

Kids will enjoy elephant-sized problem at Oregon Symphony

An elephant has escaped from the zoo and writer, director and special guest Dan Kamin will lead Oregon Symphony Kids Concert audiences in finding him in "The Lost Elephant" on Sunday, March 9, at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. in the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall.

The show's creator, comedian-writer-director Dan Kamin, describes it as "a demonstra-

tion of the natural connection between music and movement. The show also illustrates the power of music to summon up images, 'to make pictures of animals in your head.'" Kamin, a master of mime and physical comedy, plays a zookeeper with an elephant-sized problem.

Elmer the elephant has escaped from the zoo. When

Kamin shows up at the concert, Conducting Assistant Jonathan Pasternack and narrator Susan Chapek strike a bargain with him: If he will help the audience visualize the animals in the music, the orchestra will set a musical trap to lure the missing pachyderm to the concert hall. Symphonic music becomes vivid, visual, and accessible in this simple yet exciting tale, set to the music of Handel, Stravinsky, Rossini and others. De-

signed to introduce children to the beauty and power of classical music, Kamin's uncanny physical skills also make it a concert the whole family will enjoy.

"The Lost Elephant" features music of a distinctly Russian flavor, including Kabalevsky's "Galop" from "The Comedians," Stravinsky's "Galop," "Polka" and "Waltz," from Suite No. 2, Rimsky-Korsakov's "Flight of the Bumblebee" and Musorgsky's "Ballet of the Unhatched Chicks" from "Pictures at an Exhibition." Audiences will also recognize excerpts from Rossini's "William Tell Overture," Saint-Saëns' "The Swan" and "The Elephant," from "Carnival of the Animals," and Offenbach's famous "Can-Can," from his opera "Orpheus in the Underworld."

Kamin's "Comedy Concer-

tos," which blend lowbrow comedy with highbrow music, are popular with symphonies across the country, including Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Pittsburgh. In addition to "The Lost Elephant," they include "The Haunted Orchestra," "Carnival of the Animals," "The Magic of Mime" and a pops program, "The Horrible History of Music."

Tickets range from \$6 to \$30 and may be purchased at the Oregon Symphony Ticket Office (923 S.W. Washington), Monday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; by phone at 503-228-1353 or 800-228-7343, or through Ticketmaster, 503-790-ARTS. Online purchases may be made through Ticketmaster Online, or via the Symphony's Web site <www.orsymphony.org>

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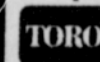
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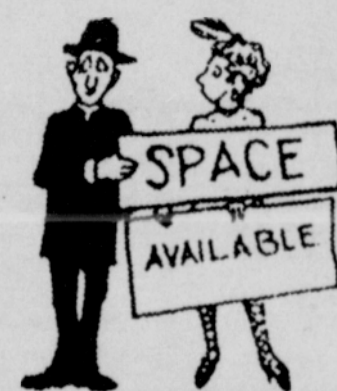
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