

# The Mankato Symphony Orchestra presents



**SEVENTH SEASON**

**Music on the Hill  
2016-2017 Season**

**Sunday, May 21, 2017  
2:00 p.m.**

**Our Lady of Good  
Counsel Chapel  
Mankato, Minnesota**

## **"Reflections"**

**Charles-Marie Widor – Toccata from Symphony No. 5 for Organ  
Franz Schubert – Fantasia in F minor for piano four hands, D. 940  
Bohuslav Martinu – Three Madrigals for Violin and Viola  
Johannes Brahms – Piano Quartet in c minor, op 60**

The program opens with Widor's festive Toccata. The fifth movement of his Fifth Symphony, this is the French composer's most famous piece. It is frequently performed at festive Christmas and wedding celebrations; you will likely recognize this popular work.

Four hands on one piano? Absolutely! The Fantasia is one of Schubert's most original works and was composed in the last year of his life.

Martinu was a Czech composer who fled to the US during World War II. While in NY in 1947, he wrote the Three Madrigals for sibling virtuosos Lillian and Joseph Fuchs. The piece contains reminiscences of well-known works by Beethoven, Vivaldi, Franck, and Richard Strauss.

Brahms' monumental C minor Piano Quartet was begun when Brahms was quite young and vulnerable. He felt despair as illness took his friend and mentor Robert Schumann, and at the same time the pain of his unrequited love for Clara Schumann. The turmoil he felt with these conflicting emotions created an incredible musical work that he did not complete for twenty years. The piece takes advantage of the piano's power and range, and skillfully contrasts the piano with the strings.

Mary Jo Gothmann's organ and piano playing is a highlight every season – you won't want to miss her! She is joined on this concert by Music on the Hill regulars Scott Lykins on cello and piano, Lydia Miller Choorapuzha, violin and newcomer Deanna Anderson, whose sensitive viola playing will tug at your heart strings.

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