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PRESS RELEASE

Mira Mesa High School orchestras to premiere two new works
Composer Steven Danyew dedicates his arrangement to the MMHS orchestra

For Immediate Release:

The Mira Mesa High School combined Symphony Orchestra and Concert Orchestra, under the leadership of director Matthew Mulvaney, will be premiering two new pieces at their Winter Concert on December 9th.

Steve Danyew, an American composer residing in New York, arranged his choral composition "Goodnight, Goodnight" for the Mira Mesa strings. The composer's notes in the score describe the origination of the choral piece and contain a dedication of the orchestral work: "This arrangement for string orchestra was written in the fall of 2016 for Matthew Mulvaney and the Mira Mesa High School Orchestra, San Diego, California."

At the same concert, the combined orchestras will also be premiering a completely new selection by California-based composer Ellen Golden. "Cityscape" is a unique contemporary composition for strings, keyboard, and electronica, and will be accompanied by a time-lapse video of cityscapes.

The premiere of both works, featuring approximately 110 student musicians, will take place in the Mira Mesa High School Theater on December 9th. The Symphony Orchestra, the top orchestral ensemble at Mira Mesa High School, will also perform the pieces a second time alone at an additional on-campus concert on December 15th.