Picnic on the Marne.................................................................Ned Rorem b. 1923
I. Driving from Paris
II. A Bend in the River
III. Bal Musette
IV. Vermouth
V. A Tense Discussion
VI. Making Up
VII. The Ride Back to Town

Luke Lewis, alto saxophone
Jinshil Yi, piano

Trio Sonata for Viola, Alto Saxophone, and Piano...............................Scott Slapin b. 1974
I. Larghetto
II. Andante
III. Vivace-Largo

Luke Lewis, alto saxophone
Claire Helmberger, viola
Jinshil Yi, piano

INTERMISSION

Grave et Presto.................................................................Jean Rivier (1896–1987)

Luke Lewis, soprano saxophone
Michael Cook, alto saxophone
Sammy Burke, tenor saxophone
Jacob Shaffer, baritone saxophone
Blue Bossa..................................................................................................................Kenny Dorham
(1924–1972)

Luke Lewis, tenor saxophone
Ian Crocker, guitar
Jesse Kuras, bass
Dylan Harris, drums

Reception following the recital in School of Music, Room 106.

PERFORMER

Luke Lewis '18 is pursuing a bachelor’s degree in music education. He is a student of Fred Winkler and Tracy Knoop. During his time at Puget Sound, Luke has been a member of the Jazz Orchestra, Saxophone Quartet, and is currently saxophone section leader of the University Wind Ensemble. In addition to his performing ensembles, Luke serves as the Performing Arts Programmer for the Associated Students of the University of Puget Sound and as the Music Librarian for the Jazz Orchestra. Luke will be attending the Master of Arts in Teaching program at Puget Sound in the fall.

GUEST PERFORMERS

Claire Helmberger '18, student of Joyce Ramée, is double-majoring in music education and English.

Michael Cook '20, student of Fred Winkler, is majoring in music education.

Sammy Burke '20, student of Fred Winkler, is majoring in comparative politics and government with a music minor.

Jacob Shaffer '19, student of Fred Winkler, is majoring in molecular and cellular biology with minors in music and math.

Ian Crocker '19, student of Tracy Knoop, is majoring in religion with minors in music and Spanish.

Jesse Kuras '17, former student of Steve Schermer, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in music with a computer science minor.

Dylan Harris '21, student of Jeff Lund, is majoring in business with a minor in music.

ACCOMPANIST

Jinshil Yi '14 is an avid collaborative pianist in high demand throughout the Tacoma-Seattle area. She has appeared in concerts with Northwest Sinfonietta Artistic Partner David Lockington, soprano Christina Kowalski, mezzo-soprano Dawn Padula, and baritone Ryan Bede. Since 2016, Jinshil has served as staff accompanist at the University of Puget Sound, working extensively with Steven Zopfi, Kathryn Lehmann, and Ed Hughes on the acclaimed Adelphian Concert Choir, Dorians, and Chorale.

A heartfelt sacred music enthusiast, Jinshil loves expressing her faith through her work as pianist and organist for two churches in Lakewood, Wash. In addition to being on staff as a pianist for Tacoma Youth Chorus and Charles Wright Academy, she regularly partners with other Tacoma schools, choirs, and private music studios for music festivals, competitions, and concerts. Both her solo and collaborative playing have been broadcast on the radio, most recently on 98.1 KING FM following a concert tour of western Washington. Jinshil serves as Managing Director for Second City Chamber Series and is a soprano in the Symphony Tacoma.
Voices. Jinshil holds three undergraduate degrees cum laude from the University of Puget Sound in music, biochemistry, and politics and government with an international relations emphasis.

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PROGRAM NOTES
Compiled by Luke Lewis

Picnic on the Marne, Ned Rorem
Ned Rorem composed Picnic on the Marne for saxophonist John Harle, and it was premiered at Carnegie Hall in 1984. Rorem described the inspiration for the piece, a trip in 1956 in which he visited the suburbs of Paris with a friend. The first movement, “Driving from Paris,” conveys the excitement of the journey as well as some of the difficulties along the way. The second movement, “a Bend in the River,” is more relaxed and pastoral in nature, which leads into the suave dance of the third movement, “Bal Musette,” and the fourth movement, “Vermouth.” The fifth movement entitled “A Tense Discussion” is an intense blend of technical passages and melodic moments. The sixth movement, “Making Up,” features interplay between the saxophone and piano that continues from the previous movement. Finally, “the Ride Back to Town” reflects back on the previous movements as though reflecting on the day past.

Sonata Trio for Viola, Saxophone, and Piano, Scott Slapin
Scott Slapin is a professional violist, composer, and teacher. He has composed more than fifty self-described violacentric compositions which feature the viola, including chamber pieces, unaccompanied works, and a fully orchestrated concerto. Slapin wrote this piece for The Irrelevants, a viola and saxophone duo. It also has been arranged for two violas and piano. This performance is the premiere of the work with this instrumentation in its entirety.

Grave et Presto, Jean Rivier
Jean Rivier was a prolific French composer and Professor of Composition at the Paris Conservatory. Grave et Presto, which he composed in 1938, is an example of his neoclassical style. The piece includes challenging rhythmic figures and complex harmonies within the structural framework of a classical work.

Blue Bossa, Kenny Dorham
This classic jazz standard is recognizable to all with its smooth Latin feel and flowing melodic line. Blue Bossa features a combination of styles including hard bop and Bossa nova, and may have been inspired by the Dorham’s trip to Rio de Janeiro for a jazz festival two years before the tune’s release in 1963. For tonight’s performance, we will be performing a transcription of the classic tune by legendary jazz tenor saxophonist Dexter Gordon.
UPCOMING SCHOOL OF MUSIC EVENTS
Free unless noted otherwise.

Wednesday, March 28
Master Class for Trombone
Schneebeck Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 6–Sunday, April 8
Opera Theater: Into the Woods
Dawn Padula, director/producer; Jeff Caldwell, musical director
Schneebeck Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m./2:00 p.m.
Tickets: $15/$10/$7 tickets.pugetsound.edu

Friday, April 13
Symphony Orchestra
Anna Wittstruck, conductor
Schneebeck Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 20
Wind Ensemble/Concert Band
Gerard Morris, conductor
Schneebeck Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, April 23 and Tuesday, April 24
Chamber Music Concerts I and II
Alistair MacRae, director
Schneebeck Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 27
Jazz Orchestra
Tracy Knoop, director
Schneebeck Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.

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