

## **Fantastic Journey!**

**A review by: Katie Kirby**

**Hi! I'm Katie Kirby and on Friday night I went to the "Many Moods of Music" concert by the LaGrange Symphony Orchestra. There were so many children there that night!**

**The "journey" began in Hogwarts with the "Theme from Harry Potter" by John Williams. This piece sounded very interesting with all of the instruments combined together, but I could really hear the strings and they did a good job! The audience responded very well.**

**The next place we went on our "journey" was to visit the gypsies. The piece was called "Gypsy Airs" and the violin soloist was very good. Her name is Ninel Jabotinsky, but people call her Nelli. The fast part of the piece was excellent and the audience thought it was great! (Oh and Nelli, if you are reading, congrats- you did great!)**

**The next stop on our "journey" was a typical day in the universe in a story called "Once Upon Some Time". The music was written by famous composer, Lee Johnson and the story was written by Fred Newman, who, by the way, is on plenty of television shows! This was a really TALL tale about how chaos is kept quiet while the juggler, the night weaver and the star thrower all work together making the universe run smoothly, but when those three start goofing off, chaos lets loose! The music fit the story just right and Fred's "mouth sounds" were great! The bite out of the moon startled me! Fred and Lee must have worked together really well because it was fantastic! I think the audience loved it.**

**For the last piece, we "journeyed" back to the jazz days with "It Don't Mean a Thing If It Ain't Got That Swing" by Duke Ellington. My favorite part was the cool beat performed by the drum set player. This piece was perfect for the orchestra. It was great!**

**All in all, the Family Concert was delightful. Carol Cain was great on the introducing and Mr. Cobos kept everyone on cue with his conducting. Thank you LSO, Lee Johnson, and Fred Newman for the great "journey"! I think all kids should check out a symphony concert sometime.**

**Katie Kirby**

**10 years old**

