Explorer Concerts
2019-2020 Teacher Guide
Dear Teachers and Parents,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 Alabama Symphony Orchestra’s Explorer Concerts! These listening maps, developed by Dr. Rob Lyda, are designed to enhance your students’ experience at the Symphony and give you helpful, creative ideas for your classroom both now and in the future. The listening maps are in line with the ACOS Music Education Standards and are able to be paired with any lesson—whether your objective is teaching steady beat, rhythm, or dynamic contrast. There’s even a listening guide that introduces musical form!

By bringing your students to an ASO Young People’s Concert, you have shown your commitment to the arts as a vital part of a child’s education. Whatever your role in education, please consider writing to your representative, perhaps combined with a student’s success story, to help advocate for arts education funding. The ASO relies on our partnerships with you to provide great educational programming.

I look forward to seeing all of you for another great year of Explorer Concerts!

Gratefully,

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Alabama Symphony Orchestra Education initiatives...

empower our community to celebrate and advance our symphonic culture by actively supporting the endeavor for excellence in music education. We seek to become an indispensable partner in the education of our community’s children and to create sustainable, meaningful programs and partnerships that foster strong relationships with schools and families. As Alabama’s orchestra, we aspire to reach all citizens of the greater Birmingham area and the state of Alabama, truly diverse audiences reflective of our unique makeup, and to provide programming that is ever more relevant, imaginative, and exciting. Through a world-class orchestra that offers extraordinary performances, we strive to inspire in our community a life-long passion for music, learning, and creativity.

Upcoming Education Concerts

Let’s Dance Around the World
Explorer Concerts
September 25, 2019 at 9:30am & 11am | Northpark Baptist, Trussville
September 26 & 27, 2019 at 9:30am & 11am | Dawson Family of Faith
October 8, 2019 at 9:30am & 11am | Vestavia Hills United Methodist Church
October 9, 2019 at 11am, October 10 & 11, 2019 at 9:30am | Thompson High School Performing Arts Center

Dare to be Brave! Inspirational Characters of History
Young People’s Concerts
November 6, 2019 at 9:30am | Samford University Wright Center
November 7 & 8, 2019 at 9:30am | Thompson High School

Coffee Concerts
All concerts start at 11am and are presented at UAB’s Alys Stephens Center
Peer Gynt & Polovtsian Dances | November 1, 2019
Tchaikovsky’s Fourth Symphony | November 15, 2019
Tchaikovsky’s Romeo & Juliet | January 17, 2020
Tango & Flamenco! | February 14, 2020
Mozart’s 40th Symphony | April 3, 2020
Mendelssohn in Scotland | May 8, 2020

All the Stars in the Sky
Sensory Friendly Concert
September 22, 2019 at 3pm | UAB’s Alys Stephens Center

Email mwilson@alabamasymphony.org for more information or visit alabamasymphony.org

*concerts, artists, and repertoires subject to change
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Program

ARAM KHACHATURIAN: Sabre Dance from Gayane

FRANZ JOSEPH HAYDN: Symphony No. 101 in D major “The Clock”

ARTHUR BENJAMIN: Jamaican Rumba

AARON COPLAND: Saturday Night Waltz from Rodeo

HECTOR BELIOZ: Dance of The Sprites from The Damnation of Faust

NIKOLAI RIMSKY-KORSAKOV: Capriccio Espagnol Op. 34

Concert will be performed without intermission
Mobile phones and other electronic devices must be set to silent/vibrate during the performance.
Kevin Fitzgerald
ASO ASSISTANT CONDUCTOR & ASYO MUSIC DIRECTOR

American conductor Kevin Fitzgerald serves as the Assistant Conductor of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra and the Music Director of the Alabama Symphony Youth Orchestra. Additionally, Kevin holds the position of Music Director of ÆPEX Contemporary Performance, a new music organization based in Michigan. A fierce advocate for contemporary music, Kevin founded ÆPEX Contemporary Performance in 2015 to promote the music of underrepresented and underperformed composers to audiences in Michigan.

In 2015, Kevin made his European debut with the Lucerne Festival Academy Orchestra in the culminating performance of their annual masterclass with Matthias Pintscher. Kevin has also appeared as a conductor at the Eastern Music Festival as a conducting fellow and participated in masterclasses at the Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music with both Marin Alsop and Christian Măcelaru. Kevin has also appeared as a conductor at the Eastern Music Festival as a conducting fellow and participated in two masterclasses at the Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music with both Marin Alsop and Christian Măcelaru.

Kevin is a frequent guest conductor at Manhattan School of Music. He has conducted repertoire classes for the Orchestral Performance Program and was the preparation conductor for Leonard Slatkin for MSM’s April 2019 Centennial Gala Concert in Carnegie Hall. Kevin performed works of Bach, Stucky and Messiaen with the MSM Wind Ensemble.

Kevin believes that music is a vehicle for social change. In 2016, Kevin conducted an impromptu performance of Mozart’s Requiem Mass in D minor, K.626 dedicated to the victims of the Pulse Nightclub shooting in Orlando, FL. The event that became known as “Requiem for Orlando” attracted over 400 performing musicians and a full capacity audience in Ann Arbor’s Hill Auditorium: over 2,500 people. Kevin has conducted numerous other concerts benefiting humanitarian causes such as the International Rescue Committee, the refugee aid organization Freedom House Detroit, Physicians for the Prevention of Gun Violence and the Houston Area Women’s Shelter.
Meet the Musicians

FIRST VIOLIN
Daniel Szasz
CONCERTMASTER/HEAD AND HUGH KAUL CHAIR
Jinsong Gao
ASSOCIATE CONCERTMASTER
Mayumi Masri
ASSISTANT CONCERTMASTER
Yifan Zhou
ASSISTANT CONCERTMASTER
Ai-Yi Bao
Sarah Nordlund Dennis
Viktor Dulguerov
Roger James
Anne Pandolfi
Pei-Ju Wu

SECOND VIOLIN
Yuriko Yasuda
PRINCIPAL
Tara Mueller
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
Karl Braaten
on one year leave of absence
David Handler
Sodam Lim
Levon Margaryan
Serghei Tanas

VIOLA
Zakaria Enikeev
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
Lucina Horner
Rene Reder
Meredith Treaster
Kurt Tseng

CELLO
Warren Samples
PRINCIPAL
Andrew Dunn
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
on one year leave of absence
Mary Del Gobbo
Peter Garrett
Hellen Weberpal
Xi Yang

BASS
Alexander Horton
PRINCIPAL
Richard Cassarino
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
Nicholas Scholefield
Mark Wilson

FLUTE
Lisa Wienhold
PRINCIPAL
Hillary Tidman
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

OBOE
James Sullivan
PRINCIPAL
Machiko Ogawa Schlaffer
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

CLARINET
Kathleen Costello
PRINCIPAL/THE SYMPHONY VOLUNTEER COUNCIL CHAIR
Brad Whitfield
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

BASSOON
Tariq Masri
PRINCIPAL

HORN
David Pandolfi
PRINCIPAL/THE SYMPHONY VOLUNTEER COUNCIL CHAIR
Kevin Kozak
Jeffrey Solomon
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
Nina Adair

TRUMPET
Ryan Beach
PRINCIPAL
Nicholas Ciulla
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

TROMBONE
Jay Evans
PRINCIPAL
Jason Robins

TUBA
Andrew Miller
PRINCIPAL

TIMPANI
Jay Burnham
PRINCIPAL

PERCUSSION
Mark Libby
PRINCIPAL
Bill Williams

HARP
Judy Sullivan Hicks
PRINCIPAL/ THE MRS. R. HUGH DANIEL CHAIR
Sabre Dance from *Gayane*
Aram Khachaturian


Form: The structure of music

A → B → A → Coda

Glissando

Coda
Symphony N. 101 in D Major; II. Andante
Franz Joseph Haydn

Andante: Moderately Slow

As you listen to the piece, use the clocks below to tap the steady beat.

Why do you think this piece is named the "clock"?
Jamaican Rumba from *Two Jamaican Pieces*

Arthur Benjamin


Part **A** is the clave rhythm.

Part **B** is the steady beat.

Practice saying each part as you listen.

Practice tapping as you listen.

You can keep the rhythm steady.

You can keep the rhythm steady.

You can dance.

Rumba!
Billy in the Desert, Waltz from *Billy the Kid*
Aaron Copland


Dynamics: The volume of music.

As you listen to the recording, touch the dynamic you think the orchestra is performing.

Piano - Quiet

Forte - Loud
Submit Student Work from these Lessons to the ASO!
We’d love to see what your students have created!
to accompany all lessons

**Instructions:** Complete the information below, enclose student work, and mail to:

Education Department
Alabama Symphony Orchestra
3621 6th Avenue South
Birmingham, AL, 35222

School, Group, or Family name:______________________________________________

Address:__________________________________________________________

Contact name:________________________________________________________

Contact email:________________________________________________________

Phone:____________________________________________________________

Any Comments?
We Want to Hear from You!

Now that you've seen an ASO Concert, write us a letter and tell us about your experience. You can write your own letter or use this sheet as a guide. Send your letters to:

Alabama Symphony Orchestra
Attn: Education
3621 Sixth Avenue South
Birmingham, AL 35222

Date _______________________

Dear Alabama Symphony Orchestra,

I just came to see a Young People’s Concert called ________________________________.

One thing I liked about the concert was ____________________________________________

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My favorite piece of music you played was ____________________________________________

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Something new that I learned was _________________________________________________

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If I could play an instrument in the orchestra, I would play the ________________________.

Sincerely,

Name __________________________________________

Address _______________________________________

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