



## Young People's Concerts 2018

This year, the theme is the Great Out of Doors. Get ready for music that describes natural settings like mountains, storms, the ocean, the Grand Canyon, etc.

Composers have always tried to depict the natural world around us by giving us their snapshot in music. Vivaldi was fascinated with the Four Seasons. His music tries to enchant us with his musical ideas of Spring. Mendelssohn wrote about a trip he took to Scotland and the Hebrides Islands on the West side of the country. He was especially enchanted with Fingal's Cave- A huge cave on one of the islands. Edvard Grieg loved the mountains and Norse myths- His composition, In the Hall of the Mountain King, is a classic tale, in music, of Kings, Dwarfs and Trolls living in the Scandinavian mountains. The American composer, Gershwin, wrote the opera Porgy and Bess about a community living in the American South. His well-known song from the opera, *Summertime*, gives us the feeling of a hot and humid Southern Summer. Johann Strauss the 2<sup>nd</sup> loved a good storm and wrote the *Donner und Blitzen* Polka- in celebration of a thunder and lightning storm in Vienna, Austria.

We're also going to sing a few songs: *Home on the Range*, *America the Beautiful* and *This Land is Your Land*. The words are downloadable from our website.