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Recital: Steinway Dedication Recital

Weiss Family Players

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Dedication Recital

The faculty and students of the School of Music wish to offer grateful thanks to Shirley Hockett for making it possible for us to purchase the new Steinway concert grand piano located on the Hockett Family Recital Hall stage. It has already been in use for several months and everyone who plays it feels it is the perfect instrument for this hall. The School of Music also wishes to thank Shirley's daughter Alpha Walker for organizing this program and performing this dedicatory recital along with her husband, David Weiss, and brother-in-law, Abe Weiss. We dedicate this piano and the recital to Shirley.

The WEISS FAMILY PLAYERS

**David Weiss, oboe and musical saw
Abraham Weiss, bassoon
Alpha Hockett Walker, piano**

with guest artists

**Richard Faria, clarinet
Alexander Shuhan, French horn**

**Hockett Family Recital Hall
Sunday, October 22, 2006
4:00 p.m.**

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PROGRAM

Remarks

Dean Arthur Ostrander

Quintet in E flat, K. 452
for piano and winds

W. A. Mozart
(1756-1791)

Largo – Allegro moderato
Larghetto
Rondo: Allegretto

Sound Travels
for piano

Dana Wilson
(b. 1946)

Take me inside
Drive me home

*World Premiere – Commissioned by Laifun Chung and Ted Kotcheff in honor of their son
Thomas Mordecai Kotcheff's eleven years of piano study with Alpha H. Walker*

Salut d'amour

Edward Elgar
(1857-1931)
arr. for oboe, bassoon and piano
by Walker, Weiss, Weiss

Kalamus
for oboe, bassoon and piano

Dana Wilson

*This work was commissioned by, and dedicated to, the wonderful performers
David Weiss, Abe Weiss, and Alpha H. Walker*

INTERMISSION

Concertpiece No. 2 in d minor
for oboe, bassoon and piano

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)
arr. Walker, Weiss, Weiss

Presto
Andante
Allegro grazioso

Three pieces for musical saw and piano

Estrellita (Little Star)

Manuel Ponce (Heifetz)
(1882-1904)

It's Peaceful Here

Sergei Rachmaninoff (Heifetz)
(1873-1943)

Whispers from Another Time

Dana Wilson

*Commissioned by Shirley O. Hockett and dedicated
to David Weiss and Alpha H. Walker*

Sonata
for oboe and piano

Charles F. Hockett
(1916-2000)

Allegro ma non troppo
Larghetto
Allegro

Trio
for oboe, bassoon, and piano

Francis Poulenc
(1899-1963)

Presto
Andante
Rondo

THE WEISS FAMILY PLAYERS

David Weiss and Alpha Hockett Walker, who are husband and wife, began performing together in 1982. Known as **DnA**, they have performed as a duo in Japan, Western Europe, Israel, Alaska, Hawaii, Costa Rica, continental United States, and on several cruises.

David is a faculty member at the USC Thornton School of Music, the Music Academy of the West, and the Henry Mancini Institute. He also serves as Chairman of the Music Advisory Board of the Young Musicians Foundation. He recently retired after thirty years as principal oboe of the Los Angeles Philharmonic (1973-2003). For most of that time he served as their official photographer. David is also an internationally recognized master of the musical saw.

Alpha graduated from the Eastman School of Music with performance degrees in both oboe and piano. She has collaborated with members of the Cleveland Orchestra, Boston Symphony, San Francisco Symphony, Sequoia String Quartet, Vermeer String Quartet, and the Los Angeles Philharmonic. For many years she performed as an oboist or keyboardist with the Philharmonic at the Hollywood Bowl and on several foreign and domestic tours. Alpha is the composer of the 1977 Off-Broadway Musical "The Great America Singing Commercial."

Abraham Weiss (David's brother), has been principal bassoon of the Rochester Philharmonic since 1970. A student of Norman Herzberg and Sol Schoenbach, he was a prize-winner at the Coleman Chamber Music Auditions, and attended Curtis Institute. Together with David and Alpha, Abe has performed in recital at the 1997, 1998, and 2005 IDRS Conferences. In 1994, he took five weeks leave from Rochester to play principal bassoon with the American Sinfonietta on their tour of Germany and Luxembourg. Abe is active as a teacher and chamber musician, and is featured on the Crystal Records album "The Weiss Family Woodwinds."

The three musicians are looking forward eagerly to a performance at the International Double Reed Society Conference to be held at Ithaca College in June of 2007.