

School of Music

SENIOR RECITAL LAUREN ELIASON '16, SOPRANO

JINSHIL YI '15, PIANO

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2016 SCHNEEBECK CONCERT HALL 7:30 P.M.

"O mio babbino caro"	Giacomo Puccini
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"Porgi, amor"	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
from <i>Le Nozze di Figaro</i>	(1756–1791)
"Ebben! Ne andró lontana"	Alfredo Catalani
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A reception will follow the recital in School of Music, Room 106.

VOCALIST

LAUREN ELIASON '16, a student of Kathryn Lehmann, is majoring in vocal performance. She is a member of both the Adelphian Concert Choir and Voci d'Amici. Her awards and honors include division winner in the Tahoma chapter of the National Association of Teachers of Singing auditions in both 2013 and 2014, receiving the Valerie L. Andrews Scholarship from the School of Music in 2014–15, and the Lorrain Nelson Vocal Scholarship in 2015–16. Recent roles with the Puget Sound Opera Theater include La Comtesse Adèle in Gioacchino Rossini's *Le Comte Ory* (spring 2015) and Zweite Dame in the quintet scene from W. A. Mozart's *Die Zauberflöte* in An Evening of Opera Scenes (spring 2014). Lauren has sung in master classes with Cyndia Sieden, Stephen Stubbs, Linda Watson, and Freda Herseth '77. Lauren was chosen to participate in the American Institute of Musical Studies (AIMS) program in summer 2015, where she performed Giacomo Puccini's "O mio babbino caro" from *Gianni Schicchi* with the orchestra. In past summers she has interned with the Portland Symphonic Choir.

PIANIST

JINSHIL YI '15, holds three bachelor's degrees from University of Puget Sound in biochemistry, politics and government, and music, with a minor in mathematics. An avid collaborative pianist, Jinshil currently works as a staff accompanist at Puget Sound, and is in high demand for performances in the Tacoma-Seattle area. She is pianist and organist for several churches in her community. In addition Jinshil loves empowering and encouraging others to reach their fullest potential through her work as a freelance academic tutor, piano teacher, editor, and Korean-English interpreter.

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PROGRAM NOTES AND TRANSLATIONS

Compiled by Lauren Eliason

Giacomo Puccini (1858–1924) was primarily a composer of Italian opera, some of which are the most frequently performed today.

Gianni Schicchi is a one-act comic opera with a libretto by Giovacchino Forzano that premiered at the Metropolitan Opera in 1918 and was an instant success. In the opera a family must figure out what will happen to the inheritance of their recently departed relative, Buoso Donati. **"O mio babbino caro"** or "Oh, my dear father" is Lauretta's plea to her father, Gianni Schicchi, as she wants to marry Rinuccio, one of the Donati's, and wishes for her fathers blessing. Surely, she wouldn't mind some of Buoso's inheritance if it happened to come her way.

"O mio babbino caro" from *Gianni Schicchi*

Libretto by Giovacchino Forzano O mio babbino caro, Mi piace, è bello bello, vo'andare in Porta Rossa, a comperar l'anello! Si, si, ci voglio andare! E se l'amassi indarno, Andrei sul Ponte Vecchio, ma per buttarmi in Arno! Mi stuggo e mi tormento, O Dio! Vorrei morir! Babbo, pietà, pietà!

"Oh, my dear father"

Oh my dear father I like him, he is very handsome I want to go to Porta Rossa to buy the ring! Yes, yes, I want to go there And if my love were in vain I would go to Ponte Vecchio And throw myself in the Arno I am pining and I am tormented Oh God! I want to die Daddy, have mercy, have mercy —Translation by Evan Fokas

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756–1791), born in Salzburg, Austria, was a prolific composer of the classical era. Though his life was tragically short, he made some of the most influential contributions to classical music. Many of his operas are performed regularly, but easily one of his most famous is *Le Nozze di Figaro* (*The Marriage of Figaro*). It is an opera in four acts with an innovative libretto and timeless music.

"Porgi, amor" ("Grant me, Love") takes place at the beginning of Act II in the bedroom of Rosina, the Countess Almaviva. She has just heard from her dear friend and maid, Susanna, that her husband, Count Almaviva, has been unfaithful to her. In this aria, the countess prays for guidance and mourns the loss of the love of her life.

"Porgi, amor"

from Le Nozze di Figaro

Libretto by Lorenzo Da Ponte Porgi, amor, qualche ristoro, Al mio duolo, a'miei sospir! O mi rendi il mio tesoro, O mi lascia almen morir.

"Grant me, Love"

Grant me, Love, give me some remedy For my sorrow, for my sighs! Either give me back my darling Or at least let me die.

-Translation by Jane Bishop

Alfredo Catalani (1854–1893) was an Italian operatic composer. He was trained at the Milan Conservatoire, where he chose to write more traditional opera rather than the popular verismo style of the time. Only a few of his operas are performed currently.

La Wally was first performed at the famed La Scala opera house in Milan in 1892. **"Ebben! Ne andró lontana"** is Wally's proclamation that she must leave her home and family because it is no longer a safe situation for her. She is in love with her father's enemy, Hagenbach. When her father, Stromminger, finds out that his daughter is in love with his nemesis, he requires her to marry his friend, Gellner, within a month or else she must leave his house forever. She denies her father's wishes and sings this aria as she makes the courageous decision to take her chances in the frozen Alpine snow.

"Ebben! Ne andró lontana" from *La Wally*

Libretto by Luigi Illica Ebben! Ne andrò lontana, Come va l'eco pia campana,

Là fra la neve bianca; Là fra le nubi d'ôr; Laddóve la speranza, la speranza È rimpianto, è rimpianto, è dolor!

O della madre mia casa gioconda La Wally ne andrà da te, da te!

Lontana assai, e forse a te, E forse a te, non farà mai più ritorno,

Nè più la rivedrai! Mai più, mai più!

Ne andrò sola e lontana, Là, fra la neve bianca, n'andrò,

N'andrò sola e lontana, E fra le nubi d'ôr!

"Ah well then! I shall go far away"

Ah well then! I shall go far away Like the echo of the pious church-bell goes away There somewhere in the white snow There amongst the clouds of gold There where hope, hope Is regret, is regret, is sorrow O from my mother's cheerful house La Wally is about to go away from you, from you Quite far away, and perhaps to you And perhaps to you, will never more return Nor ever more see you again

I will go away alone and far, There, somewhere in the white snow, I shall go.

Never again, never again

I will go away alone and far And amongst the clouds of gold! —Translation by J.C. London

Richard Strauss (1864–1949), a German composer born in Munich, was particularly well-known for his operas, Lieder, and tone poems. A prominent conductor in Germany and Austria, he was influenced by the operatic works of Richard Wagner, particularly in terms of his orchestration and advanced harmonic style.

Morgen (Tomorrow) is the fourth and final song in Strauss' Opus 27 composed in 1894. The song was originally written for piano and was later orchestrated by the composer. The poetry speaks to a happier future full of love. The singer explains to her love that tomorrow will be the day they can be in tranquil comforting silence together.

Morgen

Tomorrow

Poetry by John Henry Mackay Und morgen wird die Sonne wieder scheinen, And tomorrow the sun will shine again und auf dem Wege, den ich gehen werde, wird uns, die Glücklichen sie wieder einen, inmitten dieser sonnenatmenden Erde... und zu dem Strand, dem weiten, wogenblauen, werden wir still und langsam niedersteigen. stumm werden wir uns in die Augen schauen,

und auf uns sinkt des Glückes stummes Schweige. silently we will look in each other's eyes

and upon us will sink the mute silence of happiness.

-Translation by John Bernhoff

Allerseelen (All Souls' Day) is the last song in **Acht Lieder aus Letzte Blätter** (*Eight Songs From Last Leaves*). All Souls' Day is the holiday when people can celebrate and commemorate those who have passed away. In the song, the singer recounts a love who has passed and is able to share a special moment with them, on the special and almost supernatural All Souls' Day.

Allerseelen

Poetry by Hermann von Gilm Stell' auf den Tisch die duftende Reseden. Bring in the mignonettes' fragrant spires the last red asters on the table lay Die letzten rothen Astern trag' herbei, Und laß uns wieder von der Liebe reden, and let again us speak of love's desires Wie einst im Mai. like once in Mav Gieb mir die Hand, daß ich sie heimlich Give me your hand in furtive, sweet drücke. advances Und wenn man's sieht, mir ist es einerlei: if people see it, mind not what they say Gieb mir nur einen deiner süßen Blicke, Give me just one of your delighting alances Wie einst im Mai like once in May Es blüht und funkelt heut' auf jedem Grabe, Today the graves are full of lights and flowers Ein Tag im Jahre ist den Todten frei; one day a year the dead shall hold their swav Komm' an mein Herz, daß ich dich wieder Spend on my heart again those lovely habe. hours Wie einst im Mai. like once in May -Translation by Alan Jefferson

Zueignung (Dedication) is another Lied from **Acht Lieder aus Letzte Blätter**. The singer recounts the suffering and lack of freedom of love, but ultimately urges that all the pain of love is worth it. The singer twice sings, "Have thanks!" in a minor interval at the end of each stanza. In the final triumphant, "Have thanks!," sung in major, the singer proclaims their true thankfulness for love.

Zueignung

Poetry by Hermann von Gilm Ja, du weißt es, teure Seele, Daß ich fern von dir mich quäle, Liebe macht die Herzen krank, Habe Dank.

Hielt ich nicht, der Freiheit Zecher, Hoch den Amethysten-Becher, Und du segnetest den Trank, Habe Dank.

Dedication

Yes, you know it, dearest soul How I suffer far from you Love makes the heart sick Have thanks.

Once I, drinker of freedom, Held high the amethyst beaker, And you blessed the drink, Have thanks.

All Souls' Day

Und beschworst darin die Bösen, Bis ich, was ich nie gewesen, Heilig an das Herz dir sank, Habe Dank. And you exorcised the evils in it, Until I, as I had never been before, Blessed, blessed sank upon your heart, Have thanks.

-Translation by Lawrence Snyder

Gian Carlo Menotti (1911–2007) was an Italian-American composer and librettist. He won the Pulitzer Prize twice for his operas *The Consul* and *The Saint of Bleeker Street*. He studied composition at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia alongside the ranks of Samuel Barber and Leonard Bernstein. Menotti is most wellknown as a composer of opera and the accompanying librettos of his works.

The Old Maid and the Thief was a one act opera commissioned by NBC for radio performance in 1939. It was very successful and helped to launch Menotti's career in the United States. "Steal me, sweet thief" is Laetitia's heart wrenching aria. She sings of her affection for Bob, a wanderer and alleged thief. She wants him to take her away from her job as a maid before she is too old to find love and happiness. In this contemplative and personal aria, she wonders where time has gone and how she has aged

"Steal me, sweet thief" from *The Old Maid and the Thief*

Libretto by Gian Carlo Menotti What a curse for a woman is a timid man! A week has gone by, he's had plenty of chances, but he made no advances Miss Todd schemes and labors to get him some money, she robs friends and neighbours, the club and the church. He takes all the money with a smile that entrances. but still makes no advances. The old woman sighs and makes languid eyes. All the doors are wide open, all the drawers are unlocked! He neither seems pleased or shocked. He eats and drinks and sleeps, he talks of baseball and boxing, but that is all! What a curse for a woman is a timid man! Steal me, oh steal me, sweet thief,

Steal me, oh steal me, sweet thief, For time's flight is stealing my youth. And the cares of life steal fleeting time. Steal me, thief, for life is brief and full of theft and strife.

And then, with furtive step, death comes and steals time and life. O sweet thief, I pray make me glow, before dark death steals her prey. Steal my lips, before they crumble to dust, Steal my heart, before death must, Steal my cheeks, before they're sunk and decayed, Steal my breath, before it will fade. Steal my lips, steal my heart, steal my cheeks, Steal, oh steal my breath, And make me die before death will steal her prey. Oh steal me! For time's flight is stealing my youth.

Georges Bizet (1838–1875) was a French composer in the Romantic era who excelled in school at the Conservatoire de Paris. Though he passed away very young, he made huge contributions to opera, and is most well-known for his opera, *Carmen*. He was heavily influenced by the works of Charles Gounod, another well-known French composer.

Ouvre ton Coeur (Open your Heart), an art song with poetry by Louis Delâtre, is influenced by some of the same Latin flare and rhythm heard in *Carmen*. The singer initially turns away from love but calls to their partner to open their heart to them. The singer hopes that the daisy with closed petals will turn toward the sun.

Ourve ton Coeur

Poetry by Louis Delâtre La marguerite a fermé sa corolle, L'ombre a fermé les yeux du jour.

Belle, me tiendras-tu parole? Ouvre ton coeur à mon amour.

Ouvre ton coeur, ô jeune ange, à ma flamme, Qu'un rêve charme ton sommeil. Je veux reprendre mon âme, Comme une fleur s'ouvre au soleil!

Open your Heart

The daisy has closed its petals The shadow has closed its eyes for the day Beauty, will you speak with me Open your heart to my love Open your heart, o young angel, to my flame So that a dream may enchant your sleep I wish to reclaim my soul As a flower turns to the sun —Translation by Ahmed E. Ismail

Charles Gounod (1818–1893) is a French composer most well-known for his operas *Faust* and *Roméo et Juliette*. A devout Catholic, he cherished the sacred music of the 16th century. These inspirations are heard in all of his compositions whether sacred or secular. Gounod primarily composed operas, masses, oratorios, and works for piano.

L'absent (The absent one) was written by Gounod (both music and poetry) for his wife as an apology for his infidelity. The sweeping chromatic arpeggios in the piano and the beautiful melodic line in the voice exemplify the regret he felt for his actions. Gounod himself is the absent one from his community and home.

L'absent

The absent one

Poetry by Charles Gounod Ô silence des nuits dont la voix seule est douce,

Silence of the night, whose voice alone is sweet

Quand je n'ai plus sa voix, Mystérieux rayons, qui glissez sur la mouss Dans l'ombre de ses bois,	when I no longer hear her voice e,mysterious rays, gliding over the moss in the shadow of the woods
Dites-moi si ses yeux, à l'heure où tout sommeille,	tell me if her eyes, when all else sleeps
Se rouvrent doucement,	open softly
Et si ma bien-aimée, alors quemoi je veille, Se souvient de l'absent.	and if my beloved, while I watch Remembers the absent one
Quand la lune est aux cieux, baignant de Iumière,	When the moon is in the heavens, sa bathing with her light
Les grands bois et l'azur;	the woods and the blue
Quand des cloches du soir qui tintent la prière,	when the evening bells call to prayer
Vibre l'écho si pur,	vibrates the pure echo
Dites-moi si son âme, un instant recueillie, S'élève avec leur chant,	tell me if her soul, withdrawn a moment rises up with their song
Et si de leurs accords la paisible harmonie,	and whether their chords of peaceful harmony
Lui rappelle l'absent!	Remind her of the absent one! —Translation by Faith Cormier

Gustave Charpentier (1860–1956) was a Frenchman and the son of a baker. He studied violin at the Paris Conservatoire, and it was there that he found his love for composition. He took composition lessons under Jules Massenet, and it was during this time that he wrote his most famous work, the opera *Louise*.

Louise is an opera in four acts that premiered in 1900. **"Depuis le jour"** ("Since that day") is Louise's most famous aria. Louise has fallen in love with her neighbor, Julien, but her family does not approve of him. When her family finds a love letter written to her from Julien, her mother is livid. After a secret discussion with Julien, Louise decides to run away with him to Paris, leaving her family and job as a seamstress behind. At the beginning of the third act, Louise sings "Since that day" and revels in her happiness and love in her new home, a cottage overlooking Paris.

"Depuis le jour" from *Louise*

Libretto by Gustave Charpentier Depuis le jour où je me suis donnée, toute fleurie semble ma destinée. Je crois rêver sous un ciel de féerie,

l'âme encore grisée, de ton premier baiser! Quelle belle vie! Mon rêve n'était pas un rêve! Ah! je suis heureuse! L'amour étend sur moi ses ailes!

"Since that day"

Since the day I gave myself my fate seems all in flower I seem to be dreaming beneath a fairy sky my soul still enraptured by that very first kiss What a wonderful life My dream was not a dream Oh! I am so happy Love spreads its wings over me Au jardin de mon Coeur, chante une joie nouvelle! Tout vibre. tout se réjouit de mon triomphe! Autour de moi tout est sourire, lumiére et ioie! Et je tremble délicieusement, Au souvenir charmant. Du premier jour, D'amour! Quelle belle vie! Ah! ie suis heureuse! trop heureuse... Et je tremble délicieusement, Au souvenir charmant. Du premier jour, D'amour!

In the garden of my heart a new joy sings Everything resonates everything rejoices in my triumph About me all is smiles light and happiness And I tremble deliciously at the delightful memory of the first day of love What a glorious life Oh, how happy I am! Too happy And I tremble deliciously at the delightful memory of the first day of love!

-Translation by Stacey Martin

Amy Beach (1867–1944), an American composer and acclaimed pianist, was a pioneer for American female composers. She was a child prodigy and began giving public recitals by age 7, playing her own compositions in addition to those of Handel, Beethoven, Chopin, and others. She was primarily self-taught as a composer and only received one year of formal training. Though she excelled in many areas of composition, she was most famous for her songs.

"I send my heart up to thee" is final song in Beach's, **3 Browning Songs, Opus 44**. The harmonic language is complex but feel natural and expressive as the singer sends her heart up to its dwelling place. The outpouring of emotion in the voice is equally matched in the piano, as they simultaneously erupt with passion.

I send my heart up to thee

Poetry by Robert Browning I send my heart up to thee, all my heart In this my singing, For the stars help me, and the sea, and the sea bears part; The very night is clinging Closer to Venice' streets to leave one space Above me, whence thy face May light my joyous heart to thee, to thee its dwelling place.

Lee Hoiby (1926-2011), an American composer and pianist, was primarily a composer of songs and operas. While a student at the Curtis Institute of Music, he was mentored by fellow opera composer, Gian Carlo Menotti. He often collaborated with soprano, Leontyne Price, who presented many of his best-known songs and arias to the public.

Songs for Leontyne is a collection of six songs written specifically for soprano, Leontyne Price. The song cycle utilizes the works of various poets and covers varying subjects from serious to silly. **Winter Song** finds the singer in the middle of winter. The leaves have fallen off the trees, the snow is falling fresh and pale on the ground, and the wind is swirling around. The singer is awestruck by the beauty and intensity of winter in all its wonder.

Winter Song

Poetry by Wilfred Owen The browns, the olives, and the yellows died, And were swept up to heaven; where they glowed Each dawn and set of sun till Christmastide, And when the land lay pale for them, pale-snowed, Fell back, and down the snow-drifts flamed and flowed.

From off your face, into the winds of winter, The sun-brown and the summer-gold are blowing; But they shall gleam with spiritual glinter, When paler beauty on your brows falls snowing, And through those snows my looks shall be soft-going.

The Serpent is a funny little tale of a serpent with a soul who longs to be more than just a serpent. He tries different instruments: a drum, tuba, horn, and flute—none of which are pleasing to him. In the end the serpent was meant to sing, but he wasn't meant to be heard.

The Serpent

Poetry by Theodore Roethke There was a Serpent who had to sing. There was. There was. He simply gave up Serpenting. Because, Because, He didn't like his Kind of Life: He couldn't find a proper Wife; He was a Serpent with a soul; He got no Pleasure down his Hole. And so, of course, he had to Sing, And Sing he did, like Anything! The Birds, they were, they were Astounded; And various Measures Propounded To stop the Serpent's Awful Racket: They bought a Drum. He wouldn't Whack it. They sent, -you always send, -to Cuba And got a Most Commodious Tuba; They got a Horn, they got a Flute, But Nothing would suit. He said, "Look, Birds, all this is futile: I do not like to Bang or Tootle." And then he cut loose with a Horrible Note That practically split the Top of his Throat. "You see," he said, with a Serpent's Leer, "I'm Serious about my Singing Career!" And the Woods Resounded with many a Shriek As the Birds flew off to the end of Next Week.

UPCOMING ARTS AND LECTURES

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M SUNDAY, APRIL 17 Schneebeck Organ Recital Joseph Adam, organ Kilworth Memorial Chapel, 2 p.m.

M SUNDAY, APRIL 17 Senior Recital: Alex Simon, baritone Schneebeck Concert Hall, 5 p.m.

M SUNDAY, APRIL 17 Senior Recital: Kim Thuman, viola Schneebeck Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.

M MONDAY, APRIL 18 Student Chamber Music Ensembles (two different concerts) Alistair MacRae, director Schneebeck Concert Hall, 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

T FRIDAY, APRIL 22 Gnit directed by Sophie Schwartz 2016 Senior Theatre Festival Norton Clapp Theatre, Jones Hall 7:30 p.m., ticketed

T SATURDAY, APRIL 23 Gnit, directed by Sophie Schwartz 2016 Senior Theatre Festival Norton Clapp Theatre, Jones Hall, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

M SATURDAY, APRIL 23 Student Recitals Schneebeck Concert Hall 2 p.m. Recital: Lindsey Long '16, and Gabe Lehrman '16, voice 5 p.m. Recital: Alaina Davis '16, and Megan D'Andrea '16, voice 7:30 p.m. Senior Recital: Clara Fuhrman '16, violin

M SUNDAY, APRIL 24
Junior Recital: Larissa Freier '17, violin
Schneebeck Concert Hall, 2 p.m.
E MONDAY, APRIL 25–SATURDAY, MAY 14
2016 Senior Art Show
Kittredge Gallery, M-F: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; Sat. noon-5 p.m.

L MONDAY, APRIL 25

"Borrando La Frontera/Erasing the Border" Ana Teresa Fernández, artist Part of the La Frontera: The U.S.-Mexico Border series Trimble Forum, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

F MONDAY, APRIL 25

Grizzly Man (2005)

Part of the Werner Herzog: The Man Against the System film festival Rausch Auditorium, McIntyre Hall, Room 003, 6:30 p.m.

F MONDAY, APRIL 25

Insiang from Davao City, Philippines Part of the Sister Cities International Film Festival Rasmussen Rotunda, Wheelock Student Center, 7 p.m.

L THURSDAY, APRIL 28

Siddharth Ramakrishnan, biology and neuroscience departments Part of the Thompson Hall Science and Mathematics Seminars series Thompson Hall, Room 175, 4 p.m.

L THURSDAY, APRIL 28

"Media, Marketing, and the Making of the President" Michael Artime, Ph.D., and Mike Purdy '76, M.B.A.'79 Part of the "Who Will Win the White House?" series McIntyre Hall, Room 103, 7–8:30 p.m.

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