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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **Yale Concert Band:**

**“It is like nothing you’ve ever experienced before!”**

**Alexandria, VA, USA, 6 May 2013:** Classical Movements, Inc., one of the world's premiere concert touring companies that specializes in concert and travel arrangements for musical ensembles, is pleased to announce the Yale Concert Band's summer tour to **Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia**. The tour is from **May 23-30, 2013**, and includes **free concerts** you will not want to miss. The Yale Concert Band is a top wind ensemble that gives a performance like nothing you've experienced before!

#### **Meet the Yale Concert Band**

The Concert Band is known nationally and internationally for its performances of traditional and unusual music in a variety of settings. The ensemble includes fifty brass, woodwind, keyboard and percussion players (including a string bass) that, together, create an exceptional sound. Its repertoire includes the entire range of wind music, from such chamber pieces as the Strauss Serenade, Op. 8 and the Stravinsky Octet, to larger ensemble music, such as marches, suites, popular band music, and contemporary pieces.

The band's storied history includes many distinguished accomplishments such as performances in prestigious venues like the Royal Albert Hall and St. John's Smith Square in London. The band can also boast of a compact disc release on the Denon label (recorded while on tour in Japan), and at least 12 commissions by well-known and up-and-coming composers, including Steven Stucky, who was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in Music in 2005.

The Yale University Concert Band has the distinction of being the first United States college concert band to tour Europe, having toured in 1956 with Director of Bands and Professor Emeritus Keith L. Wilson. Since that time, the Concert Band has completed twenty-four concert tours to destinations including Puerto Rico, California, Florida, Texas, the Netherlands, Germany, France (twice), Switzerland, England (three times), Denmark, Bermuda (twice), Japan, Italy, Ireland, Spain, Africa, Austria, the Czech Republic, Finland, Russia, Brazil, Mexico, and, most recently, South Africa and Swaziland. Although the Band passed through Estonia from Finland en route to Russia, this will be ensemble's first time performing in Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia.

#### **Meet the Director**

The band is under the dynamic direction of Dr. Thomas C. Duffy, a composer, conductor, and Professor of Music at Yale University. Among other posts, Dr. Duffy has served as a member of the Fulbright National Selection Committee as well as Publicity Chair of the World Association

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of Symphonic Bands and Ensembles. Dr. Duffy has accepted commissions from the American Composers Forum, the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, the U.S. Army Field Band, and many other bands, choruses, and orchestras. He has conducted in Japan, Austria, the Czech Republic, England, Finland, France, Ireland, Russia, Spain, Africa, and Italy. In 1982, Dr. Duffy joined the Yale faculty and, in 2010, he received the Citation of Excellence from the National Band Association.

## Repertoire

The repertoire for this year's tour features exciting works by American, English, and German composers that highlight the ensemble's musical expertise:

**Aegean Festival Overture** (1970) – Andreas Makris (arr. Major Albert Bader)

**Pineapple Poll** (1951) – Sir Arthur Sullivan (arr. Charles Mackerras, ed. William Henry Duthoit)

**Overture to "Candide"** (1950) – Leonard Bernstein (arr. Walter Beeler)

**Lost Vegas** (2011) – Michael Daugherty

**An American in Paris** (1929) – George Gershwin (arr. Jerry Brubaker)

**A Parisian in America** (2000) – Thomas C. Duffy

**Trauermarsch, Op. 103** (1836) – Felix Mendelssohn

**Transcontinental** (2011) – Nathan Prillaman

**Century Shouts: An Urban March** (2012) – Thomas C. Duffy

**Riffs** (2009) – Jeff Tyzik – TALLINN CONCERT ONLY

## Concert Schedule:

### VILNIUS

Thursday, 23 May 2013, 14:00

Vilniaus Žemynos Gimnazija

Free School outreach concert

Friday, 24 May 2013, 18:00

Vilniaus paveikslų galerijos kiemas

Free

### RIGA

Sunday, 26 May 2013, 16:00

Jazeps Vitols Latvian Academy of Music

Free

### TARTU

Tuesday, 28 May 2013, 19:00

Vanemuise Concert Hall (Kontserdimaja)

Free

### TALLINN

Thursday, 30 May 2013, 19:00

Performing with: with the Big Band of Tallinn  
University of Technology

Concert Hall of Tallinn University of  
Technology (Tallinna Tehnikaülikooli aula -  
Ehitajate tee 5)

Free



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If you would like more information about the Yale Concert Band's trip to the Baltics, or to schedule an interview with their conductor, please contact Mary Katherine Vigness at Classical Movements at [MaryKatherine@classicalmovements.com](mailto:MaryKatherine@classicalmovements.com) or +1-703-683-6040.