020)

**Ronite Gluck** teaches instrumental music at Freshwater School and horn at Humboldt State University. She feels fortunate to pass on to her students the love for music instilled in her by her mom and dad. Ronite performs with the Eureka Symphony Orchestra and

the North Coast Brass Ensemble and is grateful to all brass music arrangers who give horn players a chance to swing. (2020)

**Dan Aldag** leads the jazz groups and teaches trombone and various and sundry other courses at Humboldt State University. He's played with a few big names over the years but likes playing with his friends in Posaunenstadt and the North Coast Brass Ensemble more. (2019)

**Fred Tempas** started his musical career on clarinet and discovered the tuba at age 17. He currently performs with the North Coast Brass Ensemble, Humboldt Bay Brass Band, and Eureka Symphony Orchestra. Fred also teaches tuba and music education at Humboldt State University and rides his motor scooter when the weather's good. (2020)