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The Civic Symphony of Green Bay continues our season and educational outreach with our upcoming music for young listeners and family concerts. The family concert will take place at the Meyer Theatre on Nov 9th, 2018, at 7:00 pm, with Seong-Kyung Graham conducting.

Bring the family to hear legends come to life through music! A round-the-world storytelling through music extravaganza is planned for this Civic Symphony concert. Characters from Norwegian folklore, Native American history and Arabian legends share the stage with the mischievous Figaro himself kicking off the concert while introducing the *Overture to The Barber of Seville*, written by Gioachino Rossini in 1816. At that time in history, many operas around the world covered subjects of love, death and sorrow, and were primarily tragic dramas. *The Barber of Seville* brought laughter as a barber is enlisted by a conniving Count to help him in his quest to earn the love of the niece of a wealthy doctor. Hilarity ensues, as the Figaro intertwines himself in everyone's lives in his attempts to help the Count finally marry his beloved Rosina, for which Figaro takes full credit.

We move onto the famous Norwegian folk-tale about the life of Peer Gynt as portrayed by Edvard Grieg in his incidental music written for Henrik Ibsen's play in 1867. It tells the story of the downfall and subsequent redemption of a Norwegian peasant anti-hero. A weary and elder Peer Gynt will introduce his tale while reflecting on his early days when he was a once troublesome child until he met the beautiful Solveig. His previous infractions upon others caused her parents to reject him as her suitor. Broken-hearted, Peer runs from his village to the mountains, where he encounters the trolls and Mountain King. This exciting *Suite No. 1 from Peer Gynt* consists of a beautiful morning song, followed by a mournful passing, a spritely dance, and concludes with the rumbling fury of the trolls and King chasing him from their mountain domain.

Our collaboration with the Oneida Nation and composer, Brent Michael Davids, through their Arts Grant has provided us the honor of performing his work, the *Iroquois Creation Story*. Mr. Davids was born and currently resides in WI; he is also a citizen of the Mohican Nation and is considered one of America's acclaimed award-winning composers. His many orchestral works have been featured in festivals and on film, and he was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Indian Summer Festival in Milwaukee in 2015. His *Iroquois Creation Story* came about as a collaboration between diverse art groups which included film, traditional dance and music from Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) performers. Mr. Davids will also be performing with the Symphony on the Native American wood flute.

Nikolay Rimsky-Korsakov's symphonic suite, *Scheherazade*, debuted in 1888 and was inspired by the Tales of Sinbad and the Arabian Nights. Bedtime stories take on new meaning as you take a magic carpet ride through the colorful legend while Sheherazade is called upon to use her tale-spinning talents to save herself and her people from certain destruction. Armed with her wit and a smattering of magic, Sheherazade weaves the classic Arabian tale which is brilliantly underscored by Rimsky-Korsakov's captivating musical themes.

This concert will be a delight for all members of your family and is not to be missed! Admission prices for the concert are \$18-Adults, \$15-Seniors, \$10-Students - Tickets may be ordered online from [www.ticketstaronline.com](http://www.ticketstaronline.com), or at the Resch Center or Meyer Theater Box Office during regular business hours.