Junior Recital

Rachel Fishback, viola
Arie Motschman, piano

Saturday, March 25, 2017 at 4 pm
Music Building Recital Hall
One-hundred Second Concert of the 2016-17 Concert Season
JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH (1685-1750)

Suite No. 3

   I. Prelude
   II. Allemande
   V. Bourrees

PAUL HINDEMITH (1895-1963)

Der Schwanendreher

   I. "Zwischen Berg und tiefem Tal"
   II. "Nun laube, Lindlein, laube!"

This recital is presented in partial fulfillment of requirements for the degree Bachelor of Music in Performance.
Ms. Fishback studies viola with Paul Murphy.
Suite No. 3 | Johann Sebastian Bach

Johann Sebastian Bach, a composer during the baroque period, was born on March 31, 1685, in Eisenach, Germany. Bach was an accomplished organist and spent most his career in Leipzig. During his lifetime Bach composed the six suites for cello between 1717-1723; these were later arranged for viola. Suite No. 3, Prelude begins with a descending C major scale that is followed by constant sixteenth notes. The Allemande is the happier, more energetic second movement. The two Bouree's are contrasting in style. The first, in major, is very upbeat and begins with a quick two-eighth-note pick up. The second Bouree is in a minor key but has a similar rhythmic structure as the first Bouree.

Der Schwanendreher | Paul Hindemith

Hindemith was a German composer born in Hanau on November 16, 1895, and died on December 28, 1963. As a young boy, he learned violin and later the viola. Hindemith was a successful composer, composing for several different instruments. During this time Hindemith was one of the leading violists, composing and playing in the Amar Quartet. One of his more popular compositions is Der Schwanendreher, a concerto for viola and orchestra composed in 1935. Der Schwanendreher translates to “The Swan-turner.” The swan turner originally goes back to medieval times when a cook assistant would turn the handle of a spit to roast swans. This programmatic concerto is based off four German folk songs.

The first movement of the concert is titled “Zwischen Berg und tiefem Tal”: Langsam – Mäßig bewegt, mit Kraft,” which translates to “Between mountain and deep valley.” It begins with solo viola. Afterwards the orchestra enters with a pronounced dotted rhythm which is key to the rhythmic structure of the piece. Then comes a faster section in sonata form, followed by a return to the opening material.

The second movement features the German tune “Nun Laube, Lindlein, labue” (Now Shed Your Leaves, Little Linden!). This lyrical opening paints a picture of leaves falling from the trees. This movement is in ABA form. The B section is a fugue labeled “Der Gutzgauch auf dem Zaune saß” (The Cuckoo Sat on the Fence). The fugue interrupts the beautiful lyrical section with a cheery melody, and the movement ends with the peaceful subject matter from the opening.
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