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Senior Capstone Recital

Amy Elizabeth Lashley, classical guitar



Friday, December 7, 2012 8:00 p.m.

Music Building Recital Hall
Fifty-seventh Concert of the 2012-2013 Season

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Lute Suite No. 4 Silvius Leopold Weiss Prelude (1686-1750)

Sonata, K.208 Domenico Scarlatti (1685-1757)trans. Jose Tomas

36 Caprices, Op. 20 Luigi Legnani No. 2 (1790-1877)No. 7

Guarania Hector Ayala (1914-1990)

2 Barcarolles Francis Kleynjans (b. 1951) Lent Allegro

Tremolo Etude Robert Teixeira

(b. 1961)

Silvius Leopold Weiss - Lute Suite No. 4

Silvius Leopold Weiss was not a guitarist, but was considered to be one of, if not the best, lutenist of his time. Born in Poland, his father was a lutenist and taught all three children to play. At this point in history the guitar was not yet as widely popular an instrument as the lute, although the lute's popularity would find itself in drastic decline by the end of the Baroque era (and seemingly in conjunction with Weiss' death). Weiss was well known across Europe and spent many years in Dresden. Weiss left us a legacy of one of largest and most prolific collections of solo lute pieces of any composer in history.

Suite IV (Prelude) was part of Weiss' London Manuscripts and was originally written in the key of G major. It is transcribed for this program in the key of A major. This particular prelude was originally written (and transcribed) with no time signature or bar lines. Although exact date of the piece is not known, it was reproduced from its source at the British Library.

Domenico Scarlatti - Sonata, K.208

Domenico Scarlatti, although not a guitarist himself (and thought to have never played a guitar), is considered to be one of the closest non-guitarist composers to the instrument. Scarlatti held posts with royal families in both Lisbon and Madrid for many years and was quite obviously influenced by the sounds of the guitar. Scarlatti's sonatas are popular pieces in modern guitar repertoire due to both their inherent ability to sound characteristic to the instrument, as well as their ability to be easily transcribed from keyboard to guitar. Scarlatti is known for his interesting harmonic structures and wild dissonances which seem to conjure images of the various ways that a guitar may be used as a percussive instrument.

Sonata K.208 was written during the time that Scarlatti lived in Madrid, and is among his most famous collection of 555 keyboard sonatas. It is written in binary form and the most unique chordal progression may be heard at the beginning of the B section.

Luigi Legnani - 36 Caprices, Op. 20

Luigi Legnani was an Italian composer, guitarist, and luthier. Prior to studying guitar, Legnani studied strings and voice. He performed in several operas by Rossini, Pacini and Donizetti. As a guitarist, he was deemed to be a worthy successor to Mario Guiliani, a leading guitar virtuoso of his time. As a composer, Legnani wrote over 250 works including pieces for solo guitar, guitar and flute, and a concerto for guitar and orchestra. In 1850 he stopped performing and spent the rest of his life building guitars.

36 Caprices, Op. 20 is Legnani's most performed and well known body of work today. It contains pieces in every major and minor key. These are true virtuosic guitar pieces from this important time period in which the guitar really began to gain both popularity and a repertoire of its own.

Hector Ayala - Guarania

Hector Ayala was an Argentinian guitarist and composer. As a composer, Ayala's music is based on Latin American folkloric song and dance forms. He wrote many

works for guitar, as well as several guitar methods. As a performer, Ayala played in tango orchestras in Buenos Aires and participated in *Escuadrones de Guitarra* (the "Guitar Squadron"), a group of about 30 guitarists who often performed on radio broadcasts.

Guarania is a song based on a musical form of the same name which was created in Paraguay by Jose Flores and still remains popular in urban areas. It expresses the character of the Paraguayan people. This Guarania is part of Ayala's suite *Serie Americana* which is a collection of music based on folk tunes from various South American countries.

Francis Kleynjans - 2 Barcarolles

Born in Paris, Francis Kleynjans began studying guitar at age 14. He entered the National Conservatory of Paris in 1971 and studied under Alexander Lagoya for 4 years. Kleynjans has toured extensively in France, Germany, Spain, and Great Britain. Known here in the US primarily as a composer, his work is very impressionistic with stylistic techniques reminiscent of Debussy and Ravel. He draws a lot of inspiration from nature and uses the themes life, love, and death frequently. Some of Kleynjans influences include The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, Heitor Villa-Lobos, Benjamin Britten, and Erik Satie. Kleynjans has described his composition process as being based on a chordal progression which then creates a melody. Kleynjans is an active composer, performer, and also teaches at a Paris conservatory.

2 *Barcarolles* is an impressionistic piece containing 2 short movements. The word 'barcarolle' was originally defined as a folk song and sung by Venetian gondoliers. It is meant to conjure images of being on a boat with the rhythmic lapping of the water or rowing of an oar.

Robert Teixeira - Tremolo Etude

Robert Teixeira is a guitarist, teacher, and composer who resides in Charlotte, North Carolina. Teixeira teaches guitar at Queens University of Charlotte and Central Piedmont Community College. In addition to his teaching duties Robert performs with award winning guitarist, Mary Akerman in the Akerman-Teixeira duo. Their cd, "Music For Two Guitars" was released on the Clear Note Label in 2010. He also performs with his wife, cellist Tanja Bechtler, with whom he produced the recording "Shade Grown". Teixeira has also performed and recorded with seven member world music group, Without Borders.

Tremolo Etude is a short piece which highlights the tremolo technique on guitar. This etude breaks the tremolo into various separate patterns in order to practice speed bursts and playing evenly. Additionally, it helps develop the ability to accent or un-accent any note within the four note tremolo pattern.

Amy Lashley is currently enrolled at Kennesaw State University as a music student and will soon complete her degree, a Bachelors of Arts in Music with an emphasis on Guitar Performance. Not only a music student, Amy is an active music educator and owns In Tune Studio, a small private lesson studio located in the Grant Park neighborhood of Atlanta. She has been teaching guitar in the Atlanta metro area for more than four years and continues to study under renowned classical guitarist and performer, Mary Akerman. Additionally, Amy has attended and participated in masterclasses led by guitarists Emily Saliers, Dominic Frasca, and Roger Hudson.

This music degree will be Amy's second Bachelors degree, the first being a BS in Computer Science from Georgia State University. After working in the technology field for several years, Amy decided to pursue the study of guitar in a more formal setting. Aside from playing classical guitar, she also excels in steel string guitar, trumpet, and songwriting (she self-released a solo recording in 2009, For What It's Worth). Amy's diverse studies have enabled her to not only become a more well-rounded musician and teacher, but have also shown her that learning is an integral part of one's evolution. After finishing her degree, she plans to focus her efforts on her own instruction, as well as promoting guitar education in Atlanta area schools. Amy currently serves on the board of directors for the Atlanta Guitar Guild (AGG), a fledgling Atlanta-based organization led by guitarist and professor Dr. John Huston, and is the chairman of their Education and Outreach committee. For more information on the Atlanta Guitar Guild, please visit www.atlantaguitarguild.org. For information on In Tune Studio please visit www.intunestudioatlanta.org.

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Woodwinds

Robert Cronin, flute Cecilia Price, flute Christina Smith, flute Elizabeth Koch, oboe Dane Philipsen, oboe John Warren, clarinet Laura Najarian, bassoon Sam Skelton, saxophone

Brass and Percussion

Karin Bliznik, trumpet Doug Lindsey, trumpet Jason Eklund, horn Thomas Witte, horn George Curran, trombone Tom Gibson, trombone

Bernard Flythe, tuba/euphonium

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Helen Kim, violin Catherine Lynn, viola Allyson Fleck, viola Charae Krueger, cello

Douglas Sommer, double bass Elisabeth Remy Johnson, harp Mary Akerman, classical guitar

Trey Wright, jazz guitar Marc Miller, jazz bass Joseph McFadden, bass

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Unless otherwise noted, all events will take place at 8:00 pm in Morgan Concert Hall.

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Friday, February 15 **Sõ Percussion**

Thursday, April 11 Jennifer Koh and Shai Wosner

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Thursday, January 10
KSU Orchestra: New Blood

Saturday, February 2
School of Music Collage Concert

Monday, March 18 Helen Kim, violin

Monday, April 29
KSU Percussion Ensemble

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