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The Kettle Moraine Symphony Newsletter

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Light and Dark: Thematic
Contrasts as Seasons
Change

A young Brahms (left) was inspired to compose Symphony No. 2 after visiting Pörtlach. A Pörtlach landscape (above) painted by Brahms's contemporary, Theodor Freiherr von Ehrmanns.

Join us in February as we explore the music of Elgar, Grainger and Brahms.



Happy New Year!

We're so excited to share music with you again this season!

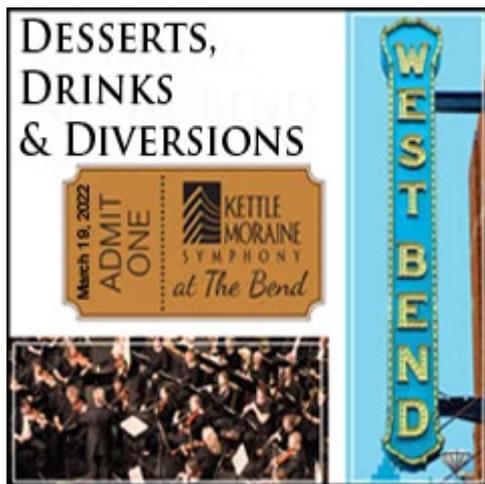
Get concert tickets and up-to-date info by visiting
<https://kmsymphony.org>

Tickets will also be available at the door on concert days.

If you need assistance, please call KMS at [262-334-3469](tel:262-334-3469).

Save the Date: Don't Miss a Concert!

NEW! Elgar, Grainger and Brahms
Saturday, Feb. 19th
Pre-Concert Talk at 6:45 with
Dr. Peter Gibeau and Friends
Slinger Performing Arts Center
Grainger: Linconshire Posy
(for Brass Choir)
Elgar: Serenade for Strings
Brahms: Symphony No. 2



BENEFIT FOR KMS & THE BEND

Drinks, Desserts & Diversions
Saturday, March 19th @ The Bend
Doors open at 7pm

An audience-pleasing potpourri of small ensembles of strings, woodwinds, brass and percussion – our players playing their favorite music and engaging with the audience. Enjoy beverages (cash bar) paired with desserts in a cocktail party/concert atmosphere.

Suite Synchrony

Friday, May 6 at 7:30pm
Pre-Concert Talk at 6:45
Slinger Performing Arts Center

Holst: *St. Paul's Suite*

With West Bend and Hartford High Schools orchestra students

Holst: *First Suite in Eb for Military Band*
With Slinger and Hartford High Schools band students

Copland: *Four Dance Episodes from Rodeo*

21-22 SEASON BEGINS NEW COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP WITH THE HISTORIC WEST BEND THEATER, "THE BEND"



"DESSERTS, DRINKS & DIVERSIONS"

MARCH 19, 2022
7:00PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE IN
FEBRUARY AT
WWW.THEBENDWI.ORG

Light and Dark: Comparing Selections from Elgar, Grainger and Brahms

For Wisconsin residents such as ourselves, the end of February is a time of "both and." It's both cold AND yet you might catch a whiff of warm spring air. It's winter and yet we all know March, and hopefully spring with it, are right around the corner. It's a time for layers, weather apps, and maybe planning some spring projects. It's so "iffy" that we leave weather predictions in February up to a large rodent.

When you attend February's concert, your ears will enjoy what your layers of cardigans and our beloved groundhog have been telling you: there is both light and dark everywhere in our daily life. Both Elgar's Serenade for Strings and Grainger's Lincolnshire Posie are light, folksy pieces that will leave you feeling lighthearted with a spring in your step. But wait - Brahms's second symphony will snap you right back to winter with its gloomy melancholy.



One of the reasons I love living here and having four distinct seasons is that they nurture a greater appreciation for change, contrast, and the mirrored seasons of our lives. Would we be so ecstatic to stomp with our wellies in March's muddy slush piles if it weren't for the frigid cold snaps we survived just weeks before? I think not. We all need a little contrast in our lives in order to appreciate both the light and the dark. See you on February 19th.

Fast Facts:

-Serenade for Strings is one of Elgar's earliest works, and he credits his wife Alice for assisting him

-Lincolnshire Posie relies heavily on folk melodies collected by Grainger himself on wax cylinders AND it was premiered in Milwaukee, of all places

-Brahms himself described the mood of his Symphony No. 2 to his publisher as "so melancholy that you will not be able to bear it. I have never written anything so sad, and the score must come out in mourning..." Bring some Kleenex in case you are so moved that you tear up. - *Hannah Muehlbauer, Editor*

Avoid driving and parking...

Ride the KMS Bus!

KMS will be once again providing a school bus to our concerts, with two pickup points in West Bend: at Cedar Ridge and at the Senior Center. If you would like to sign up for the bus, please call the KMS office at [262-334-3469](tel:262-334-3469).



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