

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee  
**Youth Wind Ensemble I**  
Thomas L. Dvorak, *conductor*

Cantando International Music Festival  
Sunday, April 25, 2004  
8:00 pm  
Winspear Center for Music

~ *Program* ~

**Montana Fanfare** (2002)

Thomas Doss (b. 1966)

**Concerto for Trumpet** (1796)

Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

II. Andante

I. Allegro

Kevin Hartman, *trumpet*

**Kentucky Harmony** (2000)

Donald Grantham (b.1947)

I. Rockbridge/Lenox

II. Hiding Place

III. Enfield/Dublin

**Minstrels of the Kells** (2002)

Dan Welcher (b.1948)

I. Airs in the Mist

II. Reelin' and Jiggin'

**The Black Horse Troop** (1924)

John Philip Sousa (1854-1932)  
arranged by Frederick Fennell

\*Additional repertoire includes *Variations on America* and "*Country Band*" March by Charles Ives.

## The Youth Wind Ensembles at the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee

The University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee Youth Wind Ensemble program is nationally and internationally recognized as one of the finest of its kind. Founded in 1982, the organization is sponsored by the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Department of Music and University Bands in cooperation with the Wisconsin high school band programs and their conductors. The acronym UWMYWE (U-Way) closely identifies the Youth Wind Ensemble/Jazz Ensemble as an integral part of the UWM Department of Music. The underlying philosophy and purpose of UWMYWE is to provide talented high school musicians with the opportunity to perform with their peers the highest caliber of wind ensemble/jazz ensemble repertoire. UWMYWE is an extension and enhancement of a student's high school band experience. In 1991, the program expanded to include the jazz medium. Under the direction of Curt Hanrahan, participating students in the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Youth Jazz Ensemble (UWMYJE or U-Jay) are afforded the opportunity to perform in one of the finest groups of its kind. In 1998, a Youth Percussion Program was added under the direction of Carl Storniolo.

Now in its 23rd year, the UWMYWE program has grown substantially. Today, there are two wind ensembles of approximately 70 student musicians, two 23 member jazz ensembles, and two percussion ensembles. Since its inception, the ensemble program has been active in concerts both on and off the university campus. UWMYWE was chosen to perform for the Wisconsin State Legislature to signify the opening of "Music In Our Schools Week" (Winter 1983); toured England and Europe (Summer 1985) where they were the featured youth wind ensemble at the famed Glamorgan Music Festival held in Swansea, Wales; performed for the Wisconsin Convention of the National Band Association (Winter 1986); the Wisconsin Music Educators Convention (Fall 1987, 1990, 1993), toured Japan in Summer 1988, where they were the only American Youth Wind Ensemble featured in the Kumamoto World Music Festival and the Fourth Annual International Youth Musicale at Shizouka. In April of 1989, UWMYWE made its Carnegie Hall debut, performing on a Carnegie series. They have performed for the College Band Directors Association meeting in Minneapolis in February of 1990 and in June of the same year, performed at the 8th Biennial Convention of the National Band Association at Northwestern University as the featured demonstration group at a clinic given by Professor Dvorak. UWMYWE has toured the continent of Europe five additional times, in 1990, 1992, 1994, 1996, and 2000, and the British Isles in 1998. The combined ensembles of U-Way I and II toured both Western and Eastern Europe in July of 1992, giving concerts to delighted audiences in the United Kingdom, Germany, Czechoslovakia and Austria, winning First Prize in the Youth Wind Ensemble category at the prestigious Vienna International Youth Music Festival.

In addition to its many performance and tours, distinguished composers, performers and conductors such as Samuel Adler, David Amram, Warren Benson, David Holsinger, Karel Husa, Marvin Stamm, Dennis Najoom, Steve Houghton, Anthony Iannacone, Fisher Tull, Ron Nelson, Frederick Fennell, and John Paynter have conducted and performed with UWMYWE, bringing a wide exposure of contemporary band/wind ensemble performance from among some of our finest composers and conductors for these mediums. In 1990, UWMYWE began a commissioning project. The first composition in this project, David R. Holsinger's *Excerpts from the Light Opera: Baron von Gmway's Revenge!*, was performed on the Tenth Anniversary concert in 1992. Later commissionings have included *Portrait of the Duke* by Charles Sayre and *Isle Triptych* by Bernard Gilmore. The first jazz commissioning was completed in 1993, entitled *The Modal House of Hip Hop* by Steve Wiest.

UWMYWE continues the tradition of international performance with scheduled performances at the Cantando International Music Festival (2004), and their sixth European Tour (2005).