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WASHINGTON, APRIL 9: A concert commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the founding of the League of Composers will be played on Sunday, April 13th, by the National Gallery Orchestra, conducted by Richard Bales, it was announced today by David E. Finley, Director of the Gallery.

The program will consist of works by American composers who are members of the League. Founded in New York in 1923, the League of Composers has a long and brilliant record of commissions and performances of contemporary music. Many of the world’s foremost artists have participated in its programs.

Two compositions to be played will receive their first Washington performances: The Concertino by Bernard Wagener, commissioned by the League in 1942 for its 20th anniversary, and the Concertino for Piano and Strings by Frederick Jacobi which will feature Irene Jacobi, pianist.

Other works on the program have been introduced to Washington by the National Gallery Orchestra, notably the Festival Ode by Dai-keong Lee which was composed especially for the National Gallery’s annual American Music Festival.
The complete program and participating artists follow:

Burrill Phillips  Dance Overture
Bernard Wagnenaar Concertino
   (First Washington performance)
Douglas Moore  Village Music
Virgil Thomson  The Plow that Broke the Plains
   (Narrative text by Pare Lorentz)
   Paul Chandler Hume, Speaker
Frederick Jacobi Concertino for Piano and Strings
   Irene Jacobi, Pianist
   (First Washington performance)
Dai-keong Lee  Festival Ode
William Bergsma  Paul Bunyan Suite