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Nathan Hetherington (MM '04, MM '06), Conductor

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PROGRAM

EDVARD GRIEG  
(1843–1907)

Symphonic Dances, Op. 64

*Allegro molto moderato*

*Allegretto grazioso*

*Allegro giocoso*

*Andante – Allegro molto e risoluto*

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**Hannah Moon**,  
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## PROGRAM

BÉLA BARTÓK  
(1881–1945)

*Magyar képek* (Hungarian Pictures), Sz. 97

Evening in Transylvania

Bear Dance

Melody

Slightly Topsy

Swineherd's Dance

KURT WEILL  
(1900–1950)

Symphony No. 2 (1934)

*Sostenuto – Allegro molto*

*Largo*

*Allegro vivace – Presto*

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## **Nathan Hetherington** (MM '04, MM '06)

Nathan Hetherington is active in the New York City area as a conductor, composer, teacher, and singer. He has long been a champion of new music in both the jazz and classical worlds and has conducted countless premieres, working closely with composers to bring their works to life with energy and sensitivity. Nathan is deeply engaged with the world of music education, sharing his knowledge and love of music history, music theory, composition, and conducting with students of all ages and levels of musical ability.

Nathan Hetherington's passionate commitment to the training of young orchestral musicians led him to create the Praxis Youth Leadership Orchestra, a radically new type of ensemble focused on mentoring serious young musicians in musical and social leadership. In addition to his work with Praxis, he conducts at the Manhattan School of Music Precollege Division and Summer Music Camp, as well as the Lucy Moses and Special Music Schools. In 2012 he was appointed Orchestra Director at Horace Mann School, where, in addition to his conducting duties in the Middle and Upper Divisions, he teaches music history and steel drums.

Nathan received his B.A. in music from Vassar College, where he founded and for two years directed the Mahagonny Ensemble, a student group of singers and instrumentalists specializing in concert and theater works of the last 100 years. Following a year of conducting study with Tonu Kalam at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Nathan completed an M.M. in jazz vocal performance at Manhattan School of Music. In May 2006, he completed a second master's degree at MSM in classical composition, studying with J. Mark Stambaugh. After graduating, he continued his compositional studies privately with Richard Danielpour and his conducting studies with Roger Nierenberg.

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Manhattan School of Music's Precollege Division is a Saturday music program for students aged 8 to 18, accepted by audition. In either the Classical or Jazz program, students participate in an enriching curriculum that includes private lessons, classes in music theory and ear training, and participation in the Precollege orchestras, choruses, operas, musical theatre productions, or jazz ensembles. A wide variety of elective classes in chamber music, music history, conducting, composition, and more are also available. With an emphasis on performance, numerous student recitals, studio classes, and master classes take place throughout the year, as well as annual concerto and chamber music competitions.

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