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Cabrillo College Spring Festival of Bands to Highlight Guest Artists and World Premiere
Sunday, May 4, 3:00 PM - Cabrillo Crocker Theater

APTOS, CA—The Cabrillo College Spring Festival of Bands, featuring the Cabrillo Symphonic Winds under the direction of Jon Nordgren, will feature several guest artists and conductors, including the VAPA Division Dean, John Graulty, as well as a world premiere of a work by ensemble member and composer Heather J Morris.

The concert will feature the world premiere of clarinetist and composer Heather J Morris' Memoirs: A Journey Through my Musical and Not So Musical Family, which depicts the occupations of various members of Heather's family, from the coal dealer whose cart horse can be heard plodding along the cobbled streets of Lancashire and neighing in the distance, to the choir, church bells, and even the factory whistle at the beginning of the morning shift in those cotton factories which proliferated in Bolton, England. Even the tiny windswept hamlet of Affetside where Heather grew up (population 150) makes a cameo appearance, with the sound of raindrops (it rains there at least 200 days per year). Born and raised in England, Heather Morris received her Bachelor of Music degree from Sheffield University and pursued graduate studies in Education at Durham University. She currently teaches piano, theory and composition in Santa Cruz and Los Gatos and writes the classical music reviews for the Santa Cruz Sentinel. She is a member of ASCAP and has composed award winning pieces for orchestra, piano and chamber ensembles.

Guests on the bill will include student conductor Nick Marinovich, and a special guest appearance by the Dean of the Cabrillo College Division of Visual, Applied, and Performing Arts, Dr. John Graulty. In his third year at Cabrillo, Dr. Graulty served as Associate Conductor of the United States Air Force Band in Europe and has worked in mediums ranging from jazz to opera. He has conducted at the Leipzig Gewandhaus, Royal Albert Hall in London, and the Red Army Theater in Moscow. He also conducted President Bill Clinton in his brief guest appearance with the USAF Band in Europe. He has conducted the Wroclaw Philharmonic, the Harlem Festival Orchestra, and on Latvian National Radio. It was under the Eastman School of Music's former wind ensemble conductor Frederick Fennell's baton – literally right under his baton, as principal clarinetist of the Carnegie-Mellon University High School Honors Band in his native Pittsburgh in the late 70's, that Dr. Graulty first experienced Holst's First Suite in E-flat, the great masterpiece he will conduct this Sunday.

The concert will also feature the ensemble's principal horn player, Rob Zvalko, performing a transcription for horn and band by John Boyd of Richard Strauss' demanding and beautiful Horn Concerto #1 in E-flat Major, Opus 11. The concerto is one of the most demanding works for the instrument, exploring the full range of the instrument. Franz Strauss, Richard's father, served as principal hornist of the Munich Court Orchestra and was no doubt his son's inspiration for writing two concerti for the instrument. Franz Strauss was still an active performer when Richard finished the first concerto in 1883. Though he intended to perform the premiere of his son's concerto, Franz decided to pass the task on to another hornist, Gustav Leinhos, fearing the extreme high notes too challenging for him to execute in performance.

What: Cabrillo Spring Festival of Bands
When: Sunday, May 4 at 3:00 PM
Where: Cabrillo Crocker Theater, 6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos, CA
Tickets: $10 General, $9 Non-Cabrillo Students/Seniors, $4 Cabrillo Student Activity Card Holders
Available at www.cabrillovapa.com or 831-479-6154
Parking is free in Cabrillo Lot L, adjacent to the Crocker Theater.

About Cabrillo College
Cabrillo College is a leading California community college serving Santa Cruz County with locations in Aptos, Scotts Valley and Watsonville. It is ranked #1 in transfers to UC Santa Cruz. Founded in 1959, the college offers more than 100 academic and career technology programs that serve multiple educational goals such as A.A. and A.S. degrees, certificates of achievement, skills certificates, transfer to four-year institutions or lifelong learning and personal enrichment. Cabrillo College is a dynamic, diverse and responsive educational community that is dedicated to helping all students achieve their academic, career and personal development goals.