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Concert 3, February 2, 2017– Inspired by Youth

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

Fire Dance – Soo Hee Newbold (WMHS and MP strings combined)

Instrumentation – Strings

Since the beginning of time, man has used fire for survival, technological advances, and ceremonies. The Polynesians dance with sticks of fire in exciting luaus; Bulgarians have a traditional barefoot dance on hot, glowing embers; and other cultures use fire in their cultural rituals.

All quarter notes and eighth notes should be slightly detached and accented. Dotted notes are more legato and hold their full value. Keep the feel of the music light so that the intricate rhythms come through. Most of the piece is felt in 4 with an extended fourth beat. Measures 57–64 are felt in 3.

Soo Hee Newbold was adopted as an infant and grew up in Frederick, Maryland, with her two sisters. She began playing piano at the age of five and violin at the age of seven, winning prestigious competitions and performing as a concert artist at an early age. As a soloist and in professional orchestras throughout the world, Ms. Newbold appeared in such venues as Carnegie Hall, The Kennedy Center, Wolf Trap, Disney World, The Aspen Festival, and Tanglewood, as well as in many countries throughout the world.

Ms. Newbold attended Frederick High School, where her interests included science, languages, and drama. She studied German, French, and Russian and completed an internship in AIDS and cancer research at the National Institutes of Health in Fort Detrick, Maryland. Ms. Newbold received her Bachelor of Music degree from James Madison University, in Harrisonburg, Virginia, where she concentrated on film scoring, orchestration, and audio production. During college, she also performed with professional symphonies in Virginia, Maryland, and New York and twice was the winner of the JMU School of Music Concerto Competition performing Khachaturian's *Violin Concerto* her freshman year and Ravel's *Tzigane* her senior year.

Upon graduation, Ms. Newbold worked in the entertainment field for Walt Disney World and performed with various symphonies in Florida. She also produced albums and wrote for recording projects and ensembles. As an actress, Ms. Newbold expanded her experiences to film and television. She got her first break in the film *The Waterboy*, starring Adam Sandler, and her first major role in the family comedy *Camp Tanglefoot* with Gregg Russell, Drew Seeley, and Michael Andrew. Ms. Newbold's music is published through the FJH Music Company, and compositions can be heard around the world in film and by orchestras and other performing groups.

YouTube Videos –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F7bdsT3uVa0>

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