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Program Notes: The Wilderness Suite

John Muir, the American naturalist, wrote:

Wherever we go in the mountains, or indeed any of God's wild fields, we find more than we seek. Wonderful how completely everything in wild nature fits into us, as if truly part and parent of us. The rivers flow not past us, but through us, thrilling, tingling, vibrating every fiber and cell of the substance of our bodies, making them glide and sing.

The poetry of Muir's writings parallels in words what different artists have attempted to convey in other art forms. In The Wilderness Suite, James Westwater is expressing aspects of the spirit, beauty and value of wilderness through the integration of music and photography.

Over a two-year period, Westwater photographed wilderness from the Rockies and the Grand Canyon to the Cascade Range--from the delicate alpine flowers and canyon fauna to high mountain glaciers. The artist then choreographed his photographic images for visual performance with music he selected from the work of Copland. Westwater sensed elements in Copland's music that were evocative of the same ideas he wished to express visually. "It seemed to me that portions of the Copland scores (Tender Land Suite and The Red Pony) embody much of the drama, delicacy, sweep and grandeur of the wild country, beyond the civilizing touch of man."

The Wilderness Suite received its premiere with the National Symphony Orchestra in the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

MICHAEL CHARRY, conductor, has conducted children's concerts with numerous orchestras including the Cleveland, where he was assistant conductor under George Szell for eleven years. In Cleveland he also founded the Key Concert Series for preschool children. Mr. Charry joined the Boston University faculty as Professor of Music and Director of the orchestral and opera programs in 1984. He has been music director and conductor of the Nashville and Canton Symphonies, principal guest conductor of the Kansas City Philharmonic and conductor for the Jose Limon Dance Company. A former Fulbright Scholar, Mr. Charry attended the Oberlin Conservatory of Music and is a graduate of the Juilliard School of Music.

JAMES WESTWATER has pioneered the combining of photography and live symphonic music into multiple arts performances. His first work, The Wilderness Suite, was premiered at the Kennedy Center, Washington, D.C., with the National Symphony Orchestra. His repertoire includes Appalachian Suite, Antarctic Images and A Tribute to John Lennon, which was performed at Radio City Music Hall with singer Roberta Flack. Mr. Westwater is currently working on a major commission from Chevron USA--a piece based on the American cowboy performed to Aaron Copland's Billy the Kid. As a photographer, he has been a National Endowment for the Arts Resident Artist and the National Science Foundation's Artist-in-the-Antarctic. He has photographed with the Institute of Polar Studies and produced an award-winning photograph for the cover of Saturday Review. A recipient of the Antarctic Medal and a past fellow of the Explorers Club, Mr. Westwater has performed for the National Academy of Sciences and the Sierra Club and has worked in cooperation with the National Geographic Society.

Harry Dubbs Memorial Award

Brookline Youth Concerts established the Harry Dubbs Memorial Awards in 1955, two years after Mr. Dubbs's death, to give talented young musicians the opportunity to perform in public. The 1986 winners are Ariadne Daskalakis, violin; Nurit Bar Josef, violin; and Robert Kulek, piano. Miss Daskalakis is performing this afternoon and Mr. Josef and Mr. Kulek will appear in a Brookline Youth Concert next season.

ARIADNE DASKALAKIS, violin, a junior at the Winsor School in Boston, has played violin for eleven years. A student of Eric Rosenblith, she attends the New England Conservatory Preparatory School, where she also studies piano and honors chamber music. Miss Daskalakis joined the New England Conservatory Youth Chamber Orchestra in 1979, and with the ensemble has toured in Russia, Romania, Austria and Poland. In 1983, she was a runner-up in the New England Conservatory Concerto Competition on the piano and the following year she took first place on the violin. Miss Daskalakis has won prizes from the Massachusetts Music Teachers' Association, the Brookline Chamber Music Competition and the Harvard Music Society. She also won the Brookline and the Mystic Valley Orchestra Concerto Competitions. In February 1986, Miss Daskalakis was the first recipient of the Christa Corrigan McAuliffe Memorial Medallion, presented to an outstanding high school student by Framingham State College.

PERFORMING BEFORE THE CONCERT

Atlantic Brass Quintet

Joseph Foley, trumpet
Tsuyoshi Teramoto, trumpet
Robert Rasmussen, French horn
John Faieta, trombone
Robert Searle, tuba

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Program

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Boston University Symphony Orchestra
Michael Charry, conductor

James Westwater Multiple Arts Performance

FROM THE OCEANS TO THE PRAIRIES

"The Hebrides" Overture Mendelssohn

Violin Concerto in D Major, Op. 35 Chaikovskii
Finale: Allegro vivacissimo
Ariadne Daskalakis, violin
1986 Harry Dubbs Memorial Award Winner

Presentation of Award
Mrs. Harry Dubbs

And God Created Great Whales Hovhaness

The Wilderness Suite Copland/Westwater
Music from The Tender Land and The Red Pony
Slide show by James Westwater

Boston University Symphony Orchestra

FIRST VIOLIN

Ray Shows
Craig Reiss
Jia Hong-Guang
Mari Kimura
Robert Liebholz
Jacqueline Lee
Nancy Oliveros
Corinne Hambourg
David Levin
Barbara Queen
Jilliene Hazelhurst
Junah Chung
Dana Fanculovici-Banu

SECOND VIOLIN

Holly Morrison
Leslie Perna
George Minor
David Nicastro
Karine Swanquist
Mary Vander Linden
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Leanne Hanson
Anne Morey
Charlotte Bobolin
Sue Garber
Michelene Cawley
Nicholas Asthon

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Joseph Gottesman
Joel Kaatrud
Cherokee Randolph
Charles Johnson
Tanya Hambourg
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Elizabeth Derderian
Sonya White
Audrey White

VIOLONCELLO

Dianne Wachsman
Margaret Gay
Dan Ryan
Hilary Brown
Leslie Nash
Paula Shifrin
John Buckley
Elyssa Gilmar
George Hughen
Lisa Neamann
David Heinzen
George Stubbs
Arpad Muranyi
Nancy Nelson

DOUBLE BASS

Jerome Butler
Jennifer Matteson
Guy Tyler
Sue Yelajian
Chris Coombs
Nick Aparo
Jean-Luc Matton

FLUTE

Marianne Gedigian
Suzanne Teng
Geraldyn Coticone
Barbara Brannan
Margo Gutowsky

OBOE

Disa English
Debra Koczian
Anne Rosandich

CLARINET

Patti King
Tosca Maestro
Darryl Durham
Richard Kay

BASSOON

Richard Wigley
James Kirker
Kathy Williams

HORN

John Aubrey
Thomas Hadley
Chris Cooper

TRUMPET

Joseph Foley
Jane Sanford
Rodney Mack
Karen Martin
Rolf Holly

TROMBONE

John Faieta
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