



NEC Philharmonia

David Loebel, conductor

PROGRAM

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

Overture to *The Fairy Tale of the Fair Melusina*, op. 32

Maurice Ravel (1875–1937)

Ma mère l'Oye (Mother Goose)

Prélude - Très lent

Premier tableau

Danse du rouet et scène

(Spinning wheel dance and scene)

Deuxième tableau

Pavane de la belle au bois dormant

(Sleeping Beauty pavane)

Interlude

Troisième tableau

Les entretiens de la belle et de la bête

(Dialogues of the Beauty and the Beast)

Interlude

Quatrième tableau

Petit Poucet (Hop-o'-My-Thumb)

Interlude

Sixième tableau

Le jardin féerique (Fairy Garden)

Intermission

Michael Abels

(b. 1962

Global Warming (1990)

Claude Debussy

(1862-1918)

La Mer, L. 109

De l'aube à midi sur la mer (From dawn to noon on the sea): Jeux de vagues (Play of the Waves): Dialogue du vent et de la mer (Dialogue of the wind and the sea):

Abels Global Warming (1990)

Anna Lee

Global Warming is an orchestral work that uses the term to describe the warming of international relations that was happening in the world at that time. The Berlin Wall had just come down, the Cold War was declared over. "I wanted to write a piece that explored the similarities heard between music of various cultures," Abels said. "It begins with a desert scene, a depiction of a futuristic vast desert, with desert locusts buzzing in the background. But soon the piece turns quite uplifting. There are elements of Irish music, African music, Persian rhythms, drones, blended to display their commonalities in a way that is often quite joyous. But rather than end happily, the piece suddenly returns to its original, stark, desert scene, leaving it to the listener to decide which version of global warming they prefer. At the time of its premiere, global warming was not the politically charged term it is today. The piece was not written as a political statement, but its political message has inevitably deepened as climate change has evolved from theory into reality.

— Michael Abels

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First Violin	Viola	Bass
Ching Shan Helen Yu	Joy Hsieh	Alyssa Peterson
Rachel Yi	Aidan Garrison	Yihan Wu
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Second Violin	Isaac Pagano-Toub	Piccolo
Hyun Ji Lee	Lillian Yim	Anne Chao +
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English horn Sojeong Kim ‡ Kelley Osterberg +

Clarinet Sarah Cho * Xianyi Ji §

Hugo Hyeokwoo Kweon + Cole Turkel ‡

Bassoon Adam Chen § Matthew Heldt *+

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Andrew Salaru ± French horn Mattias Bengtsson §

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Principal players *Mendelssohn †Ravel §Abels ^Debussy

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Special thanks to Jason Horowitz, Daniel Getz, Mickey Katz, and Anthony D'Amico for their work in preparing the orchestra for this evening's concert.

David Loebel

Associate Director of Orchestras

Noted for performances that combine innate musicality with interpretive insight, David Loebel joined the faculty of New England Conservatory in 2010 as Associate Director of Orchestras following an eleven-year tenure as Music Director and Conductor of the Memphis Symphony Orchestra. Prior to his appointment in Memphis, he enjoyed a decade-long association with the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra, serving as Associate and then Associate Principal Conductor, as well as Artistic Director of its summer festival, *Classics in the Loop*. He has also been Associate Conductor of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra.

As a guest conductor, David Loebel has appeared with the Philadelphia Orchestra, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, San Francisco Symphony Orchestra, National Symphony Orchestra, Minnesota Orchestra, Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, Seattle Symphony Orchestra, and Brooklyn Philharmonic Orchestra. He has also conducted the symphony orchestras of Baltimore, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, New Jersey, and Syracuse, the Utah Symphony, the North Carolina Symphony, the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, the Kansas City Symphony, the Louisville Orchestra, Symphony Silicon Valley, the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra and the Calgary Philharmonic, among many others.

Internationally, Loebel has conducted the Taipei Symphony Orchestra, the Tokyo Philharmonic Orchestra, Orquesta Sinfónica de Xalapa, and toured Australia to great acclaim, leading the Sydney, Adelaide, Queensland, Western Australian, and Tasmanian Symphony Orchestras. He has led family and educational concerts at Carnegie Hall with the Orchestra of St. Luke's, the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra, and the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra. Operatic engagements include productions at Opera Theatre of Saint Louis and Opera Memphis, and he has appeared at summer festivals including the Grant Park Music Festival, Eastern Music Festival, Sewanee Summer Music Festival, and Woodstock Mozart Festival.

Honored five times by ASCAP for his adventuresome programming, David Loebel is a recipient of the prestigious Seaver/National Endowment for the Arts Conductors Award. An equally articulate communicator off the podium, he is a popular speaker and hosted "The Memphis Symphony Radio Hour" on public radio station WKNO-FM. His writings on music have been widely published, including program notes for Telarc recordings. With the Grant Park Symphony Orchestra and Chorus he recorded the critically acclaimed CD *Independence Eve at Grant Park*.

Active throughout his career in the training of young musicians, Loebel has been Conductor-in-Residence of the New World Symphony and Music Director of the Saint Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra. He has also conducted the Civic Orchestra of Chicago, the National Repertory Orchestra, and at conservatories including the Juilliard School, Cleveland Institute of Music, San Francisco Conservatory of Music, and Indiana University. As a mentor to conductors, he has served on the faculties of the League of American Orchestras' Conducting Workshop, the Kennedy Center's National Conducting Institute, and the University of Cincinnati College-

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A native of Cleveland, David Loebel is a graduate of Northwestern University and a recipient of its Alumni Merit Award. http://davidloebel.com/

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