Junior Recital

Joseph Durrett-Smith, bass-baritone

Brenda Brent, piano

Thursday, December 6, 2012

8:00 p.m.

Music Building Recital Hall

Fifty-first Concert of the 2012-2013 Season
I.

Per la gloria d’adorarvi             Giovanni Bononcini  
                                          (1670-1747) 
Vouchsafe, O Lord                    George Frideric Handel  
                                          from *Dettinger Te Deum*  
                                          (1685-1759)

II.

Sonntag                              Johannes Brahms  
                                          (1833-1897) 
In Waldseinsamkeit                   
Die Krähe                             Franz Schubert  
                                          (1797-1828)

III.

Adieu                                Gabriel Faure  
                                          (1845-1924) 
Chanson Epique                       Maurice Ravel  
                                          (1875-1937)

IV.

Night Crow                           Ned Rorem  
                                          (b. 1923)  
Let Beauty Awake                     Ralph Vaughan Williams  
                                          (1872-1958)  
Sure on This Shining Night           Samuel Barber  
                                          (1910-1981)

V.

O du mein holder Abendstern          Richard Wagner  
                                          (1813-1883) 
from *Tannhäuser*
**Giovanni Battista Bononcini - Per la gloria d’adorarvi**

Bononcini was born in Modena, Italy. He began studying the cello with his father at a young age. In 1678, he moved to Bologna to study with Giovanni Paolo Colonna. He joined the Accademia Filarmonica in 1685, and became maestro di cappella at St. Giovanni in Monte two years later. In the following years he had commissions in Modena and Bologna and had many instrumental and vocal works published. In 1696, his first successful opera, *Il trionfo di Camilla*, was performed in Naples. He served in Vienna and Rome until 1719. In 1720, his works were produced in London, which expanded his critical acclaim. His works were frequently produced in competition with those of Handel. Bononcini left behind a large body of work, including 62 stage works and nearly 300 contatas, in addition to his instrumental compositions.

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**Per la Gloria d’adorarvi**

Voglio amarvi,
0 luci care.
Amando penero,
Masempre v’amero,
Si, si, nel mio penare,
Penero,
V’amero,
Luci care.

Senza speme di diletto
Vano affetto e sospirare,
ma I vostri dolci rai
Chi vagheggiar puo mai
E non, e non v’amare?
Penero,
V’amero,
Luci care!

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**George Frideric Handel - Vouchsafe, O Lord**

Handel was born in Halle, Germany. His operatic works began in Italy. After three opera seasons touring Italy, he moved to London to expand his career there. Within two weeks of his arrival in London, Handel had composed *Rinaldo*. It was this breakthrough that gained the recognition he maintained for the rest of his life. During his lifetime, Handel composed nearly 30 oratorios and close to 50 operas. At least 30 of those operas were written for the Royal Academy of Music, London’s very first Italian opera company. He was also a prolific writer of orchestral pieces and concerti grossi. He is said to have made significant contribution to all of the musical genres of his generation. His most renowned work is the oratorio *The Messiah*, written in 1741, and first performed in Dublin in 1742.

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Vouchsafe, O Lord
To keep us this day, without sin
0 Lord, have mercy upon us
0 Lord, let Thy mercy lighten upon us
As our trust is in Thee
Johannes Brahms - Sonntag, In Waldeseinsamkeit

Johannes Brahms was one of the great German composers and pianists and one of the most well known musicians of the Romantic period. Brahms devoted his life to music from the earliest days of childhood. He studied, performed and composed. He met many of the composers and musicians of his day and learned from them all. He spent much of his life in Vienna where he was widely known and well respected. He composed for piano, chamber ensembles, symphony orchestra, voice and chorus. Art song was a very important and successful part of Brahms’ creative life. He was constantly revising his own works. Only a few of his more than three hundred songs are widely known.

Sonntag

So hab' ich doch die ganze Woche
Mein feines Liebchen nicht geseh'n
Ich sah es an einem Sonntag
wohl vor der Türe steh'n
Das tausendschöne Jungfräulein,
das tausendschöne Herzelein,
wollte gott, wollte Gott, ich wär' heute
bei ihr.

So will mir doch die ganze Woche,
Das Lachen nicht vergeh'n
Ich sah es an einem Sonntag,
Wohl in die kirche geh'n.
Das tausendschöne Jungfräulein,
das tausendschöne Herzelein,
wollte gott, wollte Gott, ich wär' heute
bei ihr!

In Waldeseinsamkeit

Ich saß zu deinen Füßen
In Waldeseinamkeit;
Windesatmen, Sehnen
Ging durch die Wipfel breit.

In stummen Ringen senkt'ich
Das Haupt in deinen Schoß,
Und meine bebenden Hände
Um deine Knie ich schloß.

Die Sonne ging hinunter,
Der Tag verglüh'te all,
Ferne, ferne, ferne
Sang eine Nachtigall.

This whole week, I have not 
Seen my delicate sweetheart.
I saw her on Sunday,
Standing in front of the door.
That thousand-times beautiful girl.
That thousand-times beautiful heart.
Would, God, that I were with her today!

This whole week, my laughing 
has not ceased;
I saw her on Sunday,
Going to church.
That thousand-times beautiful girl,
That thousand-times beautiful heart,
Would, God, that I were with her today!

I sat at your feet
In the loneliness of the forest;
The breath of the wind, like longing
Went through the broad treetops.

In mute struggle I sank
my head into your lap,
And my shaking hands
I clasped about your knees.

The sun set,
The day lost its glow,
Far, far, far away
Sang a single nightingale.
Franz Schubert - Die Krähe

Franz Schubert was an early Romantic Austrian composer, best known for his lieder. He was a musician and a singer. He studied with Antonio Salieri and at age 17, composed his first work of note, Gretchen am Spinnrade, inspired by Goethe’s Faust. He met many of the poets of the day and set their works to music, as well. In 1817, Schubert wrote fifty songs. Between 1820 and 1823, two of his operettas and several songs were publicly performed. Soon after, some of his works were published. His musical genius was in his ability to adapt to almost any kind of musical form. His vocal compositions, more than 500 in all, were written for male and female, as well as mixed voices. He was a master of lyrical beauty. He composed works with rich harmonies and melodies for many genres and his influence was evident in later composers, like Schumann, Brahms and Wolf.

Eine Krähe war mit mir
Aus der Stadt gezogen,
 Ist bis heute für und für
Um mein Haupt geflogen.
Krähe, wunderliches Tier,
Willst mich nicht verlassen?
Meinst wohl, bald als Beute hier
Meinen Leib zu fassen?
Nun, es wird nicht weit mehr geh’n
An dem Wanderstabe.
Krähe, laß mich endlich seh’n,
Treue bis zum Grabe!

Gabriel Fauré - Adieu

Gabriel Fauré studied with Camille Saint-Saens as a young man. He published his first composition for piano, Trois romances sans paroles, in 1863. He served in many positions in Paris and taught students such as Ravel, Enescu and Boulanger. Fauré was a refined and sensitive songwriter and a composer of every form of chamber music. He wrote more than 100 songs and song cycles. For the piano he wrote 13 nocturnes, 13 barcarolles and 5 impromptus. Other popular works are for piano and orchestra; violin and piano; cello and piano; as well as chamber pieces.

Comme tout meurt vite, la rose
Déclose,
Et les frais manteaux diaprés
Des prés;
Les longs soupirs, les bienaimées,
Fumées!
On voit dans ce monde léger
Changer,
Plus vite que les flots des grèves,
Nos rêves,
Plus vite que le givre en fleurs,
Nos coeurs!
À vous l’on se croyait fidèle,
Cruelle,

Like everything that dies quickly,
the blown rose,
the fresh multicolored cloaks
on the meadows.
Long sighs, those we love,
gone like smoke!
One sees in this frivolous world,
Change,
Quicker than the waves
on the beach
Quicker than frost on the flowers,
Our hearts!
One believes oneself faithful to you,
Cruel,
Mais hésal! Les plus longs amours
Sont courts!
Et je dis en quittant vos charmes,
Sans larmes,
Presqu’au moment de mon avou,
Adieu!

But Alas! The longest of love affairs
Are short!
And I say on quitting your charms,
Without tears,
Close to the moment of my avowal,
Adieu!

Maurice Ravel - Chanson Epique

Maurice Ravel was born in France. His family moved to Paris when he was 3 months old. He studied music from age 7, entering the Conservatoire at age 14. He later studied with Gabriel Fauré. By the turn of the century, Ravel and Debussy were creating music inspired by the Impressionist paintings of contemporary artists. His style began to change after the death of Debussy. His music became more abstract and closer to the style of Stravinsky. Ravel’s signature was in his harmonic style which was easily recognized. Stravinsky described Ravel as the “Swiss watchmaker” of music because of his attention to detail.

Bon Saint Michel qui me donnez loisir
de voir ma Dame et de l’entendre,
Bon Saint Mechel qui me daignez choisir
Pour lui complaire et la défendre,
Bon Saint Mechel veuillez descendre
Avec Saint Georges sur l’autel
De la Madone au bleu mantel.

Good Saint Michael, who gives me
the chance
to see my Lady and to hear her,
Good Saint Michael who deigns to
choose me
to please and defend her,
Good Saint Michael will you descend
with Saint George to the altar
Of the virgin in the blue mantle.

D’un rayon du ciel bénissez ma lame
Et son égale en pureté
Et son égale en piété
Comme en pudeur et chasteté
Ma Dame.

With a beam from heaven,
bless my sword
And his equal in purity
And his equal in piety
As in modesty and chastity:
My Lady.

Ô grands Saint Georges et Saint Michel
L’ange qui veille sur ma veille,
Ma douce Dame si pareille
À vous, Madone au bleu mantel!
Amen.

Good Saint George
and Saint Michael
The angel who guards my watch
My sweet Lady, so much like you
Virgin in the blue mantle!
Amen.

Ned Rorem - Night Crow

Ned Rorem studied at the American Conservatory, Northwestern University, the Curtis Institute and the Juilliard School of Music where he earned Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees. In 1949, he went to Paris to study composition with Honegger. In Paris he met and was encouraged by the great musicians of the day: Poulenc, Auric, Milhaud and Cocteau. He returned to the U.S. in 1957 and lived primarily in New York. Rorem wrote about 300 songs for solo voice with piano accompaniment (including 17 song cycles). He produced a wide variety of style in his writings, ranging from humorous to devotional to jazzy to tragicomic, due to his choices of texts. He showed a great awareness of the capabilities of the human voice. His melodies essentially captured the mood of his texts. He also wrote op-
eras, choral music, orchestral pieces including three symphonies, chamber music, piano music, ballets, and incidental music for plays.

When I saw that clumsy crow clap from a wasted tree,
a shape in the mind rose up.
Over the gulfs of dream,
flew a tremendous bird,
farther and further away.
Into a moonless black.
Deep in the brain, far back.

Ralph Vaughan Williams - Let Beauty Awake

Ralph Vaughan Williams was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge and the Royal College of Music. He later studied with Max Bruch in Berlin and Maurice Ravel in Paris. He was one of the first to travel into the English countryside to collect folk songs and carols, notating them for future generations. He edited The English Hymnal and composed several world famous songs for it (For All the Saints/Come Down O Love Divine). He also assisted in editing the Oxford Book of Carols. He served in WWI and was deeply affected by the losses. After the war, he returned to produce nine symphonies, five operas, film music, ballet and stage music, several song cycles, church music and works for chorus and orchestra. He became a professor of composition at the Royal College of Music in London. He was working on new music when he died at age 85.

Let Beauty awake in the morn from beautiful dreams,
Beauty awake from rest!
Let Beauty awake
For Beauty’s sake
In the hour when the birds awake in the brake
And the stars are bright in the west!
Let Beauty awake in the eve from the slumber of day,
Awake in the crimson eve!
In the day’s dusk end
When the shades ascend,
Let her wake to the kiss of a tender friend,
To render again and receive.

Samuel Barber - Sure on this shining night

Samuel Barber was educated at the Curtis Institute and studied with Isabelle Vengerova, Emilio de Gogorza, Fritz Reiner and Rosario Scalero. His chief collaborator was Gian Carlo Menotti. He composed his first orchestral piece in 1931. He wrote commissioned works for the U.S. Army Air Forces, Martha Graham, Vladimir Horowitz, New York Metropolitan Opera. He composed 103 songs, 48 opuses, published exclusively with G. Schirmer and had more than 100 unpublished compositions. During the course of his career, he composed 48 opus length works. Barber is admired for a lyrical quality that permeates his compositions.

Sure on this shining night
Of star made shadows round,
Kindness must watch for me
This side the ground.
The late year lies down the north.  
All is healed, all is health.  
High summer holds the earth.  
Hearts all whole.  
Sure on this shining night I weep  
for wonder wand’ring far alone  
Of shadows on the stars.

Richard Wagner - *O du mein holder Abendstern*

Richard Wagner was an influential composer and musical theorist, known mainly for his grand operas and his use of leitmotif. He was born in Leipzig, Germany. Richard studied at the University of Leipzig and also took composition and conducting lessons. He led a life of financial debt and political controversy. He was one of the few composers who wrote his own libretti. Of the 13 operas that Wagner wrote, ten are still widely produced around the world today. His most famous operas are: *Der Fliegänder Höllander, Die Valkyrie, Tristan und Isolde, Der Ring des Nibelungen*, better known as *The Ring Cycle*. He designed and had built the Festspielhaus and opened it with the premiers of the *The Ring Cycle* in 1876. It has been the site of the Bayreuth Festival ever since.

Wie Todesahnung Dämmerung deckt die Lande,  
Umhüllt das Tal mit schwärzlichem Gewande;  
Der Seele, die nach jenen Höhn verlangt,  
Vor ihrem Flug durch nacht und Grausen bangt.  
Da scheinet du, o lieblichster der Sterne,  
Dein Sanftes Licht entsendest du der Ferne;  
Die nächt’ge Dämmerung teilt dein lieber Strahl,  
Und freundlich zeigst du den Weg aus dem Tal.  
O du, mein holder Abendstern,  
Wohl grüsst’ich immer dich so gern;  
Vom Herzen, das sie nie verriet,  
Grüssé sie, wenn sie vorbei dir zieht,  
Wenn sie entschwebt dem Tal der Erden,  
Ein sel’ger Engel dort zu werden!

Like a portent of death, twilight shrouds the earth,  
And envelops the valley in its sable robe;  
The soul, that yearns for those heights,  
Dreads to take its dark and awful flight.  
There you are, o fairest of the stars,  
And shed your gentle light from afar;  
Your friendly beam penetrates the twilight gloom,  
And points the way out from the valley.  
O my fair evening star,  
I always gladly greeted thee:  
From a heart that never betrayed its faith,  
Greet her when she passes,  
When she soars above this earthly valley,  
To become a blessed angel in heaven!
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Sō Percussion

Thursday, April 11
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KSU Orchestra: New Blood

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Helen Kim, violin

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