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APPALACHIA: A SOUTHEASTERN WIND SYMPHONY Presents "BOOKMARKS from JAPAN"

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR LOGAN CAMPBELL Presents Concert in Conjunction with the KNOXVILLE ASIAN FESTIVAL Featuring SHAMISEN KNOXVILLE

KNOXVILLE, TN - January 28, 2023 - Appalachia: A Southeastern Wind Symphony comes back home to Knoxville, Tennessee, for its third concert of the season, "**Bookmarks from Japan.**" The concert will feature works by Japanese composers **Yasuhide Ito, Hirokazu Fukushima, and Soichi Konagaya**, concluding with "**Bookmarks from Japan,**" by American composer, **Julie Giroux**. The concert will be held **February 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM** in Knoxville Catholic High School's **Gregory the Great Auditorium**.

Appalachia has partnered with the Knoxville Asian Festival on this concert to present a **pre-concert "mini-festival"** that will include interactive displays and various demonstrations, including a Kendo demonstration. The concert will also include a **performance from Shamisen Knoxville** who will perform traditional and contemporary pieces arranged for shamisen choir. Artistic Director, Logan Campbell says, "**I, along with our participants, are extremely excited to showcase the incredible music of this rich culture.**"

The highlighted work of the concert will be Julie Giroux's Symphony No. 4, "Bookmarks from Japan." Inspired by six bookmarks Julie received, these works of art were completed by famous Japanese artists depicting locations all over Japan, such as Kinryuzan Temple in Asakusa and views from Mt. Fuji, to name a few. Campbell notes: "**One major highlight is the fifth movement, 'Evening Snow at Kambara,' where a small trio of alto flute, piano, and harp create sounds of light snowfall. This contrasting movement is a powerful picture of the beauty found even in the darkest moments of the year.**"

"Since our second season, we have enjoyed celebrating the diversity of our world in our third concert each year," says Campbell. "**With our cultural programs, we aim to collaborate with area organizations who also serve the culture we are highlighting. This year, we are honored to work with the Knoxville Asian Festival and share elements of**

Japanese culture in more visual and physical ways. Consider coming out early to enjoy this exciting element of our program!"

The concert, "Bookmarks from Japan" by Appalachia: A Southeastern Wind Symphony and Shamisen Knoxville will be held at Knoxville Catholic High School and begin at 7:00 PM EST, with doors opening at 6:30 PM. Pre-concert displays and demonstrations will begin at 6:00 PM. Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased by card online or with cash or check at the door.

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9245 Fox Lonas Road, Knoxville, TN 37923

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About Appalachia: Appalachia: A Southeastern Wind Symphony is an intercollegiate wind ensemble that strives to offer the Appalachian region of our nation quality music through performances that highlight the works of Southeastern composers, while also creating networking opportunities for young musicians from regional universities. More information can be found at <https://appalachiasws.squarespace.com>

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