Chamber Singers MUS95K

acting director - Celeste Oram accompanist - Loie Flood

Thursday, June 6, 2019 – 5 p.m. Conrad Prebys Music Center Concert Hall



Program

Dos Corazones

arr. Blas Galindo (b. 1910, San Gabriel, Mexico; d. 1993, Mexico City)

'En tanto que declinando el sol / No puede amor hacer mi dicha mayor' scene from the opera La Púrpura de la Rosa (1701)

music by Tomás de Torrejón y Velasco (b. 1644, Villarrobledo, Spain; d. 1728, Lima, Peru) text by Pedro Calderón de la Barca (b. 1600; d. 1681, Madrid, Spain)

soloists: Julia Yu, Rachel Dovsky, Jonathan Barnes, Jennifer Colin, Ryan Arroyo, Lauren Jue-Morrison, Sara Zhang, Benjamin Mateyka with Vincenzo Liberatore, guitar; Leonardo Barba & Ariel Ortega, percussion; Peter Ko, cello

Salve Regina

music by Juan de Lienas (fl. 1617-1654, Mexico City/Havana)

soloists: Joseph Garcia, Danlei Zhao, David Knoll, Taylor Ozbun

Se equivocó la paloma

music by Carlos Guastavino (b. 1912; d. 2000, Santa Fe, Argentina) text by Rafael Alberti (b. 1902; d. 1999, El Puerto de Santa María, Spain)

Thirteenth Blackbird*

music by Adrian Martinez text by Wallace Stevens (b. 1879, Reading, PA; d. 1955, Hartford, CT)

brief intermission

Timepiece

music by Anthony Ritchie (b. 1960, Christchurch, New Zealand) text by Cilla McQueen (b. 1949, Birmingham, UK)

Rains on Me

music & text by Gelsey Bell

sextet: Lauren Jue-Morrison, Julia Yu, Halana Macamay, Katie Wilkes, Taylor Ozbun, Danlei Zhao

Wanting Memories

music & text by Ysaye M. Barnwell (b. 1946, New York City)

soloists: Halana Macamay, Katie Wilkes, Taylor Ozbun, Danlei Zhao

Blessed Be Thine*

music by Katie Wilkes text by M.S.H.

directed by Katie Wilkes

Childhood

music & text by Jenny McLeod (b. 1941, Wellington, New Zealand)

Sir Duke

music & text by Stevie Wonder (b. 1950, Saginaw, MI) arr. Kirby Shaw

soloists: Donald Liang, Kasey Thach with Martin Chapman, guitar; Tino Tirado, saxophone; Eduardo Sanchez, bass; Max Rossip, drums

*denotes world premiere

TEXTS & NOTES

Dos Corazones

Dos corazones heridos puestos en una balanza, el uno pide justicia, el otro pide venganza; y el corazon mas herido solo con llorar descansa.

Two wounded hearts placed on a scale, One asks for justice, the other for revenge; and the most wounded heart simply rests with weeping.

No puede Amor hacer mi dicha mayor

No puede Amor hacer mi dicha mayor. Sí puede Amor hacer mi dicha mayor. No puede Amor, ni mi deseo pasar del bien que poseo; porque crecer el empleo de tan divino favor no puede Amor. Sí puede Amor hacer mi dicha mayor.

Love cannot provide my greatest bliss.
Yes, Love can provide my greatest bliss!
No, Love cannot nor can my desire surpass my present joys;
for Love cannot increase the work of such divine favor.
Yes, Love can provide my greatest bliss!

Salve Regina

Regina, mater misericordiae: Vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve. Ad te clamamus, exsules, filii Hevae. Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes in hac lacrimarum valle.
Eia ergo, Advocata nostra,
illos tuos misericordes oculos
ad nos converte.
Et Iesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,
nobis, post hoc exsilium ostende.
O clemens: O pia: O dulcis Virgo Maria.

Queen, mother of mercy:
our life, sweetness, and hope, hail.
To thee we cry, poor banished children of Eve.
To you we sigh, mourning and weeping
in this valley of tears.
Turn then, our advocate,
those merciful eyes toward us.
And Jesus, the blessed fruit of thy womb,
after our exile, show us.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Se equivocó la paloma

Se equivocó la paloma, se equivocaba.
Por ir al norte fue al sur, creyó que el trigo era el agua.
Creyó que el mar era el cielo que la noche la mañana.
Que las estrellas rocío, que la calor la nevada.
Que tu falda era tu blusa, que tu corazón su casa.
(Ella se durmió en la orilla, tú en la cumbre de una rama.)
-Rafael Alberti

The dove was wrong.
The dove was mistaken.
To travel north she flew south,
Believing the wheat was water.
Believing the sea was sky,
That the night was dawn.
That the stars were dew,
That the heat was snowfall.
Your skirt your blouse,
Your heart your home.
(She fell asleep on the shore,
You at the tip of a branch.)

Thirteenth Blackbird

Thirteenth Blackbird is inspired by the 13th and final stanza in 'Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Blackbird' by Wallace Stevens. The 13th stanza for me is filled with mystery and gives off an environment of the supernatural. The blackbird itself feels eternal and moves across time. I tried to evoke this feeling of uncertainty and otherworldliness.

— Adrian Martinez

It was evening all afternoon.
It was snowing
And it was going to snow.
The blackbird sat
In the cedar-limbs.

Blessed Be Thine

The text of 'Blessed Be Thine' comes from an untitled poem by an anonymous seventeenth century English poet writing under the initials M.S.H.

— Katie Wilkes

CHAMBER SINGERS

Sopranos

Jennifer Colin Rachel Dovsky Lauren Jue-Morrison Julia Yu Sara Zhang Samantha Zhou

Altos

Anna Gruszka Jackie Guy Halana Macamay Taylor Ozbun Katie Wilkes Danlei Zhao

Tenors

Jonathan Barnes Sebastian Clark Joseph Garcia David Knoll Eric Ngo Miguel Muñoz

Basses

Ryan Arroyo Leonardo Barba Vincenzo Liberatore Donald Liang Benjamin Mateyka Ariel Ortega Kasey Thach



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