Kennesaw State University School of Music
Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 8:00 pm
Dr. Bobbie Bailey & Family Performance Center, Morgan Hall
One Hundreth Concert of the 2014-15 Concert Season

Student Composition Recital

JAKARI RUSH (b. 1990)
In Springtime (2015)
Forrest Starr, tenor
Jakari Rush, piano

HANNAH JARVIS (b. 1992)
Three Short Movements for String Quartet (2014)
I. Oathkeeper
II. Oblivion
III. Keys
Susan Reyes, violin I
Kevin Williams, violin II
Samantha Tang, viola
Michael Roberts, cello

JULIE MITCHELL (b. 1992)
I Don’t Need You (2014)
from To See My Love
Camille Hathaway, mezzo-soprano
Matthew Richards, double bass
Brian Reid, piano
HANNAH JARVIS (b. 1992)
Three Movements for Euphonium (2015)

I. Fanfare
II. Sweetheart Song
III. Fighting Waltz

Stewart Yancey, euphonium
Judy Cole, piano

MITCH GILLIS (b. 1996)
Upward Growth (2014)

Lee Spence, flute/piccolo
Emma Goodwin, oboe
Mudussir Quraishi, clarinet
David Anders, horn
Shelby Jones, bassoon

ERIC RAMOS (b. 1995)
Stuck in a Line (2015)

Simon Needle, guitar
Michael Roberts, cello
Jordan Sommer, piano
Brooks Payne, drum set

INTERMISSION

JOSHUA LITTLE (b. 1993)
Comatoso (2014)

Michael Roberts, cello
JULIE MITCHELL (b. 1992)
Psalm 139 (2014)

I. Herr, Du erforschest mich und kennest mich

II. Wo soll ich hin gehen vor deinem Geist
   Megan Gibson, soprano
   Karen Martin, mezzo-soprano
   Terry Pendleton, tenor
   Michael Bart, baritone
   Ryan Gregory and Sarah Höfer, fiddle

III. Denn du hast meine Nieren bereitet
   Emily Crisp and Amy Hebel, soprano soloists

IV. Aber wie köstlich sind vor mir
   Karen Martin, mezzo-soprano
   Terry Pendleton, tenor
   Timothy Marshall, baritone

V. Ach Gott, daß du tötestest die Gottlosen
   Timothy Marshall, bass-baritone

VI. Erforsche mich, Gott, und enfahre mein Herz

   Matthew Richards, conductor
   Chorus and Chamber Orchestra

ANDREW NIEHOFF (b. 1995)
The Colossus (2015)

   Devin Witt, conductor
   Connor Osburn, Kristen Arvold, horn
   Stewart Yancey, Kris Davis, euphonium
   Stacey Novik, Sydney Hunter, Collin Siesel, trumpet
   Austin Franklin, Jared Hicks, Tony Wolcott, trombone
   Andrew Pellom, tuba
   Eric Ramos, Mitch Gillis, percussion
CHORUS AND CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

**SOPRANO**
Jenna Byess
Tori Caracci
Emily Crisp
Krista Drummond
Megan Gibson
Ciara Hart
Amy Hebel
Hannah Jarvis
Crystal Maldonado-Santiago
Shannan O'Dowd
Michaele Postell
Siobhan Rodriguez
Jennell Smith

**BASS**
Ryan Cox
Benjamin Cubitt
Joseph Durrett-Smith
Dylan Gray
Timothy Marshall
Peter Gustav Westin II
Brian Reid
Mason Upshaw
Kevin Williams

**ALTO**
Naarah Callender
Kate Chastain
Sarah Fries
Barbara Griffin
Camille Hathaway
Courtney King
Karen Martin
Maria Phillips
Abbie Ryon
Leah Sexton
Jessica Terry

**PIECOLO**
Brittany Pietsch

**OBOE**
Alejandro Sifuentes

**FLUTE**
Madison Hall

**BASS TROMBONE**
Michael DeSousa

**CELLO**
Kathryn Encisco
Michael Roberts
Michael Thomas

**VIOLIN**
Jarred Cook
Micah David
Ryan Gregory
Sarah Höfer
Rachel Ann LaRocca
Susan Reyes
Nathaniel Roberts
Brittany Thayer

**VIOLA**
Katie Baumgarten
Rachel Fishback
Perry Morris
Samantha Tang
Natalie Thompson
Courtney Varner

**TENOR**
Brandon Austin
Charley Baer
Michael Bart
Terrell Flemings
Cody Hixon
Terry Pendleton
Stewart Yancey

**HORN**
Kristen Arvold

**CELLO**
Kathryn Encisco
Michael Roberts
Michael Thomas

**DOUBLE BASS**
Nicolas Twarog

**TROMBONE**
Michael DeSousa

**TIMPANI**
Caty Mae Loomis

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In Springtime  Jakari Rush

Early in springtime when Iris dawns her bloom
T’was then that I saw her, my heart in her consumed
T’was early in spring-time when birds sing songs a-new
T’was then my love seized you and now, at last, love you gave to me
Standing before me, with eyes locked in loves gaze
All things seem silent and vague
Then gently you touched me your kiss so sweet, appeasing
O in springtime, when nature gives a-new, love granted you
Late in the summer when leaves begin to fade
A promise of love and my life I gave to you
T’was early in springtime when love let me love you
That mem’ries’ bliss of love’s first kiss when Iris dawned her bloom.

I Don’t Need You  Julie Mitchell

Now you are gone… Now, you’ve gone away…
Why can’t I stop my heart from feeling this pain?
I understand why you let me go,
yet, I can’t stop my heart from missing you so.
I don’t need you to recognize my worth.
I don’t need you to know why I’m on earth.
I don’t need you to kiss goodnight.
I don’t need you to make it through the day.
I don’t need you to figure out my way.
I don’t need you to find the light,
yet I need you, despite.
My dormant heart would not let anyone in,
yet you have claimed your seal somewhere within.
Somehow I know all will be just fine,
yet I can’t help myself for wanting you for mine.
I don’t need you to recognize my worth.
I don’t need you to know why I’m on earth.
I don’t need you to kiss goodnight.
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I don’t need you to figure out my way.
I don’t need you to find the light,
yet I need you, despite.
Yet, I need you to gaze upon the stars.
Yes, I need you to be lost in your arms.
I still need you to kiss goodnight.  
I still need you, though I don’t think I should,  
and I love you. I didn’t think I could.  
Yes, I need you to see the light.  
Yes, I need you despite!

Psalm 139 I  Julie Mitchell

I.
1 O Lord, You have searched me and known me.
2 You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off.
3 You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways.
4 Denn siehe, es ist kein Wort auf meiner Zunge, das du, Herr, nicht alles wisest.
5 Von allen Seiten umgibst du mich und hälst deine Hand über mir.
6 Solche Erkenntnis ist mir zu wunderbar und zu hoch; ich kann sie nicht begreifen.

II.
7 Wo sol lich hin gehen vor deinem Geist, und wo sol lich hin fliehen vor deinem Angesicht?
9 Nähme ich Flügel der Morgenröte und bliebe am äußersten Meer,
10 so würde mich doch deine Hand daselbst führen und deine Rechte mich halten.
11 Spräche ich: Finsternis möge mich decken! so muß die Nacht auch Licht um mich sein.
12 Deen auch Finsternis ist nicht finster bei dir, und die Nacht leuchtet wie der Tag, Finsternis ist wie das Licht.

I.
1 Herr, Du erforschest mich und kennest mich.
2 Ich sitze oder stehe auf, so weißt du es; du vershehst meine Gedanken von ferne.
3 Ich gehe oder liege, so bist du um mich und siehst alle meine Wege.
4 Denn siehe, es ist kein Wort auf meiner Zunge, das du, Herr, nicht alles wisest.
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Ill.
13 Denn du hast meine Nieren bereitet und hast mich gebildet im Mutterleib.
14 Ich danke dir dafür, daß ich wunderbar gemacht bin; wunderbar sind deine Werke, und das erkennt meine Seele wohl.
15 Es war dir mein Gebein nicht verhohlen, da ich im Verborgenen gemacht ward, da ich gebildet ward unten in der Erde.
16 Deine Augen sahen mich, da ich noch unbereitet war, und alle Tage waren auf dein Buch geschrieben, die noch werden sollten, als derselben keiner da war.

IV.
17 Aber wie köstlich sind vor mir, Gott, deine Gedanken! Wie ist ihrer so eine große Summe!
18 Sollte ich sie zählen, so würde ihrer mehr sein denn des Sandes. Wenn ich aufwache, bin ich noch bei dir.

V.
19 Ach Gott, daß du tötetest die Gottlosen, und die Blutgierigen von mir weichen müßten!
20 Denn sie reden von dir lästerlich, und deine Feinde erheben sich ohne Ursache.
21 Ich hasse ja, Herr, die dich hassen, und es verdrießt mich an ihnen, daß sie sich wider dich setzen.
22 Ich hasse sie im rechten Ernst; sie sind mir zu Feinden geworden.

VI.
23 Erforsche mich, Gott, und erfahre mein Herz; prüfe mich und erfahre, wie ich's meine.
24 Und siehe, ob ich auf bösem Wege bin, und leite mich auf ewigem Wege.

Ill.
13 For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother’s womb.
14 I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well.
15 My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.
16 Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them.

IV.
17 How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them!
18 If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You.

V.
19 Oh, that You would slay the wicked, O God! Depart from me, therefore, you bloodthirsty men.
20 For they speak against You wickedly; Your enemies take Your name in vain.[c]
21 Do I not hate them, O Lord, who hate You? And do I not loathe those who rise up against You?
22 I hate them with perfect hatred; I count them my enemies.

VI.
23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties;
24 And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.
composers

All composers are pursuing the Bachelor of Arts degree in Composition.

Julie Mitchell, Senior  Mitch Gillis, Freshman
Hannah Jarvis, Senior  Eric Ramos, Freshman
Joshua Little, Junior  Andrew Niehoff, Freshman
Jakari Rush, Junior

biographies

Julie Mitchell is a senior at KSU, studying for degrees in Music Education and Music Composition. She studies composition with Dr. Laurence Sherr, Composer-in-Residence. An active participant in KSU’s Chamber Singers and Opera Theatre and winner of the 2013 KSU Composition Competition, she had her work A Dream Within a Dream performed at the April 24, 2014 concert by the KSU Chamber Singers. Psalm 139 is her largest work to date, and is the largest student-led work ever to be featured at KSU. She specializes in works for shows. She plans to continue her compositional studies in graduate school.

Joshua Little is a junior in the Bachelor of Arts with a Concentration in Music Composition at Kennesaw State University. He is currently studying composition under Composer-in-Residence Dr. Laurence Sherr and has studied classical guitar under Mary Akerman. He intends to continue his composition studies and later write for film and advertising.

Jeremy Jakari Rush composed several short works for piano and studied with Dr. Ruben Malán throughout high school. Upon graduating in 2008, Jeremy studied at Tallahassee Community College for one academic year and later relocated to Columbus, Georgia, to study piano at the Schwob School of Music under Professor Gila Goldstein. At the Schwob School of Music, Jeremy composed Dolente a Bramosia Op. 13, Vocalise in F-sharp minor Op. 14, Barcarolle in B-flat Op. 15, Hymn No.1 Op.16, and many others. He currently resides in Atlanta, Georgia, and studies with Dr. Laurence Sherr at the KSU School of Music.
Mitch Gillis was born in Phoenix, Arizona in 1996. He attends Kennesaw State University where he studies music composition with Jen Mitchell. Additionally, he plays percussion in KSU’s Wind Ensemble, Orchestra, Percussion Ensemble, and studies percussion with John Lawless. In December 2014, the KSU Percussion Ensemble premiered his composition Promises, featuring Indonesian gamelan instruments that were donated to the school. Mitch has a passion for music and is influenced by a wide variety of musicians from classical composers to rock bands and rappers.

Hannah Jarvis is a senior composer at Kennesaw State University studying music composition under Dr. Laurence Sherr, while pursuing a minor in marketing. At KSU, Jarvis has premiered her choral work Daphne and Apollo (2013) and string piece Oblivion (2014), which is the second movement of her Three Short Pieces for String Quartet. In addition to her studies, Jarvis has had internships with the Walt Disney World Company, The Earl Smith Strand Theatre, and Everywhere Agency, a digital marketing firm in Atlanta. Upon graduation in Fall 2015, she hopes to pursue a career in digital marketing, as well as composing for film and television.

Eric Ramos is in the latter half of his freshmen year at Kennesaw State University. Stuck in a Line will be his debut piece, which is an arrangement of a song originally written for his rock band, in which he still plays. Eric is extremely interested in the film industry, where his career goals lie.

Andrew Niehoff, born 1995, sparked his interest in music at the age of seven by taking piano lessons, and later choosing bassoon as his main instrument. He is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree with a concentration in Music Composition at Kennesaw State University and plays bassoon in the Kennesaw State Orchestra and Wind Ensemble. He recently won the Georgia Youth Symphony Orchestra's Young Composers Contest for his brass ensemble piece, The Colossus, and the Kennesaw State Composition Contest of 2014-15 for the wind ensemble piece, Flowers in the Dark.
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We welcome you to attend a concert, meet our faculty and staff, and feel the energy and excitement that our students exude. We are fully committed to our purpose as educators, performers, and scholars. We hope that you will find as much enjoyment in our product as we do in producing it.

Michael Alexander
Interim Director, KSU School of Music

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upcoming events

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Wednesday, April 15
KSU Symphony Orchestra

Thursday, April 16
Trumpet Studio Recital
7 pm • Brooker Hall, Bailey Performance Center

Saturday, April 18
Surge of Power: Spring 2015 Opera Gala

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Tara Winds Clarinet Choir with Sqwonk Bass Clarinet Duo

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