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An Orchestral Puzzler

(The Iconoclasts: Zappa, Bowie, Glass)

7:30 Saturday, November 12, 2022

Greaves Concert Hall, NKU

The Kentucky Symphony Orchestra continues its 31st season with the symphonic works of Frank Zappa, David Bowie and Philip Glass. Rockers Zappa and Bowie were iconoclasts with regard to their unique and evolving music. Zappa and Bowie passed away in 1993 and 2016 respectively. Hearing their instrumental music performed live today is a rare experience.



Frank Zappa parodied or poked fun at just about every aspect of society via his music from his days performing as Frank Zappa and the Mothers of Invention through his last album and touring project — *The Yellow Shark*. Members of the KSO will perform six selections from Zappa's final concert including "Dog Meat," "Outrage at Valdez," "Be-bop Tango," "Pentagon Afternoon," "Get Whitey" and "G-Spot Tornado" All of these selections for an 18-22 piece ensemble are very challenging and fun for both the musicians and audience. Zappa's classic "Peaches & Regalia" and his full orchestra waltz "Strictly Genteel" will open and close the program.

David Robert Jones started out as a saxophone player in the early 1960s with London West End bands, before he experimented with mixed media, cinema, mime, Tibetan Buddhism and acting and composing to become **David Bowie**. Bowie partnered with musician and producer Brian



Eno in his Berlin years (1976-79) on both the *Low* and *Heroes* studio albums (1976-77). In 1992 minimalist composer **Philip Glass** produced and expanded several songs from the *Low* album to write his first symphony, subtitled *Low* which contained the mostly instrumental track "Subterraneans." Five years later



Glass based his fourth symphony on Bowie and Eno's *Heroes* album, which included "Abdulmajid." The KSO will perform both movements (See full program below).

Join the Kentucky Symphony Orchestra with the innovative, eclectic and the somewhat puzzling music of iconoclasts Frank Zappa and David Bowie at **Greaves Concert Hall** at **7:30 p.m., Saturday, November 12**, on the campus of NKU in Highland Heights, KY. Tickets for each show are \$35 for the best seats to experience great musicians and unusual programming unique to our region. For those who are out of the area or who must stay home, the KSO live streams each concert (with multiple cameras) for your 'at home access' for the price of a single ticket. Tickets are available online at **kyso.org** or by phone at **(859) 431-6216**.

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Frank Zappa

“Peaches and Regalia” 

Philip Glass, David Bowie, Brian Eno

“Subterraneans” from the *Low* Symphony

Zappa

Selections from *The Yellow Shark* 

“Dog Meat”

“Outrage At Valdez”

“Be-Bop Tango”

Intermission

Zappa

Selections from *The Yellow Shark* 

“Pentagon Afternoon”

“Get Whitey”

“G-spot Tornado”

Glass/Bowie/Eno

“Abdulmajid” from the *Heroes* Symphonic Ballet

Zappa

“Strictly Genteel” 

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