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Illinois State University College of Fine Arts School of Music

Women's Choir Men's Glee Club Belle Voix

Center for the Performing Arts November 8, 2015 Sunday Afternoon 3:00 p.m.

This is the sixty-eighth program of the 2015-2016 season.

Program

Please turn off all electronic devices for the duration of the concert. Thank you.

Women's Choir

Kristin Moroni, director

Anh Nguyen, pianist

Echo Song

Translation: My word! What a lovely echo! Let's try it out! Pleased to meet you! Ha ha ha ha ha, let's all laugh! Oh my fine companion, what do you want? I'd like you to sing a song. Why? Why should I? Why not? Because I don't want to. Why don't you want to? Because I don't feel like it! Shut up I say! You shut up, you big fool! Yes Sir! Come now, no more! Let's go! Goodbye good echo! Peace be with you. That's enough. Enough! ENOUGH!!!

Be Like the Bird

Lillian Purich, soprano

Abbie Betinis (born 1980)

Kinley Lange

(born 1950)

Coo-Coo Bird

arranged by Alice Parker (born 1925)

Performed in honor of this legendary composer, conductor, and teacher's 90th birthday.

Esto les digo

Maggie Oberst, soprano

Translation: This I say If two of you get in agreement here on earth To ask for something in prayer My father who is in heaven He will give it For where two or three are gathered together in my name I am there among them This I say

Songbird

Sarah Quartel (born 1982)

Orlando di Lasso

(1530 - 1594)

Traditional American

Men's Glee Club

Mark Grizzard, director Catherine Jun, pianist

I Am a Man of Constant Sorrow

Jacob Artner, Pat Regan, vocal soloists Jack Baudoin, snare drum Jonny Childs, bass guitar Jack Wenstrup, guitar Scott Dixler, Joe Vargas, mandolin

The Vagabond

Pseudo-Yoik

(born 1963) The text of this piece is meaningless, and crafted as a caricature of Finnish folk music. However, as the composer states in the sheet music, "the laws of probability dictate that there must exist an obscure South American Indian language in which it makes perfectly good sense."

Helplessly Hoping

Riders in the Sky

Stephen Stills (born 1945) arranged by Mark Grizzard

Stan Jones (1914 - 1963)arranged by Norman Luboff

Dan Forrest

(born 1978)

Noah Mendenhall. tenor solo Jack Baudoin, snare drum Jonny Childs, bass guitar

from Words from Paradise Amen

Belle Voix

Leslie Manfredo, director Anh Nguyen, pianist

Laudate Pueri Motet II, Op. 39, No. 2 (Praise Ye the Lord)

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809 - 1847)edited by Harold Aks

Movement 1 - Poetic translation of the Latin: O praise the Lord, ye children, praise the name of the Lord. Blessed be the name of the Lord from henceforth now and forever.

Movement 2 - Poetic translation of the Latin: Blessed are all who fear the Lord Those who walk in his ways.

> Katie Badger, Laura Hollingsworth, soprano 1 Kelly McCabe, Rebecca Rexroat, soprano 2 Allysann Mohr, Hannah Schueler, alto

Carter Stanley (1925 - 1966)arranged by Kirby Shaw

Ralph Vaughn Willliams

arranged by Clarence Robinson

(1872 - 1958)

Jaako Mäntyjärvi

from Les Chansons des Roses Dirait-on text by Rainer Maria Rilke (1875-1926) music by Morten Lauridsen (born 1943)

Poetic translation of the French: Abandon surrounding abandon, Tenderness touching tenderness Your oneness endlessly caresses itself, so they say; Self-caressing through its own clear reflection. Thus you invent the theme of Narcissus fulfilled.

Ride the Chariot

Traditional spiritual arranged by Beatrice and Max Krone

Erin Viar, Emily Weber, and Alizé Graves, soloists

Sista

English and Ewe from Ghana Rory Magill

Program notes from the score of Sista:

Sista visits the grief of an African family losing a beloved child, as well as the deep connection to the spirit world of the ancestors, which makes it possible for family and friends to carry on after her death. Finally, it is about faith and renewed courage, and ends with a stirring finale expressing love and gratitude for the gift of life. It is set in 4 parts for women's voices, to express loss through the voice of the mother, and reassurance through the voice of the departed daughter. The melodies were composed on an African xylophone in a simple major pentatonic scale. The phrasing throughout is quite natural, making the uneven 7/4 meter quite accessible. Polyphonic layers of song in the finale reflect the polyrhythmic nature of the traditional Ghanaian music, which helped inspire this piece.

Translation of Ewe:

All: Where is Aku, Kwaku, where is Aku? Is she sleeping?

Come here, Kwaku, here, Come, go wake her.

Aku's mother: Where is Aku? Aku? Where is Aku? Where is Aku?

Aku: I go, I'll see you again, I go, I'll return. I am not afraid, do not cry. I go, I'll see you again, I go, I'll return.

Groups, then all: Girl, do not go yet, Wait a little, Aku, wait. Please, Aku, do not forget us. Goodbye, it's okay, let it go.

Katherine Cosenza, Aku's mother Annie Furtner, Aku (daughter) Alex Martinez, drum

Shannon Castle Reel

Theron Kirk (1919-1999)

Daniel Gallagher, flute

from *Ragtime* Make Them Hear You Lynn Ahrens/Stephen Flaherty arranged by Mark Hayes

Rachel Miller, soprano