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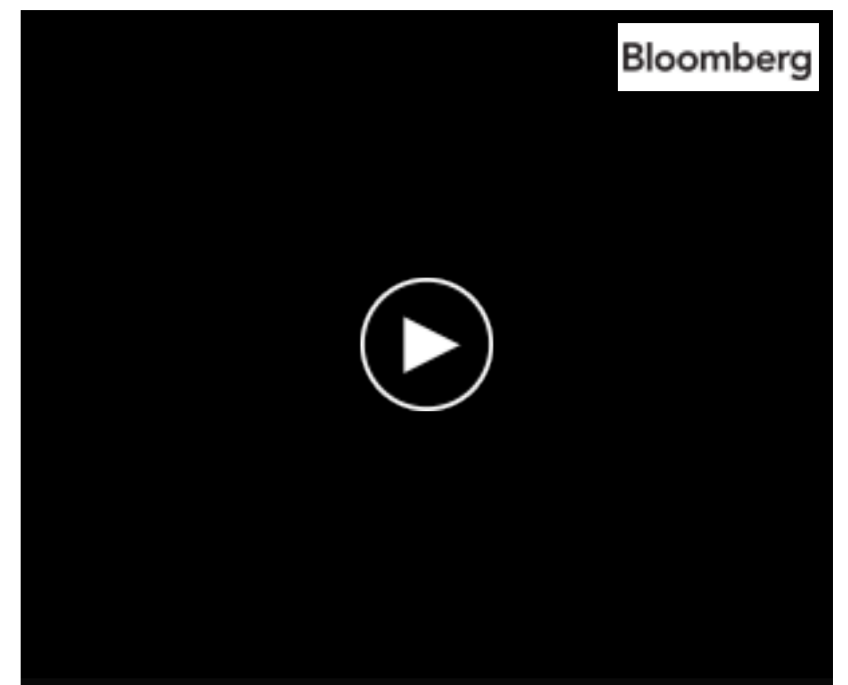
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“The Silk Road and Beyond” was Pak’s musical premise, and he programmed accessible and colorful works from the west (Mozart, Nielsen, Tchaikovsky) and the east (Tan Dun, Toru Takemitsu) to illustrate the profound oriental influence on the Occident.

The concert featured a dizzying rotation of styles and talents, some clever segues, and interesting instrumental placements. The overture to “The Abduction From the Seraglio” was preceded by the recording of a Turkish march, played on folk instruments, a near note-for-note copy of Mozart’s intro. A movement from Nielsen’s “Aladdin Suite” found three small ensembles – winds, percussion and horns – scattered around the hall, playing canons with the onstage strings (all, most impressively, without the conductor). A rendition of Puccini’s “Humming Chorus” from “Madame Butterfly” had the instrumentalists humming the vocal part.

Soloists were numerous. International star Su Chang reprised a movement of her guzheng (an ancient Chinese version of the zither) concerto, “Identity,” with fire and grace. While the orchestral part was a kind of tried-and-true gambit full of romantically swelling unison phrases, the solo part was another matter. Su plucked the multi-stringed guzheng robustly, creating an alluring sound-world, her vibrato extracting a vocalist’s texture from the instrument.

Cellist Peiyao Guo brought expressive musicianship to the cello centerpiece from “Crouching Tiger,



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Hidden Dragon" – a solo passage known as "The Eternal Vow." Violinist Yu-Ting Chen played magnificently in "The Butterfly Concerto," perhaps the most well-known piece of Chinese music in the western classical style.

And of all the international stars, the three Samgomu drummers – Holly Shin-young Knudson, Anna Courchaine, Quinn Lee – were by far the most flamboyant. Playing three kits, composed of three differently pitched drums, dancing with stylized synchronicity in traditional costumes, they closed the program with visual and musical exoticism, a rare staging of the traditional Korean percussion/dance practice. It was a world premiere to boot, choreographed and written by the brother and sister team of Brooke and Kyle Newmaster.

But, in the end, all of these exotic musical styles were performed on the solid foundation provided by the home ensemble. Solo turns from the ranks were plentiful.

Flutist Zachary Sheets had many, including a mesmerizing alto flute spotlight in Takemitsu's "Toward the Sea." Piccolo virtuoso Wendy Rolfe also had multiple moments to shine, most notably in the opening to von Weber's "Turandot" march. Principal viola Anna Shemetyeva anchored the "Humming Chorus" with a lush solo line. Harpist Sandra Bittermann had solos in seemingly everything (notably a front-of-stage turn with Sheets, interpreting the Takemitsu).

Concertmaster Jae Cosmos Lee (his duet with Su Cheng near the outro of "Identity"), Elizabeth Dorris (oboe), Mark Miller (clarinet), and the quartet of percussionists (Paul Gross, Michael Iadevaia and Mark Prall among them) also combined to let every Cape Symphony regular know that the home ensemble competes quite well with the best from around the world.

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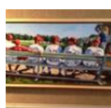
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