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Montgomery Philharmonic 2016 - 17 Our 11th Season – Inspired by...

Concert 3, February 2, 2017– Inspired by Youth

Williams | Meyer | Balmages | Newbold | Stalter | Swearingen | Márquez | Gershwin | Diemer

***Fiddles on Fire* – Mark Williams (MS, WMHS, and MP strings combined)**

Instrumentation – Strings

Rosin up the bow, call the fire department, and let's go! This thrilling work is a modal display of virtuosity and takes full advantage of the open 5th "fiddle sound." You'll have parents "do-si-do-ing" in the aisles, and students clamoring to play this one again and again! Without a doubt, this is a superb piece for beginning players!

Mark Williams was one of the premier composers for school bands and orchestras. Co-author of the Accent on Achievement Band Method, he had over 200 published works to his credit. As clinician and guest conductor, Mr. Williams traveled to 34 states, 5 Canadian provinces, and Australia. He was born in Chicago and grew up in Spokane, Washington. He taught music in Washington State for many years, specializing in elementary band. Mr. Williams held Bachelor of Arts in Education and Master of Education degrees from Eastern Washington University, and served as woodwind performer and arranger for the 560th Air Force Band. Renowned for his compositions for band, orchestra, and choir, he earned numerous awards including the Western International Band Clinic's Galia Competition and several ASCAP Special Awards. In addition to his writing and travel schedule, Mr. Williams performed regularly on bassoon and served as Conductor and Artistic Director for the Spokane British Brass Band.

YouTube Videos –

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