

Stories in Song Voice Faculty Recital



Saturday, March 7, 2020 | 8:00 PM

Dr. Bobbie Bailey & Family Performance Center Audrey B. and Jack E. Morgan, Sr. Concert Hall

Program

"Prologue" from The Turn of the Screw Music by Benjamin Britten Libretto by Myfawny Piper

> Dr. Nathan Munson, tenor Dr. Eric Jenkins, piano

Canticle II

Music by Benjamin Britten Text: anonymous

> Todd Wedge, tenor Heather Witt, mezzo-soprano Dr. Eric Jenkins, piano

Selections by Franz Schubert

Ganymed (Johann Wolfgang van Goethe) Liebe schwärmt auf allen Wegen (Johann Wolfgang van Goethe) Gretchen am Spinnrade (Johann Wolfgang van Goethe) Die Forelle (Christian Schubart) Die junge Nonne (Jacob Nicolaus Craigher de Jachelutta)

> Jana Young, soprano Dr. Eric Jenkins, piano

Selections from Dichterliebe

Music by Robert Schumann

Poetry by Heinrich Heine

- Im wunderschönen Monat Mai
- II. Aus meinen Thränen Spriessen
- III. Die Rose, die Lilie, die Taube, die Sonne
- IV. Wenn ich deine Augen seh'
- V. Ich will meine Seele tauchen
- VI. Im Rhein, im heilign Strome
- VII. Ich grolle nicht

Dr. Nathan Munson, tenor Dr. Eric Jenkins, piano

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Todd Wedge, tenor Dr. Eric Jenkins, piano

Program Notes

The Prologue from Britten's opera **The Turn of the Screw** serves an unusual function in an opera, providing background information on the story that is about to unfold, much like the setup to a campfire ghost story.

In its literal definition, the word "Canticle" refers to a hymn or chant that draws from biblical texts. However, Benjamin Britten's five canticles reflect both sacred and secular themes which are, in structure, more like cantatas than hymns. Canticle II uses immediate consonance and dissonance as a means to evoke an ethereal atmosphere with which to tell the harrowing biblical story of Abraham and his beloved son, Isaac.

Ganymed was written by Schubert in 1817 from a poem that dates back to 1774 in which the legend Ganymede, a beautiful Phrygian youth, was carried up to heaven by an eagle at the command of Zeus. In this song, Schubert successfully expresses Goethe's belief in the unity and goodness of nature.

Liebe schwärmt auf allen Wegen comes from what is remaining of Schubert's **Singspiel Claudine von Villa Bella**. In Schubert's opera, this song is sung by the heroine, Claudine.

Gretchen am Spinnrade was written by Schubert in 1814 with a text from Goethe's *Faust* from a scene entitled "Gretchens Stube." In this masterpiece, Gretchen's uneasy foreboding comes from the fact that she has already given in to Faust's all-consuming love and she sees herself as the forlorn and jilted mother of his child.

Schubert's **Die Forelle (The Trout)** uses Christian Friedrich Schubart's poetry for this playful story about a trout darting happily and swiftly as an arrow. Published in 1782, Schubert omitted the last verses of the poem which advises rather pointedly for young girls to be on their guard against young men out "fishing."

Die junge Nonne was composed in 1825 with poetry by Jacob Nicolaus Craigher in which the poet expresses his desire for death as a refuge from the storms of life which was a popular theme in Schubert's poetic circle in Vienna. This iconic song represents Schubert's talent as a song-writer and composer with a keen dramatic sense for nocturnal scene painting and psychological depth.

These first seven movements from Schumann's song cycle **Dichterliebe** (literally "poet's love") speak to the varied emotions expressed through the entire range of romantic love, from pure ecstasy to absolute despair.

Schubert was still making edits to **Winterreise** shortly before his death and, sadly, never heard the entire cycle performed in public. In fact, with an opus of over 600 songs (lieder), it is quite possible that Schubert never heard a substantial amount of his work performed in public -- since his notoriety was not earned until after his death. Schubert was continuously battling adversity throughout his career: poverty, disease, and a looming feeling of failure. The 5'1" mastermind succumbed to his deteriorating health at the age of 31.

Text & Translations

"Prologue" from The Turn of the Screw - Britten / Piper

It is a curious story. I have it written in faded ink - a woman's hand, governess to two children - long ago. Untried, innocent, she had gone first to see their guardian in London; a young man, bold, offhand and gay, the children's only relative. The children were in the country with an old housekeeper. There had been a governess, but she had gone. The boy, of course, was at school, but there was the girl, and the holidays, now begun. This then would be her task. But there was one condition: he was so much engaged; affairs, travel, friends, visits, always something, no time at all for the poor little things She was to do everything, be responsible for everything, not to worry him at all, no, not to write, but to be silent, and do her best. She was full of doubts. But she was carried away: that he, so gallant and handsome, so deep in the busy world, should need her help. At last "I will", she said.

Canticle II - Britten / Anonymous

God speaks (tenor and alto together): Abraham, my servant, Abraham, Take Isaac, thy son by name, That thou lovest the best of all. And in sacrifice offer him to me Upon that hill there besides thee. Abraham, I will that so it be, For aught that may befall. Abraham: My Lord, to Thee is mine intent Ever to be obedient. That son that Thou to me hast sent Offer I will to Thee. Thy bidding done shall be. Abraham, turning him to his son Isaac, saith: Make thee ready, my dear darling, For we must do a little thing. This woode do on thy back it bring, We may no longer abide. A sword and fire that I will take, For sacrifice behaves me to make: God's bidding will I not forsake, But ever obedient be. Isaac: Father, I am all ready To do your bidding most meekely, And to bear this wood full bayn am I, As you commanded me. Abraham: Now, Isaac son, go we our way To yonder mount if that we may. Isaac: My dear father, I will essay To follow you full fain. Abraham: O! My heart will break in three, To hear thy words I have pitye; As Thou wilt, Lord, so must it be, To Thee I will be bayn. Lay down thy faggot, my own son dear. Isaac: All ready, father, lo it is here. But why make you such heavy cheer? Are you anything adread? Abraham: Ah! Dear God! That me is woe! Isaac: Father, if it be your will,

(Canticle II cont.)

Where is the beast that we shall kill? Abraham: Thereof, son, is none upon this hill. Isaac: Father, I am full sore affeered To see you bear that drawne sword. Abraham: Isaac, son, peace, I pray thee, Thou breakest my heart even in three. Isaac: I pray you, father, layn nothing from me, But tell me what you think. Abraham: Ah! Isaac, Isaac, I must thee kill! Isaac: Alas! Father, is that your will, Your owne child for to spill Upon this hilles brink? If I have trespassed in any degree With a yard you may beat me; Put up your sword, if your will be, For I am but a child. Would God my mother were here with me! She would kneel down upon her knee, Praying you, father, if it may be, For to save my life. Abraham: O Isaac, son, to thee I say God hath commanded me today Sacrifice, this is no nay, To make of thy bodye. Isaac: Is it God's will I shall be slain? Abraham: Yea, son, it is not for to layn. Isaac: Father, seeing you mustë needs do so, Let it pass lightly and over go; Kneeling on my knees two, Your blessing on me spread. Abraham: My blessing, dear son, give I thee And thy mother's with heart free. The blessing of the Trinity, My dear Son, on thee light. Come hither, my child, thou art so sweet, Thou must be bound both hands and feet. Isaac: Father, do with me as you will, I must obey, and that is skill, Godës commandment to fulfil,

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For needs so it must be. Abraham: Isaac, Isaac, blessed must thou be. Isaac: Father, greet well my brethren ying, And pray my mother of her blessing, I come no more under her wing, Farewell for ever and aye. Abraham: Farewell, my sweetë son of grace! Isaac: I pray you, father, turn down my face, For I am sore adread. Abraham: Lord, full loth were I him to kill! Isaac: Ah, mercy, father, why tarry you so? Abraham: Jesu! On me have pity, That I have most in mind. Isaac: Now, father, I see that I shall die: Almighty God in majesty! My soul I offer unto Thee! Abraham: To do this deed I am sorrye. God speaks: Abraham, my servant dear, Lay not thy sword in no manner On Isaac, thy dear darling. For thou dreadest me, well wot I, That of thy son has no mercy, To fulfil my bidding. Abraham: Ah, Lord of heaven and King of bliss, Thy bidding shall be done, i-wiss! A hornëd wether here I see. Among the briars tied is he, To Thee offered shall he be, Anon right in this place. Sacrifice here sent me is, And all, Lord, through Thy grace. Abraham & Isaac: Such obedience grant us, O Lord! Ever to Thy most holy word. That in the same we may accord At this Abraham was bayn; And then altogether shall we That worthy King in heaven see, And dwell with Him in great glorye For ever and ever. Amen.

Ganymed - Schubert / Goethe

Wie im Morgenglanze Du rings mich anglühst, Frühling, Geliebter! Mit tausendfacher Liebeswonne Sich an mein Herz drängt Deiner ewigen Wärme Heilig Gefühl, Unendliche Schöne! Dass ich dich fassen möcht' In diesen Arm! Ach, an deinem Busen Lieq' ich, schmachte, Und deine Blumen, dein Gras Drängen sich an mein Herz. Du kühlst den brennenden Durst meines Busens, Lieblicher Morgenwind! Ruft drein die Nachtigall Liebend mach mir aus dem Nebeltal. Ich komm', ich komme! Wohin? Ach wohin? Hinauf! Hinauf strebt's. Es schweben die Wolken Abwärts, die Wolken Neigen sich der sehnenden Liebe. Mir! Mir! In euerm Schosse Aufwärts! Umfangend umfangen! Aufwärts an deinen Busen, Alliebender Vater!

How your glow envelops me in the morning radiance, spring, my beloved! With love's thousandfold joy the hallowed sensation of your eternal warmth floods my heart, infinite beauty! O that I might clasp you in my arms! Ah, on your breast I lie languishing, and your flowers, your grass press close to my heart. You cool the burning thirst within my breast, sweet morning breeze, as the nightingale calls tenderly to me from the misty valley. I come, I come! But whither? Ah, whither? Upwards! Strive upwards! The clouds drift down, yielding to yearning love, to me, to me! In your lap, upwards, embracing and embraced! Upwards to your bosom, all-loving Father!

Liebe schwärmt auf allen Wegen -Schubert / Goethe

Liebe schwärmt auf allen Wegen; Treue wohnt für sich allein. Liebe kommt euch rasch entgegen; Aufgesucht will Treue sein. Love wanders along every path Love roves everywhere; constancy lives alone. Love comes rushing towards you; constancy must be sought.

Gretchen am Spinnrade -Schubert / Goethe

Meine Ruh' ist hin, Mein Herz ist schwer. Ich finde sie nimmer Und nimmermehr. Wo ich ihn nicht hab' Ist mir das Grab. Die ganze Welt Ist mir vergällt. Mein armer Kopf lst mir verrückt Mein armer Sinn lst mir zerstückt. Meine Ruh' ist hin. Mein Herz ist schwer, Ich finde sie nimmer Und nimmermehr. Nach ihm nur schau' ich Zum Fenster hinaus. Nach ihm nur geh' ich Aus dem Haus. Sein hoher Gang, Sein' edle Gestalt, Seines Mundes Lächeln. Seiner Augen Gewalt. Und seiner Rede Zauberfluss. Sein Händedruck, Und ach, sein Kuss! Meine Ruh' ist hin, Mein Herz ist schwer. Ich finde sie nimmer Und nimmermehr. Mein Busen drängt sich Nach ihm hin. Ach dürft' ich fassen Und halten ihn. Und küssen ihn So wie ich wollt' An seinen Küssen, vergehen sollt!

Gretchen at the spinning-wheel

My peace is gone My heart is heavy; I shall never Ever find peace again. When he's not with me. Life's like the grave; The whole world Is turned to gall. My poor head Is crazed. My poor mind Shattered. My peace is gone My heart is heavy; I shall never Ever find peace again. It's only for him I gaze from the window, It's only for him Leave the house. His proud bearing His noble form, The smile on his lips, The power of his eyes, And the magic flow Of his words. The touch of his hand, And ah, his kiss! My peace is gone My heart is heavy; I shall never Ever find peace again. Mv bosom Yearns for him. Ah! if I could clasp And hold him, And kiss him To my heart's content, And in his kisses Perish!

Die Forelle - Schubert / Schubart

In einem Bächlein helle, Da schoß in froher Eil' Die launische Forelle Vorüber wie ein Pfeil. Ich stand an dem Gestade Und sah in süßer Ruh Des muntern Fischleins Bade Im klaren Bächlein zu. Ein Fischer mit der Rute Wohl an dem Ufer stand. Und sah's mit kaltem Blute. Wie sich das Fischlein wand. So lang dem Wasser Helle, So dacht ich, nicht gebricht, So fängt er die Forelle Mit seiner Angel nicht. Doch endlich ward dem Diebe Die Zeit zu lang. Er macht Das Bächlein tückisch trübe. Und eh ich es gedacht, So zuckte seine Rute, Das Fischlein zappelt dran, Und ich mit regem Blute Sah die Betrogene an.

The trout

In a limpid brook the capricious trout in joyous haste darted by like an arrow. I stood on the bank in blissful peace, watching the lively fish swim in the clear brook. An angler with his rod stood on the bank cold-bloodedly watching the fish's contortions. As long as the water is clear, I thought, he won't catch the trout with his rod. But at length the thief grew impatient. Cunningly he made the brook cloudy, and in an instant his rod quivered, and the fish struggled on it. And I, my blood boiling, looked on at the cheated creature.

Die junge Nonne -Schubert / de Jachelutta

Wie braust durch die Wipfel der heulende Sturm!

Es klirren die Balken, es zittert das Haus!

Es rollet der Donner, es leuchtet der Blitz,

Und finster die Nacht, wie das Grab! Immerhin, immerhin, so tobt' es auch jüngst noch in mir!

Es brauste das Leben, wie jetzo der Sturm,

Es bebten die Glieder, wie jetzo das Haus,

Es flammte die Liebe, wie jetzo der Blitz,

Und finster die Brust, wie das Grab. Nun tobe, du wilder, gewalt'ger Sturm, Im Herzen ist Friede, im Herzen ist Ruh,

Des Bräutigams harret die liebende Braut,

Gereinigt in prüfender Glut,

Der ewigen Liebe getraut.

Ich harre, mein Heiland, mit sehnendem Blick!

Komm, himmlischer Bräutigam, hole die Braut,

Erlöse die Seele von irdischer Haft. Horch, friedlich ertönet das Glöcklein vom Turm!

Es lockt mich das süsse Getön Allmächtig zu ewigen Höh'n. Alleluia!

The young nun

How the raging storm roars through the treetops!

The rafters rattle, the house shudders! The thunder rolls, the lightning flashes, and the night is as dark as the grave. So be it, not long ago a storm still raged in me.

My life roared like the storm now, my limbs trembled like the house now, love flashed like the lightning now, and my heart was as dark as the grave. Now rage, wild, mighty storm; in my heart is peace, in my heart is

calm. The loving bride awaits the bride-

groom,

purified in the testing flames,

betrothed to eternal love.

I wait, my Saviour, with longing gaze! Come, heavenly bridegroom, take your bride.

Free the soul from earthly bonds. Listen, the bell sounds peacefully from the tower!

Its sweet pealing invites me all-powerfully to eternal heights. Alleluia!

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Im wunderschönen Monat Mai -Schumann / Heine

Im wunderschönen Monat Mai, Als alle Knospen sprangen, Da ist in meinem Herzen Die Liebe aufgegangen. Im wunderschönen Monat Mai, Als alle Vögel sangen, Da hab' ich ihr gestanden Mein Sehnen und Verlangen.

Aus meinen Tränen spriessen -Schubert / Schubart

Aus meinen Tränen spriessen Viel blühende Blumen hervor. Und meine Seufzer warden Ein Nachtigallenchor. Und wenn du mich lieb hast, Kindchen, Schenk' ich dir die Blumen all', Und vor deinem Fenster soll klingen Das Lied der Nachtigall.

Die Rose, die Lilie, die Taube, die Sonne - Schumann / Heine

Die Rose, die Lilie, die Taube, die Sonne. Die liebt' ich einst alle in Liebeswonne. Ich lieb' sie nicht mehr, ich liebe alleine Die Kleine, die Feine, die Reine, die Fine: Sie selber, aller Liebe Wonne,

Ist Rose und Lilie und Taube und Sonne. Is rose and lily and dove and sun.

In the wondrous month of May, When all the buds burst into bloom, Then it was that in my heart Love began to burgeon. In the wondrous month of May, When all the birds were singing, Then it was I confessed to her My longing and desire.

From my tears there will spring Many blossoming flowers, And my sighs shall become A chorus of nightingales. And if you love me, child, I'll give you all the flowers, And at your window shall sound The nightingale's song.

Rose, lily, dove, sun, I loved them all once in the bliss of love. I love them no more, I only love She who is small, fine, pure, rare;

She, most blissful of all loves,

Wenn ich in deine Augen seh' -Schumann / Heine

Wenn ich in deine Augen seh', So schwindet all' mein Leid und Weh'; Doch wenn ich küsse deinen Mund, So werd' ich ganz und gar gesund. Wenn ich mich lehn' an deine Brust, Kommt's über mich wie Himmelslust; Doch wenn du sprichst: ich liebe dich! So muss ich weinen bitterlich.

When I look into your eyes, All my pain and sorrow vanish; But when I kiss your lips, Then I am wholly healed. When I lay my head against your breast, Heavenly bliss steals over me; But when you say: I love you! I must weep bitter tears.

Ich will meine Seele tauchen -Schumann / Heine

Ich will meine Seele tauchen In den Kelch der Lilie hinein; Die Lilie soll klingend hauchen Ein Lied von der Liebsten mein. Das Lied soll schauern und beben, Wie der Kuss von ihrem Mund, Den sie mir einst gegeben In wunderbar süsser Stund'.

Im Rhein, im heiligen Strome -Schumann / Heine

Im Rhein, im heiligen Strome, Da spiegelt sich in den Well'n Mit seinem grossen Dome, Das grosse, heilige Köln. Im Dom da steht ein Bildnis, Auf gold'nem Leder gemalt; In meines Lebens Wildnis Hat's freundlich hineingestrahlt. Es schweben Blumen und Eng'lein Um unsre liebe Frau; Die Augen, die Lippen, die Wäng'lein, Die gleichen der Liebsten genau. Let me bathe my soul In the lily's chalice; The lily shall resound With a song of my beloved. The songs shall tremble and quiver Like the kiss that her lips Once gave me In a wondrously sweet hour.

In the Rhine, in the holy river, Mirrored in its waves, With its great cathedral, Stands great and holy Cologne. In the cathedral hangs a picture, Painted on gilded leather; Into my life's wilderness It has cast its friendly rays. Flowers and cherubs hover Around Our beloved Lady; Her eyes, her lips, her cheeks Are the image of my love's.

Ich grolle nicht - Schumann / Heine

Ich grolle nicht, und wenn das Herz auch bricht, Ewig verlor'nes Lieb! ich grolle nicht. Wie du auch strahlst in Diamantenpracht. Es fällt kein Strahl in deines Herzens splendour, Nacht. Das weiss ich längst. Ich sah dich ja im Traume. my dreams, Und sah die Nacht in deines Herzens Raume, Und sah die Schlang', die dir am Herheart: zen frisst, Ich sah, mein Lieb, wie sehr du elend bist. Ich grolle nicht.

I bear no grudge, though my heart is breaking,

O love forever lost! I bear no grudge. However you gleam in diamond

No ray falls in the night of your heart. I've known that long. For I saw you in

And saw the night within your heart, And saw the serpent gnawing at your heart;

I saw, my love, how pitiful you are. I bear no grudge.

Wasserflut - Schubert / Müller

Manche Trän' aus meinen Augen Ist gefallen in den Schnee: Seine kalten Flocken saugen Durstig ein das heisse Weh. Wenn die Gräser sprossen wollen, Weht daher ein lauer Wind, Und das Eis zerspringt in Schollen, Und der weiche Schnee zerrinnt. Schnee, du weisst von meinem Sehnen;

Sag', wohin doch geht dein Lauf? Folge nach nur meinen Tränen, Nimmt dich bald das Bächlein auf. Wirst mit ihm die Stadt durchziehen, Muntre Strassen ein und aus; Fühlst du meine Tränen glühen, Da ist meiner Liebsten Haus. Many a tear has fallen from my eyes into the snow; its cold flakes eagerly suck in my burning grief. When the grass is about to shoot forth. a mild breeze blows; the ice breaks up into pieces and the soft snow melts away. Snow, you know of my longing; tell me, where does your path lead? If you but follow my tears the brook will soon absorb you. With it you will flow through the town, in and out of bustling streets; when you feel my tears glow, there will be my sweetheart's house.

Auf dem Flusse - Schubert / Müller

Der du so lustig rauschtest, Du heller, wilder Fluss, Wie still bist du geworden, Gibst keinen Scheidearuss. Mit harter, starrer Rinde Hast du dich überdeckt, Liegst kalt und unbeweglich Im Sande ausgestreckt. In deine Decke grab' ich Mit einem spitzen Stein Den Namen meiner Liebsten Und Stund' und Tag hinein: Den Tag des ersten Grusses, Den Tag, an dem ich ging, Um Nam' und Zahlen windet Sich ein zerbrochner Rina. Mein Herz, in diesem Bache Erkennst du nun dein Bild? Ob's unter seiner Rinde Wohl auch so reissend schwillt?

You who rippled so merrily, clear, boisterous river, how still you have become; you give no parting greeting. With a hard, rigid crust you have covered yourself; you lie cold and motionless, stretched out in the sand. On your surface I carve with a sharp stone the name of my beloved, the hour and the day. The day of our first greeting, the date I departed. Around name and figures a broken ring is entwined. My heart, do you now recognise your image in this brook? Is there not beneath its crust likewise a seething torrent?

Der stürmische Morgen -Schubert / Müller

Wie hat der Sturm zerrissen Des Himmels graues Kleid! Die Wolkenfetzen flattern Umher in mattem Streit. Und rote Feuerflammen Ziehn zwischen ihnen hin. Das nenn' ich einen Morgen So recht nach meinem Sinn! Mein Herz sieht an dem Himmel Gemalt sein eignes Bild – Es ist nichts als der Winter, Der Winter kalt und wild. How the storm has torn apart the grey mantle of the sky! Tattered clouds fly about in weary conflict. And red flames dart between them. This is what I call a morning after my own heart. My heart sees its own image painted in the sky. It is nothing but winter – winter, cold and savage.

Der Leierman -Schubert / Müller

Drüben hinter'm Dorfe Steht ein Leiermann. Und mit starren Fingern Dreht er was er kann. Barfuss auf dem Fise Schwankt er hin und her: Und sein kleiner Teller Bleibt ihm immer leer. Keiner mag ihn hören, Keiner sieht ihn an: Und die Hunde knurren Um den alten Mann. Und er lässt es gehen Alles, wie es will, Dreht, und seine Leier Steht ihm nimmer still. Wunderlicher Alter, Soll ich mit dir gehen? Willst zu meinen Liedern Deine Leier drehn?

There, beyond the village, stands a hurdy-gurdy player; with numb fingers he plays as best he can. Barefoot on the ice he totters to and fro. and his little plate remains forever empty. No one wants to listen. no one looks at him, and the dogs growl around the old man. And he lets everything go on as it will; he plays, and his hurdy-gurdy never stops. Strange old man, shall I go with you? Will you turn your hurdy-gurdy to my songs?

Biographies

Jana Young



Jana Young, soprano is currently Associate Professor of Voice and Voice Area Coordinator at Kennesaw State University School of Music. Ms. Young enjoys an active career as a recitalist, clinician and teacher. Recent performances include Handel's Messiah, Haydn's Paukenmesse and the Lord Nelson Mass by Haydn. Ms. Young has premiered many works including Hervig's "Five Romantic Songs" and Sleeper's "Laundry Bag," a song

cycle for soprano and bassoon, and made her Carnegie hall debut in 2003 performing "Ariel: Five Poems of Sylvia Plath" for Ned Rorem's Birthday Celebration.

Ms. Young's students have been winners and finalists of numerous competitions, including the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions as well as in opera apprenticeship programs such as Santa Fe, Pittsburgh Opera and Sarasota Opera. She also has numerous students teaching in university voice and choral programs across the country.

Ms. Young is a member of NATS, Atlanta Opera Guild, and is currently on the voice faculty of the American Institute of Musical Studies in Graz, Austria.

Dr. Nathan Munson



Dr. Nathan Munson, tenor, has been praised for his vocal beauty, and proven to be a versatile presence on the concert and operatic stage. He has sung leading and supporting roles with the Sarasota Opera, Hawaii Opera Theatre, the Atlanta Opera, Opera North, Piccola Opera San Antonio, Capitol City Opera, dell'Arte Opera, and the Illinois Opera Theatre. Roles include Beppe in I pagliacci, the Steersman in Wagner's Der

fliegende Holländer, Normanno in Lucia di Lammermoor, Pedrillo in Die Entführung aus dem Serail, El Dancaïre in Carmen, Rodolfo in La bohème, Roméo in Roméo et Juliette, Ferrando in Così fan tutte, Cassio in Verdi's Otello, and Dr. Baglioni in a world premiere revision of Daniel Catan's La Hija di Rappaccini.

In addition to his operatic appearances, Dr. Munson has been a frequent visitor to the concert stage. He made his Carnegie Hall debut as tenor soloist in Haydn's Lord Nelson Mass, and debuted with the Helena Symphony Orchestra as tenor soloist in Handel's Messiah. He has been a featured soloist in Orff's Carmina Burana, Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, Bruckner's Te Deum, Bach's B-minor Mass and Magnificat, and Mozart's Requiem. He has also been a featured soloist with the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra, Kentucky Symphony Orchestra, Hunstville Symphony, and the Georgia Symphony.

Dr. Munson can be heard on the world premiere recording of The Golden Ticket (Albany Records), and was a featured soloist in a Christmas Concert with the Atlanta Opera, which was recorded live for broadcast by WABE- Atlanta.

Todd Wedge



Todd Wedge, tenor received his BM from the Oberlin Conservatory of Music and a MM from Northwestern University's Bienen School of Music. Before joining the voice faculty at KSU, Mr. Wedge was the Director of the Vocal Music Department at the San Francisco School of the Arts. He has been the recipient of awards from the Friends of Austria Lieder Competition, American Opera Society, and the Bel Canto Society.

In 2018, Professor Wedge was selected to participate in the NATS Intern Program in Boulder, CO. In 2013, Mr. Wedge was selected by the San Francisco Classical Voice as "Music Educator of the Year" which lead to his being a semi-finalist for the GRAMMY foundation "Music Educator of the Year." In 2014, Mr. Wedge was nominated for the San Francisco Mayor's Teacher of the Year Award and was selected to be a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Scholar in Vienna, Austria.

Mr. Wedge has served on the faculty at the University of Notre Dame School of Music and St. Xavier University after which he was invited to join the GRAMMY award-winning men's ensemble, Chanticleer. Mr. Wedge can be heard on the following albums: And on Earth, Peace: A Chanticleer Mass; Let it Snow; The Best of Chanticleer; A Chanticleer Christmas; The Mission Road-Our Journey Back; (DVD & CD), and The Singing Life (DVD).

Professor Wedge is frequently seen as a recitalist, guest conductor, lecturer, and clinician. He is an active member of The Voice Foundation, NATS, NAfME, and ACDA.

Dr. Eric Jenkins



Pianist Eric Jenkins is a native of Portage, Wisconsin. Dr. Jenkins joined the School of Music at Kennesaw State University in 2018 as Staff Accompanist and Artist-in-Residence. He was previously on faculty at the University of Texas–Rio Grande Valley from 2014-2017 and Emory University from 2017-2018.

Dr. Jenkins completed his studies at Florida State University in 2013, obtaining both

Master of Music and Doctor of Music degrees in Piano Performance: Accompanying and Chamber Music. He worked as a graduate assistant in accompanying and opera, and as music director with Florida State Opera Outreach.

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