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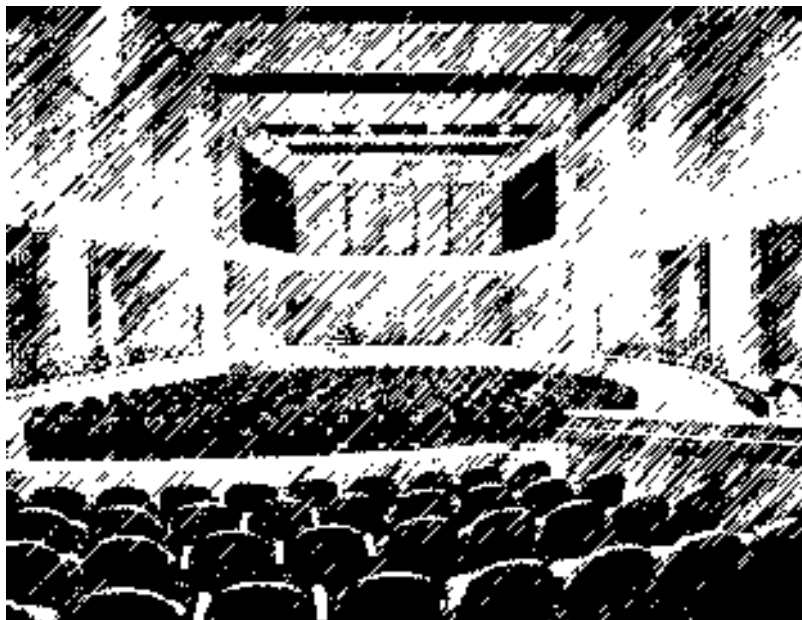
Senior Recital

**Robert Marshall,
violoncello**

Saturday, April 13, 2013

6:00 p.m.

Dr. Bobbie Bailey & Family Performance Center
One Hundred Fifth Concert of the 2012-2013 Season



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Audrey B. and Jack E. Morgan, Sr. Concert Hall
April 13, 2013

Rhapsody No. 1, BB 94
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Béla Bartók
(1881-1945)

Judy Cole, piano

**Suite No. 3 in C Major for
Unaccompanied Cello, BWV 1009**

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

- I. Prelude
- II. Allemande
- III. Courante
- IV. Sarabande
- V. Bourrée I & II
- VI. Gigue

Intermission

Sonata in F Major for Cello and Piano, Op. 6

Richard Strauss
(1864-1949)

- I. Allegro Con Brio
- II. Andante ma non troppo
- III. Finale. Allegro Vivo

Judy Cole, piano

This recital is presented in partial fulfillment of requirements for the degree
Bachelor of Music in Performance.
Mr. Marshall studies cello with Charae Krueger.

Béla Bartók - *Rhapsody No. 1 for Cello and Piano, BB 94*

First Rhapsody was composed in 1928, and may well have been dedicated by Bartók to a fellow Hungarian and kindred spirit: the violinist Joseph Szigeti (1892 – 1973); at any rate the two musicians are known to have performed the work together on several occasions, and at least one such performance is preserved—a 1940 Library of Congress recording (Vanguard Classics OVC 8008). *First Rhapsody* comprises two movements labeled „lassú” and „friss,” “slow” and “fast” respectively.

The “Moderato” tempo indication of the opening movement must be contextualized, for this highly stylized version of a gypsy tune captures the essence of the genre from its outset. The two measures of piano introduction imitate the droning of peasant instruments laying down the beat, here in a persistent and marked left-right, left-right oppositional pattern which continues as the violin enters. That entry, and much of the melodic material of „lassú,” is based on what has come to be known as “the acoustic scale,” wherein characteristic aspects of two modes are conjoined: the raised fourth of the lydian (a half-step from scale degree 5), and the lowered seventh of the mixolydian (a whole step below scale degree 1). At issue here is a means of formalizing—in a notational sense—what is very much a *performance* practice, namely the distinctive note bending endemic to certain Hungarian folk idioms.

The movement unfolds in a decidedly transparent A – B – A' formal design with internal repetitions in each of the main sections. The two A sections consist primarily of 8-measure phrases, with the last phrase of each stretched out so as to underscore its closing function. This regularity of phrase length is abandoned in the B section, where asymmetrical unit lengths are the norm and accentuate the comparatively freer nature of the melodic material. A consistent mood, an interrelated tonal plot and the recurrence of various rhythmic patterns hold the movement together. The altered return of the A section is shorter than its correlate, as it omits one of the earlier phrases. The return of A is also at a lower pitch level—something Bartók “corrects” in its last dozen measures.

-Gregory Marion

J.S. Bach - *Suite No. 3 in C Major for Unaccompanied Cello, BWV 1009*

Each of Bach's unaccompanied cello suites has been admired for different reasons. The *Suite No. 3* is notable for its broad, heroic character, which comes in part from Bach's choice of key: C major allows him to make ample use of the cello's C-string, and the resonance of this lowest string echoes throughout the suite. The preludes of all the suites have an intentionally “improvisatory” quality: though the music is carefully written out, Bach wishes to create the effect that the performer is creating it on the spot. The *Prelude* of the *Third Suite* is built on a virtually non-stop sequence of sixteenth-notes, though at the end a series of declamatory chords draws the music to its climax. The *Allemande* is an old dance of German origin; that name survives today in square dancing terminology (“Allemande left with the old left hand”); in this movement Bach enlivens the basic pulse with turns, doublestops, and thirty-second-notes. The *Courante* races past, while the *Sarabande* is dignified and extremely slow. Many listeners will discover that they already know the first *Bourrée*, for this graceful dance has been arranged for many other instruments; Bach presents an extended variation of it in the second *Bourrée*. The concluding

Gigue dances quickly on its 3/8 meter; Bach offers the cellist some brisk passage-work as well as extended doublestopping in this good-spirited dance.

-Yo Yo Ma

Richard Strauss - *Sonata in F Major for Cello and Piano, Op. 6*

Strauss was born in Munich on the 11th of June, 1864, the son of Franz Joseph Strauss, Principal Hornist in the Court Orchestra (Hoforchester), and Josephine Pschorr, whose family were prominent brewers in the Bavarian capital (a city still famous the world over for its beer). This lineage provided the young Richard with a background both musically and financially secure and, indeed, he showed great promise from an early age: he started piano at four (he could read musical notes before letters and words) and began composing at the age of six (lieder, piano pieces, and orchestral overtures). At the age of eight, Richard Strauss began violin studies and at eleven, theory, harmony, and instrumentation (of which he was to become an acknowledged master). His father encouraged him to listen to the music of the older masters, including Beethoven, Mendelssohn, and Schumann, all of whose influences can be clearly heard in Strauss's Cello Sonata, which he began to compose in 1881 at the age of seventeen. He revised the work extensively during the winter of 1882–1883, preserving only the introductory *Allegro con brio*, in which the cello is treated in a heroic style anticipating his tone poem of 1888, *Don Juan*. When the sonata was first performed in Berlin in 1884, he was congratulated on the opening lyrical theme by the legendary violinist and composer Joseph Joachim.

The vitality and verve of the opening pervade the entire first movement, whose unified thematic structure shows the influence of Beethoven and Schumann. There is extensive dialog between the cello and piano, and an ingenious four-part fugue leads into the recapitulation. The second movement, with its pensive, dark-hued atmosphere and sensitive theme in “romanza” style, is clearly inspired by Mendelssohn—possibly by one of his “Songs without Words.” (Strauss also composed a Romance for Cello and Orchestra in the same year, 1883.) In the finale, Strauss draws inspiration from Mendelssohn's Scottish Symphony and Wagner's Parsifal (which he had heard in Bayreuth). In addition, the movement reveals some unmistakably Straussian characteristics, including a cadence that foreshadows his own Elektra, written fifteen years later. The F Major Cello Sonata was written for the Czech cellist Hanuš Wihan, who gave the first performance in Nuremberg on the 8th of December, 1883. (Twelve years later, Wihan was the dedicatee of Dvořák's Cello Concerto). The Dresden premiere of the sonata took place two weeks later, with the cellist Ferdinand Böckmann and Strauss himself at the piano, after which the composer reported proudly to his mother, “My sonata pleased the audience greatly, and they applauded most enthusiastically. I was congratulated from all sides, and the cellist, Böckmann, reflected quite wonderfully in his playing how much he liked the work and plans to play it quite soon again in his concerts.”

-Steven Paul

Robert Marshall, cellist, performs a variety of styles ranging from orchestral and chamber settings, to theatrical productions, to music festivals. Orchestrally, he has performed at the Cobb Energy Center in Atlanta, Georgia; Alice Tully Hall in New York; the Central Conservatory in Beijing, China; and the People's Theatre in Xi'an, China. Mr. Marshall performed with Cause&Freedom at the Woodstock in Woodstock Music Festival in 2010, and from 2011 to 2012 played and recorded with numerous other bands throughout the Atlanta area. This February, he performed the Vivaldi Double Cello Concerto with his professor, Charae Krueger, and his former high school director, Carol Doemel of the Lassiter High School Orchestra. On April 22 of this year he will be performing the first Shostakovich Cello Concerto with the Kennesaw State Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition Winners and the KSU Symphony Orchestra.

Having played a gamut of classical repertoire, Mr. Marshall also enjoys premiering contemporary works written by his fellow students at Kennesaw State University. In 2011, he showcased a work by Johnny Brown for the renowned 8th Blackbird ensemble, and in 2012 premiered the Zac Goad String Quartet No. 1. He has played for David Ying, Mike Merman, Jesus Castro Balbi, and Wesley Baldwin in solo masterclasses, and in chamber masterclasses for the Aspen Trio, the Ying Quartet, 8th Blackbird, and Elias Goldstein.

Mr. Marshall attended the University of South Carolina on the USC Orchestra Scholarship, during which time he pursued a music education degree under the tutelage of Dr. Robert Jesselson. Currently, he is studying with Ms. Charae Krueger at Kennesaw State University and will be graduating in 2013 with a Bachelors of Music Performance and the Joel A. Katz Music and Entertainment Business Certificate.

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