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CHANGING PEOPLE'S LIVES

Today's show offers evidence of the many ways that music changes people's lives. We'll hear about the Kimbanguist Symphony Orchestra of Kinshasa, in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The musicians in the orchestra are like other Congolese. They struggle with every aspect of daily life: food, shelter, medical care, raising families. And yet, they're immensely dedicated. And music is changing the lives of the dedicated young musicians of the Aspen Festival. We'll hear a couple of knockout performances from Aspen, and meet young Aspen conductor Case Scaglione.

Today's Playlist

HOUR 1 (1) Listen

- Felix Mendelssohn
 Song Without Words, Op. 21
 Alisa Weilerstein, cello, Vivian Hornik
 Weilerstein, piano
- Francis Poulenc
 Finale from Sextet for Piano and Winds
 Members of the Saint Paul Chamber
 Orchestra, Christian Zacharias, piano
 Ordway Center, St. Paul
- Maurice Durufle
 Tota Pulchra es from Four Motets, Op. 10
 The Lausanne Vocal Ensemble, Michel Corboz, conductor
 Payerne Church, Payerne, Switzerland
- Felix Mendelssohn
 Symphony No. 5 in D, Op. 107
 (Reformation)
 The Aspen Concert Orchestra, Nicholas McGegan, conductor
 Aspen Music Festival, Aspen, Colorado

HOUR 2 (1) Listen

- Ralph Vaughan Williams
 Toccata Marziale
 The Eastman Wind Ensemble, Donald Hunsberger, conductor
- Gustav Mahler
 Third movement from Symphony No. 4 in G
 The World Orchestra for Peace, Valery Gergiev, conductor
 The BBC Proms, London, England
- Orazio Vecchi
 Saltarello detto Triuella
 The G8 Guitar Octet
 Plateau Christian Church, Gatineau,
 Quebec
- Henryk Wieniawski
 Saltarelle
 Ray Chen, violin, Andrew Tyson, piano
 Palais des Beaux-Arts, Brussels, Belgium
- Ralph Vaughan Williams

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