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FACULTY RECITAL

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# AND JANET KAO PIANO

**SEPTEMBER 17, 2023** 



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## PIANO

Sunday, September 17, 2023 2 p.m.

SALMON RECITAL HALL

## PROGRAM

Liederkreis, Op. 24

Morgens steh' ich auf und frage Es treibt mich hin Ich wandelte unter den Bäumen Lieb' Liebchen Schöne Wiege meiner Leiden Warte, warte, wilder Schiffmann Berg' und Burgen schau'n herunter Anfangs wollt' ich fast verzagen Mit Myrten und Rosen

From "Earth and Air and Rain"

Summer Schemes When I set out for Lyonnesse Waiting Both To Lizbie Browne The Clock of the Years In a Churchyard Proud Songsters

Don Quichotte à Dulcinée

Chanson romanesque Chanson épique Chanson à boire Robert Schumann (1810–1856)

> Gerald Finzi (1901–1956)

Maurice Ravel (1875–937)

#### Liederkreis (Heinrich Heine)

#### Morgens steh' ich auf und frage

Every morning I awake and ask: Will my sweetheart come today? Every evening I sink down and lament: She stayed away again today.

All night with my grief I lie sleepless, waking; dreaming, as if half asleep, dreaming, I pass the day.

#### Es treibt mich hin

I'm driven here, I'm driven there! In only a few more hours I will see her, she herself, the fairest of fair young women; -

you true heart, how heavily you pound!

But the hours are lazy people!

They drag themselves comfortably and sluggishly,

creeping with yawns along their paths;

rouse yourself, you lazy fool!

A charging hurry seizes and drives me!

But the Hours have never been in love; sworn secretly to cruel conspiracy,

they mock treacherously the lover's haste.

#### Ich wandelte unter den Bäumen

I wandered among the trees, alone with my suffering; along came that old dream and crept into my heart.

Who taught you this little word, you tiny birds in the airy heights? Be quiet! if my heart hears it, then all my pain will return.

"It came from a young woman, who sang it again and again; that is how we tiny birds captured this pretty, golden word."

You should not explain this to me now, you tiny, cunning birds; you wanted to steal my grief from me, but I trust no one.

#### Lieb' Liebchen

Dear sweetheart, lay your hand on my heart; -

ah, do you hear the hammering inside? inside there lives a carpenter, wicked and evil:

he's building my coffin.

He hammers and pounds by day and by night;

it has been a long time since I could sleep. Ah, hurry, Mister Carpenter,

finish so that I can sleep.

#### Schöne Wiege meiner Leiden

Pretty cradle of my sorrows, pretty tombstone of my rest, pretty town - we must part, farewell! I call to you.

Farewell, you holy threshhold, across which my darling would tread; farewell! you sacred spot where I first saw her.

Would that I had never seen you, lovely queen of my heart! Never would it then have happened, that I would now be so wretched.

I never wished to touch your heart, I never begged for love; all I wished was to lead a quiet life where your breath could stir me.

Yet you yourself pushed me away from you,

with bitter words at your lips;

Madness filled my senses,

and my heart is sick and wounded.

And my limbs are heavy and sluggish; I'll drag myself forward, leaning on my staff,

until I can lay my weary head in a cool and distant grave.

#### Warte, warte, wilder Schiffmann

Wait, wait, wild boatman, soon I'll follow you to the harbor; from two maidens I am taking my leave, from Europe and from Her.

Stream of blood, run from my eyes, stream of blood, burst from my body, so that with this hot blood I can write down my agonies.

Ah, my dear, why just today do you shudder to see my blood? You've seen me pale, my heart bleeding,

standing before you for many years!

Do you know that old song about the serpent in Paradise who, by wickedly giving an apple, threw our ancestors into misery?

Apples have caused every ill! Eve brought death through them, Eris caused the flames of Troy; and you brought both, flame and death.

#### Berg' und Burgen schau'n herunter

Mountains and castles gaze down into the mirror-bright Rhine, and my little boat sails merrilly, the sunshine glistening around it.

Calmly I watch the play of golden, ruffled waves surging; silently feelings awaken in me that I have kept deep in my heart.

With friendly greetings and promises, the river's splendor beckons; but I know it - gleaming above it conceals within itself Death and Night.

Above, pleasure; at heart, malice; O river, you are the very image of my beloved! She can nod with just as much friendliness, also smiling so devotedly and gently.

#### Anfangs wollt' ich fast verzagen

At first I almost despaired, and I thought I would never be able to bear it; yet even so, I have borne it but do not ask me how.

#### Mit Myrten und Rosen

With myrtle and roses, lovely and pretty, with fragrant cypresses and gold tinsel, I would decorate this book like a coffin and bury my songs inside it.

O if only I could bury my love there as well! On the grave of Love grows the blossom of peace; it blooms and then is plucked, yet it will bloom for me only when I am myself in the grave.

Here now are the songs which, once so wild, like a stream of lava that flowed from Etna, burst from the depths of my heart, and spray glittering sparks everywhere!

Now they lie mute and death-like, now they stare coldly, pale as mist, but the old glow will revive them afresh, when the spirit of love someday floats above them.

And in my heart the thought grows loud: the spirit of love will someday thaw them; someday this book will arrive in your hands, you, my sweet love in a distant land.

Then shall the songs' magic spell be broken, and the white letters shall gaze at you; they'll gaze beseechingly into your lovely eyes, and whisper with sadness and a breath of love.

## From Earth and Air and Rain (Thomas Hardy)

#### **Summer Schemes**

When friendly summer calls again, Calls again
Her little fifers to these hills,
We'll go - we two - to that arched fane
Of leafage where they prime their bills
Before they start to flood the plain
With quavers, minims, shakes, and trills.
'We'll go,' I sing; but who shall say
What may not chance before that day!

And we shall see the waters spring, Waters spring

From chinks the scrubby copses crown; And we shall trace their oncreeping To where the cascade tumbles down And sends the bobbing growths aswing, And ferns not quite but almost drown.

'We shall,' I say; but who may sing Of what another moon will bring!

#### When I set out for Lyonnesse

When I set out for Lyonnesse, A hundred miles away, The rime was on the spray, And starlight lit my lonesomeness When I set out for Lyonnesse A hundred miles away.

What would bechance at Lyonnesse While I should sojourn there No prophet durst declare, Nor did the wisest wizard guess What would bechance at Lyonnesse While I should sojourn there. When I came back from Lyonnesse With magic in my eyes!

#### Waiting Both

A star looks down at me, And says: "Here I and you Stand, each in our degree: What do you mean to do, mean to do?"

I say: "For all I know, Wait, and let Time go by, Till my change come." - "Just so," The star says: "So mean I: so mean I."

#### To Lizbie Browne

Dear Lizbie Browne, Where are you now? In sun, in rain? -Or is your brow Past joy, past pain, Dear Lizbie Browne?

Sweet Lizbie Browne, How you could smile, How you could sing! -How archly wile In glance-giving, Sweet Lizbie Browne!

And, Lizbie Browne, Who else had hair Bay-red as yours, Or flesh so fair Bred out of doors, Sweet Lizbie Browne?

When, Lizbie Browne, You had just begun To be endeared By stealth to one, You disappeared My Lizbie Browne!

Ay, Lizbie Browne, So swift your life, And mine so slow, You were a wife Ere I could show Love, Lizbie Browne. Still, Lizbie Browne, You won, they said, The best of men When you were wed Where went you then, O Lizbie Browne?

Dear Lizbie Browne, I should have thought, "Girls ripen fast," And coaxed and caught You ere you passed, Dear Lizbie Browne!

But, Lizbie Browne, I let you slip; Shaped not a sign; Touched never your lip With lip of mine, Lost Lizbie Browne!

So, Lizbie Browne, When on a day Men speak of me As not, you'll say, "And who was he?" -Yes, Lizbie Browne.

#### The Clock of the Years

And the Spirit said, "I can make the clock of the years go backward, But am loth to stop it where you will." And I cried, "Agreed To that. Proceed: It's better than dead!" He answered, "Peace;" And called her up - as last before me; Then younger, younger she grew, to the year I first had known Her woman-grown, And I cried, "Cease! Thus far is good -It is enough - let her stay thus always!" But alas for me - He shook his head: No stop was there; And she waned child-fair, And to babyhood. Still less in mien To my great sorrow became she slowly, And smalled till she was nought at all In his checkless griff; And it was as if She had never been. "Better", I plained, "She were dead as before! The memory of her Had lived in me; but it cannot now!" And coldly his voice: "It was your choice To mar the ordained."

#### In a Churchyard

"It is sad that so many of worth, Still in the flesh," soughed the yew, "Misjudge their lot whom kindly earth Secludes from view.

"They ride their diurnal round Each day-span's sum of hours In peerless ease, without jolt or bound Or ache like ours.

"If the living could but hear What is heard by my roots as they creep Round the restful flock, and the things said there, No one would weep."

"Now set among the wise," They say: "Enlarged in scope, That no God trumpet us to rise We truly hope."

I listened to his strange tale In the mood that stillness brings, And I grew to accept as the day wore pale That view of things.

#### **Proud Songsters**

The thrushes sing as the sun is going, And the finches whistle in ones and pairs, And as it gets dark loud nightingales In bushes Pipe, as they can when April wears, As if all Time were theirs. These are brand-new birds of twelve-months' growing, Which a year ago, or less than twain,

No finches were, nor nightingales, Nor thrushes,

But only particles of grain, And earth, and air, and rain.

### Don Quichotte à Dulcinée (Paul Morand)

#### Chanson romanesque

Were you to tell that the earth Offended you with so much turning, I'd dispatch Panza to deal with it: You'd see it still and silenced.

Were you to tell me that you are wearied By a sky too studded with stars -Tearing the divine order asunder, I'd scythe the night with a single blow. Were you to tell me that space itself, Thus denuded was not to your taste -As a god-like knight, with lance in hand, I'd sow the fleeting wind with stars.

But were you to tell me that my blood Is more mine, my Lady, than your own, I'd pale at the admonishment And, blessing you, would die.

O Dulcinea.

#### Chanson épique

Good Saint Michael who gives me leave To behold and hear my Lady, Good Saint Michael who deigns to elect me To please her and defend her, Good Saint Michael, descend, I pray, With Saint George onto the altar Of the Madonna robed in blue.

With a heavenly beam bless my blade And its equal in purity And its equal in piety As in modesty and chastity: My Lady.

(O great Saint George and great Saint Michael) Bless the angel watching over my vigil, My sweet Lady, so like unto Thee, O Madonna robed in blue! Amen.

#### Chanson à boire

A pox on the bastard, illustrious Lady, Who to discredit me in your sweet eyes, Says that love and old wine Are saddening my heart and soul!

I drink to joy! Joy is the only goal To which I go straight...when I'm... drunk!

A pox on the jealous wretch, O dusky mistress,

Who whines and weeps and vows Always to be this lily-livered lover Who dilutes his drunkenness!

I drink to joy! Joy is the only goal To which I go straight...when I'm... drunk!

## **ABOUT THE ARTISTS**

DR. MARC CALLAHAN is associate professor and Robert and Norma Lineberger Endowed Chair in Music at Chapman University, and director of Opera Chapman. As a director and designer, he received critical acclaim for his production of Jean-Philippe Rameau's Les Indes Galantes, saying it was "designed and directed with jaw-dropping invention," and was awarded first prize for his production of Kurt Weill's Der Jasager from the National Opera Association as well honors from the American Prize's Charles C. Reilly Director's Prize. He has worked on productions at the Royal Opera House, the Aldeburgh Festival, the Holland Festival, Scottish Opera, Miami Music Festival, the New World Center, Théâtre du Châtelet, and the Théâtre du Capitole. Recent productions include A Midsummer Night's Dream, Albert Herring, Ordo Virtutum, The Marriage of Figaro, Cendrillon, and The Blue Forest, Help, Help, the Globolinks!, Der Jasager, Lohengrin, Alcina, ATLAS, Die Walküre, II sogno di Scipione, and L'incoronazione di Poppea ("... devising a brilliant production of remarkable dramatic intimacy").

As a singer, Callahan's operatic career has taken him around the world, performing at houses such as: The Royal Opera House, Opera North (UK), Santa Fe Opera, Carolina Performing Arts, Théâtre des Champs Élysées, Théâtre du Capitole, Opéra National de Lyon, Opéra de Montpellier, Opéra Comique, Théâtre Royale de Versailles, and the Opéra de Marseille. His repertoire includes: Hannah Before (*As One*), Don Giovanni, Figaro (*Le nozze di Figaro*), Papageno (*Die Zauberflöte*), Guglielmo (*Così fan tutte*), il Conte di Almaviva (*Le nozze di Figaro*), Belcore (*L'elisir d'amore*), Count Arnheim (*The Bohemian Girl*), Zar Peter (*Zar und Zimmermann*), Mercutio (*Roméo et Juliette*), Ramiro (*L'heure espagnole*), Harlekin (*Ariadne auf Naxos*), Sid (*Albert Herring*), Frédéric (*Lakmé*), Escamillo (*Carmen*), Le Carnival (*Le Carnival et la Folie*), Artemidore (*Armide*), and Bobinet (*La vie Parisienne*). As a

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concert performer, he has sung Charpentier's *Leçons et Ténèbres* with Les Arts Florissants, an evening of mélodie française with the London Song Festival, Haydn's *The Creation, Götterdämmerung* with Midsummer Opera (London), a program of Henri Dutilleux mélodies (Radio France), Stravinsky's *Les Noces*, Philip Glass's Symphony No. 5, and as bass soloist in *The Tempest* with Les Ombres and the Opéra de Marseille. He has recorded with Virgin Classics, FRA Musica, Passavant, Newport Classic, Editions d'Ambronay, Radio France, and has an upcoming recording of works by Gerald Finzi with Albany Records. *Opera* magazine has hailed him as "a powerful baritone, providing wickedly glamorous tone."

Pianist **JANET KAO**, a native of Taiwan, is an accomplished musician with extensive experience as a solo pianist, vocal/instrumental collaborator, and an opera coach. She has performed on many stages including Alice Tully Hall in New York City, Harris Concert Hall in Aspen, Preston Bradley Hall in Chicago, National Concert Hall of Taiwan. She has been invited to participate in several summer music festivals including Bowdoin Music Festival, the Yellow Barn Chamber Music Festival, and the Music Academy of the West. She has served as a staff accompanist at the Aspen Music Festival, as a staff coach at Opera in the Ozarks, Arkansas and the American Institute of Musical Arts in Graz, Austria.

She has received teaching fellowships from the Julliard School and the USC Thornton Opera, working closely with renowned conductors, Judith Clurman and Brent McMunn. Her interests in contemporary music have led her to collaborate on new operas including Miss Lonelyhearts by Lowell Liebermann and Powder Her face by Thomas Adès. In addition to opera, she has premiered many contemporary chamber works with the New Juilliard Ensemble, under the baton of Joel Sachs.

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Janet received her Bachelor and Master of Music degree in Piano Performance from the Peabody Conservatory with pianist Robert McDonald, and a Graduate Certificate in Collaborative Piano from the Juilliard School under the tutelage of Jonathan Feldman and Brian Zeger. She completed the Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Southern California in Keyboard Collaborative Arts in 2009 under Alan Smith and was awarded Gwendolyn Koldofsky Scholarship Award for three consecutive years. Dr. Kao is currently an adjunct professor and a vocal coach at Fullerton College and Chapman University. LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH!

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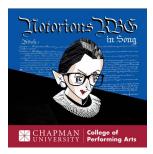
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A piano and cello recital featuring beloved music from the classical repertoire.

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#### October 13, 2023 University Wind Symphony

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## November 4, 2023 Mariachi Panteras

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