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hank you for attending this UMS performance and for supporting the performing arts in our community. I hope I'll see you at some of the remaining UMS events this season. You'll find a listing beginning on page 29.

I want to introduce you to UMS' Administrative Director John Kennard, who is celebrating his tenth anniversary with UMS this season and his twenty-fourth overall with the University of Michigan. John oversees UMS finances, human resources, and

other administrative matters. He has played a major role in bringing UMS to its stable financial situation and is highly regarded by his financial colleagues both in and outside the University of Michigan for the quality of his work. A native of Ann Arbor, John is married and the father of five children. When he's not listening to recordings of his beloved Elvis, you'll find him hitting pars and birdies on the golf course.

Congratulations, John, for your outstanding contributions to UMS over the past decade.

We have had an exciting season thus far with memorable performances by Buena Vista Social Club, Les Arts Florissants, Sankai Juku, Paco de Lucía, Emerson String Quartet, and Laurie Anderson. Clearly one of the highlights of the fall was the performance of the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra on October 20. Ann Arbor was the smallest city on the international tour – the others were

Ken Fischer (I) and John Kennard



Moscow, Bonn, London, Paris, Washington, New York, Boston, and Chicago – but we produced the largest single-evening audience exceeding 4,000. Over 1000 were students. U-M President Lee Bollinger and Jean Magnano Bollinger hosted a wonderful postconcert reception for Claudio Abbado, members of the orchestra, and UMS members. Orchestra members were high in their praise for the community of Ann Arbor, for the acoustics of Hill Auditorium, and for the enthusiastic response of the audience. They made it clear that they want to return!

Another highlight of the fall was the launching of *Bravo!* This 224-page book of recipes, legends, and lore from 120 years of UMS is the result of nearly three years of work by more than 100 UMS volunteers. We are very proud of this book and of the great response it is receiving all over the country. For information on obtaining a copy, see the notice on page 37.

I'd like to know your thoughts about this performance. I'd also like to learn from you about anything we can do at UMS to make your concert-going experience the best possible. Look for me in the lobby. If we don't connect there, feel free to call my office at 734.647.1174, drop me a note, or send me an e-mail message at kenfisch@umich.edu.

Sincerely,

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Kenneth C. Fischer, President

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t is with great pride that we acknowledge and extend our gratitude to the major business contributors to our 1999/2000 season listed on the following pages. We are proud to have been

chosen by them, for their investment in the University Musical Society is clear evidence



not only of their wish to accomplish good things for our community and region, but also to be associated with excellence. It is a measure of their belief in UMS that many of these companies have had a

long history of association with us and have expanded and diversified their support in very meaningful ways.

Increasingly, our annual fundraising requirements are met by the private sector: very special individuals, organizations and companies that so generously help bring the magic to UMS performances and educational programs throughout southeastern Michigan. We know that all of our supporters must make difficult choices from among the many worthwhile causes that deserve their support. We at UMS are grateful for the opportunities that these gifts make possible, enhancing the quality of life in our area.

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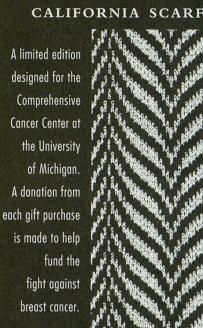
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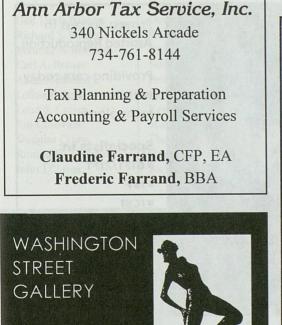
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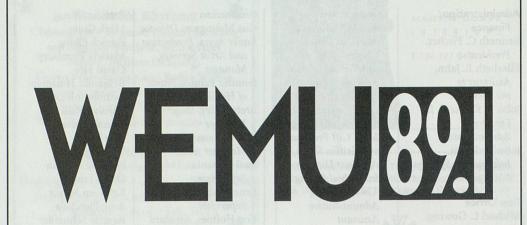
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Many thanks to all of the groups who have joined UMS for an event in past seasons, and welcome to all of our new friends who will be with us in the coming year. The group sales program has grown dramatically in recent years. This success is a direct result of the wonderful leaders who organize their friends, families, congregations, students, and co-workers and bring them to our events.

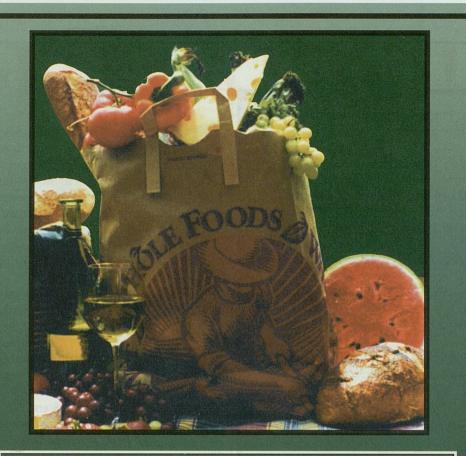
Last season over 10,000 people came to UMS events as part of a group, and they saved more than \$51,000 on some of the most popular events around! Many groups who booked their tickets early found themselves in the enviable position of having the only available tickets to sold out events including the Afro-Cuban All Stars, The Capitol Steps, Trinity Irish Dance Company, Kodo, and Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater.

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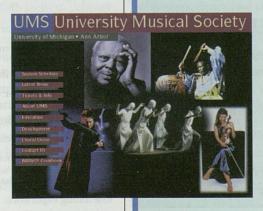
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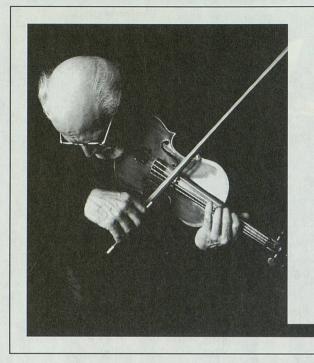
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UMS grew from a group of local university and townspeople who gathered together for the study of Handel's *Messiah*. Led by Professor Henry Frieze and conducted by Professor Calvin Cady, the group assumed the name The Choral Union. Their first performance of Handel's *Messiah* was in December of 1879, and this glorious oratorio has since been performed by the UMS Choral Union annually. As a great number of Choral Union members also belonged to the University, the University Musical Society was established in December 1880. UMS included the Choral Union and University Orchestra, and throughout the year presented a series of concerts featuring local and visiting artists and ensembles.

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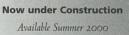
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with them in a rare presentation of Mahler's *Symphony No. 8* (Symphony of a Thousand).

In the past two seasons, the Choral Union has given acclaimed concert presentations of Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess* with the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra and musical-theatre favorites with Erich Kunzel and the DSO at Meadow Brook. A 72-voice chorus drawn from the larger choir has performed Duruflé's *Requiem*, the Langlais *Messe Solenelle*, the Mozart *Requiem* and other works, and the Choral Union Chamber Chorale recently presented "Creativity in Later Life," a program of late works by nine composers of all historical periods, at the University of Michigan Museum of Art.

During the 1998-99 season, the Choral Union performed in three major subscription series at Orchestra Hall with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, including performances of Brahms' *Ein deutsches Requiem* and Rachmaninoff's *The Bells*, both conducted by Neeme Järvi, and Kodaly's *Psalmus Hungaricus*, conducted by the legendary Gennady Rozhdestvensky. Other programs included Handel's *Messiah* with the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra, and *Carmina Burana* with the Toledo Symphony.

During the current season, the Choral Union again appears in three series with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra: the first two, conducted by Neeme Järvi, include performances of Shostakovitch's Symphony No. 13 (Babi Yar), followed by Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 paired with Stravinsky's Symphony of Psalms. The last of these three series will feature performances of John Adams' Harmonium. conducted by the composer. The women of the chorus will also perform Mahler's Symphony No. 3 with the Ann Arbor Symphony, and sixty singers joined the Gabrieli Consort & Players for an Advent program based on the music of Praetorius in December. A highlight of the season will be a performance on Palm Sunday afternoon, April 16, 2000, of J. S. Bach's monumental *St. Matthew Passion* with the Ann Arbor Symphony in Hill Auditorium, conducted by Thomas Sheets.

Participation in the Choral Union remains open to all by audition. Representing a mixture of townspeople, students and faculty, members of the Choral Union share one common passion—a love of the choral art. For more information about the UMS Choral Union, call 734.763.8997 or e-mail edeb@umich.edu.

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Hill Auditorium

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Hill Auditorium is slated for renovation in the coming years. Developed by Albert Kahn and Associates (architects of the original concert hall) and leading theatre and acoustical consultants, the renovation plans include an elevator, expanded bathroom facilities, air conditioning, and other improvements.

Rackham Auditorium

rixty years ago, chamber music concerts) in Ann Arbor were a relative rarity, presented in an assortment of venues including University Hall (the precursor to Hill Auditorium), Hill Auditorium, and Newberry Hall, the current home of the Kelsev Museum. When Horace H. Rackham, a Detroit lawyer who believed strongly in the importance of the study of human history and human thought, died in 1933, his will established the Horace H. Rackham and Mary A. Rackham Fund, which subsequently awarded the University of Michigan the funds not only to build the Horace H. Rackham Graduate School, which houses the 1,129-seat Rackham Auditorium, but also to establish a \$4-million endowment to further the development of graduate studies. Even more remarkable than the size of the gift, which is still considered one of the most ambitious ever given to higher-level education, is the fact that neither of the Rackhams ever attended the University of Michigan.



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Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre

n 1926, construction was being discussed for the Women's League, the female counterpart to the all-male Michigan Union. Gordon Mendelssohn of Detroit seized the opportunity to support the inclusion of a theatre in the plans and building of the Woman's League, and donated \$50,000 in 1926 to establish the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, stipulating that the theatre would

always bear his mother's name. UMS recently began presenting artists in the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre in 1993, when Eartha Kitt and Barbara Cook graced the stage of the intimate 658-seat theatre for the 100th May Festival's Cabaret Ball. Now, with a programmatic initiative to present song in recital, the superlative Mendelssohn Theatre has become a recent venue addition to UMS' roster and the home of the Song Recital series.

Detroit Opera House

he Detroit Opera House opened in April of 1996 following an extensive renovation by Michigan Opera Theatre. Boasting a 75,000 square foot stage house (the largest stage between New York and Chicago), an orchestra pit large enough to accommodate 100 musicians and an acoustical virtue to rival the

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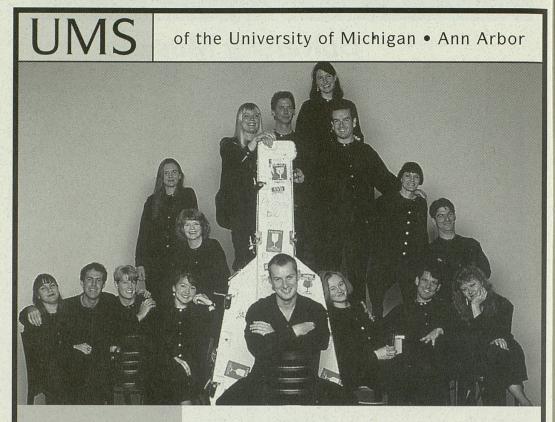
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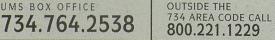
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Ludwig van Beethoven

String Quartet in D Major, Op. 18, No. 3

Allegro Andante con moto Allegro Presto

Irving Fine

String Quartet (1952)

Allegro risoluto Lento

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Beethoven

String Quartet in c-sharp minor, Op. 131

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String Quartet in D Major, Op. 18, No. 3

Ludwig van Beethoven Born December 16, 1770 in Bonn Died March 26, 1827 in Vienna

Beethoven described his early time in Vienna as "long years of drudgery," during which he worked hard to establish and promote his reputation not just as a piano virtuoso, but as a serious composer in all the major genres. His sketchbooks from this period testify of the effort and energy he invested during these years of apprenticeship, but he later expressed gratitude for the discipline he developed during this time, a discipline derived from efforts to master the entire field of composition.

The six string quartets published in 1801 as Beethoven's Opus 18 represent the composer's first attempts at the principal chamber music genre of his age. Understandably, they are closely modeled on the quartets of Haydn and Mozart – for Beethoven the apprentice there could hardly have been better masters to learn from. But the *String Quartets*, Op. 18 also demonstrate how rapidly Beethoven assimilated, mastered, and expanded upon that essentially Classical tradition.

The String Quartet in D Major, though published as the third in the set, was almost certainly the first of the six to be completed. Beethoven scholar Joseph de Marliave claims there is more of Haydn and Mozart in this quartet than in any of the others: it was Beethoven's best attempt at composing "in the old quartet style." For the most part he follows the Classical traditions, giving prominence to the first violin and assigning the cello a mainly harmonic role. But it wasn't until after he completed this homage to the past that Beethoven exclaimed to his friend Karl Amenda, "I have just learned how to write quartets properly." Already he was envisioning the future of the string

quartet genre, a future that he would, in large part, shape single-handedly.

The fluent and poetic melody that opens the "Allegro" shows that while this may be a relatively youthful work, it is not immature. Beethoven immediately puts his own thumbprint on it, audaciously beginning with a dominant harmony instead of the tonic triad (the traditional opening chord of the sonata-allegro form). After the transition, the second key area curiously detours through C Major before settling on the dominant, A Major. The recapitulation begins almost imperceptibly - rather than preparing it with dominant harmony, Beethoven writes a measure of insistently repeated C-sharp Major triads. The chord vanishes, leaving just the 'c-sharp,' which is then reinterpreted as the leading tone in D Major. The recapitulation is well under way before the audience recognizes the harmonic sleight-of-hand. With brief feints to g minor and E-flat Major in the coda, Beethoven indicates his willingness to explore more distant harmonic relationships.

The harmonic games continue into the second movement, a broad *rondo* with a solemn yet gracious main theme in the distant key of B-flat Major. While the flat submediant relationship would in later years become a favorite key area for early Romantic composers, its use here is relatively unusual. Still, Beethoven had given a hint of his intentions by emphasizing B-flat Major in the development section of the first movement.

The brief third movement is not labeled *scherzo*, though it is decidedly faster than a *minuet*. Lacking the *scherzo's* sense of play, it whispers eerily. Basil Lam writes that it "could almost belong to one of the last quartets, with its undertone of pathos and its elusive rhythms." Keeping up the harmonic third relations, Beethoven doesn't end the first section on dominant, but

cadences on the mediant (f-sharp minor). The *minore* trio is based on the familiar descending four-note bass pattern used in many baroque ground-bass compositions. Beethoven then writes out the repeat of the opening in full, adding octaves to emphasize the ghostly impression.

The sprightly "Presto" finale is a concise sonata form. Some writers have suggested that the high-spirited theme contains in its rhythms the germ of the famous "shortshort-short-long" motif that would later appear most famously in the composer's *Symphony No. 5*. But at this tempo, the motif takes on a much livelier and less portentous character. The polyphonic development section allows the cello a degree of independence rarely found in earlier quartets. After a traditionally-conceived recapitulation, a final *diminuendo* ends the work with a touch of unaffected comedy.

String Quartet (1952)

Irving Fine Born December 3, 1914 in Boston Died August 23, 1962 in Boston

Though neither prolific, influential, nor especially innovative in his musical style, Irving Fine is still regarded as one of the most accessible American composers of his generation. A native of Boston, he studied at Harvard University under Edward Burlingame Hill and Walter Piston, later moving to Paris to work with the famed neo-classicist Nadia Boulanger. Fine embraced neoclassicism wholeheartedly, and became one of its strongest advocates in America during the post-war period. Upon his return to the US, he taught at Harvard, and later at Brandeis, where he worked alongside another staunch neoclassicist, Harold Shapero. While serving as chair of the music division at Brandeis, Fine died of a heart attack at the age of forty-seven, only

eleven days after conducting his most ambitious work, *Symphony (1962)*, at Tanglewood.

Fine's music leans toward the romantic end of neoclassicism: lyrical, richly-scored, and with a spontaneity that is sometimes lacking in the dry and calculated objectivity of Stravinskian neoclassicism. But like Stravinksy, Fine experimented with serial procedures after Schoenberg's death in 1951. His String Quartet (1952), composed on a commission from the Koussevitsky Foundation, is the first work in which he employed the twelve-tone technique with any consistency. He wrote, "While all the melodic material, the harmonies and the figuration have been generated by the 'row,' the use of the 'row' technique is fairly free; and the work as a whole is frankly tonal, 'c' being the prevailing tonality." This combination of serial procedure with a proclivity for quasi-tonal rows suggests an affinity with Berg, prompting British music historian Wilfred Mellers to characterize Fine's music as if it were "Berg reborn" in the freshness of the New England countryside.

The String Quartet is in two movements, though the composer noted that each movement is "essentially tripartite" in form. The first, marked "Allegro risoluto," alternates unison passages with heterogeneous polyphony, a generous use of *pizzicato*, and driving rhythms that perhaps owe more to Bartók than Berg. A slower, recitative-like middle section provides some contrast, but the mood gradually reverts as the opening material returns, ending with a series of gently dissonant cluster chords.

The "Lento" opens with lush harmonies sustained in long held chords, as echoes of birdcalls quietly chirp in the background. Brisk *arpeggio* runs interrupt the calm, introducing a contrasting middle section, which is itself tripartite in form. It is as if Fine inserted an abbreviated reprise of the first movement in the middle of the second. After the return of the lush *lento* chords, a reiterated tritone brings the work to a subdued but unresolved conclusion.

String Quartet in c-sharp minor, Op. 131

Beethoven

Mahler believed that the symphony should "embrace everything," but Beethoven proved with his String Quartet in c-sharp minor, Op. 131, that this intimate chamber genre could also encompass a world of expressive possibilities. Written between November 1825 and July 1826, the String Ouartet in csharp minor is surely one of the most heterogeneous collections of movements to be gathered under a single title. Beethoven joked to his publisher that it was nothing more than a series of odds and ends left over from other works (later assuring him that it was indeed "all new"). The work has seven movements - including a fugue, theme and variations, and a sonata-allegro and no less than twenty tempo changes (not including ritardandos and a tempi). But Op. 131 is also perhaps the most deeply integrated quartet Beethoven ever composed.

Beethoven entirely abandons the traditional movement structure in this quartet. The format more closely resembles an eighteenth-century *divertimento* in its succession of disparate movements. But while the first and last movements are the only ones in the tonic key, the harmonic scheme for the quartet is derived from an over-arching cadential progression that leads inexorably to the finale. The succession of movement types, linked without a break, also throws the work's formal weight onto the final *sonata-allegro*. Like *Symphony No.* 9, it is a finale-based composition.

The "Adagio" fugue that opens Op. 131 is the first opening slow movement

Beethoven composed since the "Moonlight" piano sonata some twenty-five years earlier. As the "Moonlight" sonata is also the only other work he wrote in c-sharp minor, it seems Beethoven associated this key with a certain brooding, mysterious quality. But the home key is barely established before wide-ranging modulations move through four changes of key signature in the movement. Wagner may have been overstating the case somewhat when he called this fugue "the saddest thing ever said in notes." Daniel Gregory Mason's description of it as a "peculiar blend of passion with patience" is perhaps closer to the mark.

The fugue ends on octave 'c-sharps,' which then shift up a half-step to 'd' for the second movement, a gentle *scherzo* in a highly compressed sonata form that is as cheerful as the fugue was grave. The main theme is unselfconsciously naïve, and there is hardly any second theme to speak of. Just as the new key area is established, the recapitulation makes its surprisingly eager entry, with a slightly extended coda compensating for the intrusion.

Though numbered separately in Beethoven's manuscript, the third movement is little more than a brief, declamatory interlude in recitative style. The set of variations that follow manifests yet again the composer's late-style fascination with variation forms. This central movement is a moment of repose in which both form and harmony are stable; there are no surprises here. The A-Major theme, with pizzicato cello and sustained viola, exudes warmth and depth, while a rest on the first beat creates a mild ambiguity of meter. The remainder of the movement consists of six double variations (with the repeats written out in full and slightly varied). The first four are decorative. Variation five, however, reduces the theme to its essence; Vincent d'Indy described it as "almost silence." The sixth and final variation is halting and anxious.

What begins as a seventh devolves into a series of trills that then develops into a lengthy coda. The last measures were particularly troublesome for Beethoven; in his notebooks he modified the final four measures fifteen times, and the final published version was different again.

The "Presto" in E Major is decidedly more high-spirited than the second movement, with a madcap humor that is perhaps even a little vulgar (at least in the original sense). It goes to the trio section twice, but on the third attempt, the *scherzo* and trio collide head on, and both are momentarily disoriented. The strings play the main theme *sul ponticello* (the only time Beethoven used this technique), producing a thin, highpitched effect that is outrageously comic.

The brief "Adagio" in G-sharp Major, possibly based on an old French song, functions as an extended dominant preparation for the final sonata-allegro movement, the end-goal of the entire work. Joseph Kerman writes of the finale, "It crowns the composition in practically every way: in force of expression, intellectual intensity, breadth of action, and integrative power over the composition as a whole." It begins with a theme whose notes are almost identical to the main theme from Bach's Musical Offering (also in c-sharp minor), while the contrasting theme alludes explicitly to the first movement. The development and recapitulation are both rather terse, emphasizing the laconic nature of the themes themselves. Though the quartet ends on a tonic major chord, Donald Tovey describes the coda as "unsurpassed anywhere in Beethoven for tragic power."

An often-repeated anecdote claims that Beethoven was once asked which of his compositions he liked the best. Though reluctant to single one out above the rest, he reportedly replied that of all his works, this quartet was his favorite.

Program notes by Luke Howard.

he **American String Quartet** celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary in the 1998/1999 season with a tour that included concerts in all fifty states, a

performance at the Kennedy Center in Washington, and two European tours. In the years since its inception, the Quartet has achieved a position of rare esteem in the world of chamber music. On annual tours that have included virtually every important concert hall in eight European countries and across North America, the Quartet has won critical acclaim for its presentations of the complete quartets of Beethoven, Schubert, Schoenberg, Bartók and Mozart, and for collaborations with a host of distinguished artists.

Resident Quartet at the Aspen Music Festival since 1974 and at the Taos School of Music since 1979, the American also has ongoing series under the auspices of University Musical Society of the University of Michigan and the Orange County Performing Arts Center in California. The Quartet is credited with broadening public awareness and enjoyment of chamber music across North America through educational programs, seminars, broadcast performances, and published articles. It was one of the first ensembles to receive a National Arts Endowment grant for its activities on college campuses. Its commitment to contemporary music has resulted in numerous commissions and awards, among them three prize-winners at the Kennedy Center's Friedheim Awards.

Quartet-in-Residence at the Manhattan School of Music in New York since 1984, the members of the Quartet were previously on the faculty of the Peabody Conservatory (where they initiated the program of quartet studies) and in 1992 they served as resident ensemble for the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition.

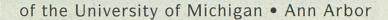


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The American String Quartet continues to reach a widening audience through its recordings, most recently the complete Mozart string quartets for MusicMasters/ Musical Heritage on a set of matched Stradivarius instruments, released during the 1997/1998 season. The Quartet's diverse activities have also included numerous radio and television broadcasts in fifteen countries, tours to Japan and the Far East, and performances with the Montreal Symphony, the New York City Ballet and the Philadelphia Orchestra.

The four musicians studied at The Juilliard School, where the Quartet was formed in 1974, winning the Coleman Competition and the Naumburg Award that same year. Outside the Quartet, each finds time for solo appearances and recitals.

This performance marks the American String Quartet's tenth appearance under UMS auspices.



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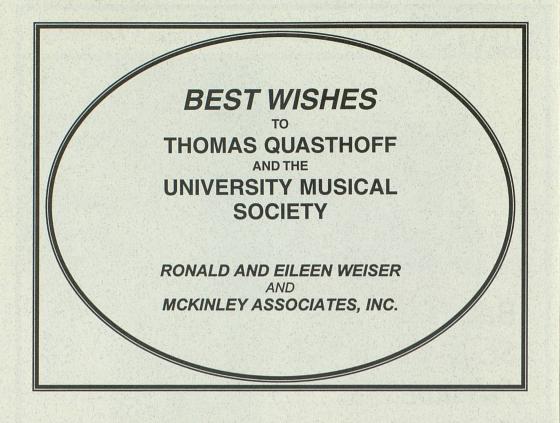
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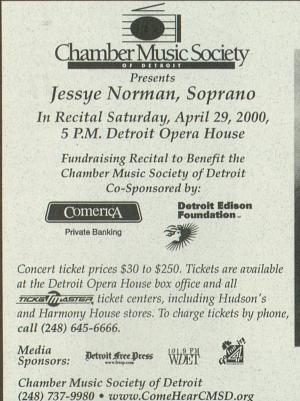
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Lieder, Op. 32

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Claude Debussy

Ballades de François Villon

Ballade de Villon à s'Amye Ballade que Villon feit à la requeste de sa mère pour prier Nostre-Dame Ballade des femmes de Paris

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Program Notes

As with the other concerts in this season's UMS Song Series, tonight's recital offers lovers of the art-song an array of treasures, many of which are seldom heard with any regularity. Interesting too is the fact that tonight's repertoire by Liszt, Debussy and Ravel was written specifically with the baritone voice in mind. In these groups of songs we are treated to the composer's initial concept of color, rather than, say, a transposed performance of Schumann's Dichterliebe or Schubert's Die schöne Müllerin. Finally, as one scans the program, one cannot help but notice too that with that same trio of composers (Liszt, Debussy, and Ravel), the repertoire is evoking centuries and cultures far from home.

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Some composers are songwriters, whether or not they are writing songs. This seemingly paradoxical statement becomes clearer when one listens to the Impromptus or chamber music of Schubert or the piano music or instrumental sonatas of Poulenc. With or without text, music for these gentlemen was always the song, and the key for any interpreter of their non-vocal works is surely investigation of their output for voice and piano. With Brahms one needs to turn this thesis upside-down. If an instrumentalist were to appropriate a Brahms song and offer it in a textless performance, the overall effect on the audience would remain fairly unchanged. Brahms obscures the boundary between abstract, absolute music and programmatic settings of texts. Thus his two-hundred songs, while indispensable to the recital repertoire, are

specific to no performer; they create beautiful generalized envelopes for a poem, but cannot afford to paint individual details *and* remain true to Brahms' credo.

For all these reasons, Brahms tended to select poetry first for its inherent musical value (first-rate poetry from a literary viewpoint was never required), and secondly for its ability to mirror the composer's own life and feelings. Tonight's opus definitely underscores the latter. In 1858, Brahms met the charming Agathe von Siebold at the house of some friends in Göttingen, and thus began a five-year romantic idyll for the two, made even more passionate by Brahms' continual comings and goings as he endeavored to launch his career in Vienna. More than a dozen songs depict the composer's blissful mood during this time, and naturally Brahms chose poems of a charming and light-hearted nature. But in 1862, with his parents' separation and his failure to achieve true success with the Viennese public, Brahms put work ahead of all things, and abruptly broke off his engagement to

Agathe. Her life was never to be happy again, and to express his own guilt and despair, Brahms selected nine poems from three different poets to create opus 32. The last song adores the beloved ("How wonderful you are!") but resonates as ironic, given Brahms' break with Agathe. Number four asks: "Where is the rose, where is the kiss? Where is the man I used to be?" And most telling of all, the group's second song, clearly and painfully autobiographical: "I decided not to see you any more...I want to stop living." For this song, Brahms chose d minor, always his most dramatic key, and commented on the tortured text with a searing postlude for the piano, the only extended event for the keyboard in this opus.

Beyond the autobiographical, opus 32 is interesting too from a purely musical standpoint. Throughout his life, Brahms considered the German folksong the purest form of expression. It was his model, his archetype, and he endeavored to honor its simplicity, its directness, its lack of sophistication in his art-song writing. With opus 32, however - perhaps due to his inner turmoil, one can only speculate - he broke not only with Agathe, but with his own traditional methods. In these nine songs, we encounter through-composed songs for the first time from Brahms' pen. These are rhapsodies, with echoes of traditional forms, but with startling departures too. The composer's next opus was to be his majestic song-cycle, Die Schöne Magelone, fifteen songs which fill an entire evening, many resembling no less than a symphonic movement in scope. Clearly, Brahms needed new harmonies and



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If we limit the candidates to musicians. Franz Liszt claims the award of the ultimate "renaissance man." No musical activity or style eluded him. As a pianist his name is synonymous with virtuoso, and only violinist Nicolo Paganini comes close in terms of fame and acclaim throughout Europe and the Americas. As a composer, Liszt is not only significantly more prolific than all his peers, he is startlingly contemporary for his era. His musical imagination knows no boundaries, and his liberal ideas closely resemble those of our own century. The orchestral tone-poems of Strauss and Debussy owe their very existence to Liszt who invented the genre. His harmonic experiments were radical for the middle of the nineteenth century, and they remain fascinating even today. We probably think of Liszt primarily in terms of the piano, but actually he composed in every facet of the repertoire, including more than a hundred songs in French, Hungarian, German, English, and the Italian which he hear this evening.

Liszt went far outside his own era in creating these Petrarch sonnets. This is true only for these three songs, for in the remainder of his vocal output, he used poetry of his European contemporaries. Francesco Petrarca was a highly celebrated fourteenth-century scholar and writer, and, interestingly enough, shared the title "abbot" with Liszt, as both men had taken religious orders. On an extended visit to Avignon in 1327, Petrarch first beheld the now-immortalized Laura. From that day forward, he was to write of her and to her for the rest of his life. Her death in 1348 did nothing to stem the tide of romantic outpouring. Most of this poetry is in sonnet

form, with strict adherence to its rules regarding meter, poetic feet, and inflection, yet giving the reader the impression of spontaneous and free-form rhapsodizing. This homage to the divine Laura became known and admired throughout Italy and France to the extent that "Petrarchian verse" became a literary term representative of a whole genre. What perfect fodder for the unfettered imagination of Franz Liszt!

Created first in 1846 for piano solo, the composer selected three sonnets and added the text for the first vocal version which appeared ten years later. This is the version of these songs best known today: in a totally Italian style for high lyric tenor, offering both singer and pianist consum-

mate expressive opportunities, and making heroic demands upon them in terms of range, dynamic extremes and stamina. Liszt rarely left his compositions alone, always editing and revising; one must always inquire which version one is to prepare when receiving a repertoire assignment. Such is the case tonight, for five years after the tenor version in 1861, Liszt rearranged and transposed the sonnets for the baritone voice. One must admit that this later version is more subdued, more thoughtful, less exaggerated than its cousin for tenor. Nonetheless, more romantic songs do not exist in any repertoire or any language. Pay particular attention to the couplet with which each sonnet concludes; Petrarch and Liszt have together captured the poem's larger message in these few words so eloquently - one wonders how the beloved could survive ardor on such a scale.

Debussy is the second composer tonight to reach backward five-hundred years for his texts. These three ballades for baritone and piano of 1910 take their inspiration from the words of François Villon, the finest French poet of the Middle Ages. Throughout the 2000 lines of Villon's lifework, The Great Testament, a mournful and self-critical philosophical epic poem, we find scattered and interspersed myriad ballades, couplets and rounds on more personal subjects, be they biting or comical. Debussy has created a wonderful tryptich by selecting one lyric each in a romantic, sacred and bawdy vein. This is Debussy in the full flower of his craft: Pelléas was fifteen years behind him; he had perfected musical inflections to create idiomatic prosody of the French language; his mastery of color and sonority for its own sake and for its emotional implications was complete. Unlike Brahms' method of dealing with texts, Debussy captures every single event, but not at the expense of the larger picture. By combining passion and precision in equal amounts, he has made these antique texts come alive for us.

The first of the ballades carries the unique instructions: "with a mixture of anguish and regret." In a free recitative style, Debussy captures the irony, the sarcasm as well as the underlying sadness in Villon's unrequited love. By means of plainsong melodies for the piano, modal harmonies, and gothic cathedral-like fifths, the second song immediately establishes its credentials. Villon's illiterate mother requested this prayer of him, and it is touching to see how this sophisticated writer simplifies his language to portray her way of expressing herself. Villon led a criminal's existence, always in prison or running from it, and yet his faith and abject respect for the Church is completely believable in these words. Both composer and poet were very experienced in matters of the opposite sex throughout their lives, and the two clearly delight in the long international list that serves to praise Parisian women in the final song of

this set. This third song is a bawdy rollicking, even shocking finale for this opus. It is further interesting that with Petrarch's sonnets, Liszt had to contend with the couplet; here Debussy, because of Villon's use of *ballade* form, must deal with the

envoi, the concluding refrain of each stanza. The composer finds the perfect melodic motive, which serves to not only sum up each strophe, but to unify each song's overall attitude.

IV

Debussy

Throughout his life, Maurice Ravel was fascinated by cultures other than his own, and half of his output for voice deals with the foreign and exotic. These three songs of Don Quixote are the composer's last work, and although in French and penned in 1932, clearly establish both the nationality and time period of Cervantes' great knight. Thus they are the third time in this evening's concert where a composer has been required to evoke other than the familiar. We are in sixteenth-century Spain, and Ravel has employed traditional Spanish dance-forms to guarantee the required nationalism. The guajira's ("Chanson romanesque") most distinctive characteristic is its change from duple to triple meter every other measure. A zorzica ("Chanson épique") has five beats in a bar; this name is the ancestor for our word, "sorcery," perhaps because five is so unusual. Finally, that most

joyous of Spanish dances, the *jota* is used for Don Quixote's sojourn in a tavern ("Chanson à boire"), lambasting weaker men and toasting only joy.

The score for this brief cycle, be it the original version for piano or the orchestrated version of a year later, looks nothing like what we are accustomed to seeing from this composer. Not only does he accomplish his task with a bare minimum of notes rather than a cascade of watercolor effects, but his directions to the performers, usually copious and highly detailed, are here virtually nonexistent. Thus the bare simplicity of Middle Ages Spain is captured, the sounds of sixteenth-century instruments are cleverly suggested, and the performers have an inherent freedom in their performances usually not permitted by the precise impressionists.

These last utterances of Ravel have a curious history. The great Russian basso, Feodor Chaliapin, was contracted to portrav Don Ouixote in a film. and several composers were invited to submit incidental music in the form of songs. Despite his prestige and inter-Pavel national reputation, Ravel lost this contest to his colleague Jacques Ibert, whose cycle of four songs is another staple of the baritone repertoire today. Ravel's disappointment could not have been long lived, however, for the film was never made, and this trio of songs has become one of his most popular pieces for voice.

Program notes by Martin Katz.



erman bass-baritone **Thomas Quasthoff** is recognized as one of the most remarkable singers of his generation. He has been engaged by many of

the world's leading orchestras and collaborated with such renowned conductors as Claudio Abbado, Sir Colin Davis, Seiji Ozawa, Sir Simon Rattle, Mstislav Rostropovich and Helmuth Rilling.

During the 1998-99 season, Mr. Quasthoff's US engagements included Mahler's Des Knaben Wunderhorn with the New York Philharmonic and Sir Colin Davis, Mahler's Das Lied von der Erde with the Boston Symphony Orchestra and Seiji Ozawa and Brahms' Ein deutsches Requiem with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Daniel Barenboim with performances in Chicago and Berlin. In Europe, he appeared with the Berlin Philharmonic and Sir Simon Rattle (Mozart arias), the Concertgebouw Orchestra and Bernard Haitink (Berlioz' Damnation of Faust), the Deutsche Symphonie-Orchester Berlin with Michael Gielen (Bach's St. Matthew Passion) and the London Symphony Orchestra and Mstislav Rostropovich (Britten's War Requiem) at the Evian Festival.

In recital, Thomas Quasthoff sang Schubert's *Winterreise* with overwhelming success in Paris, Vienna, Salzburg, Munich, on tour in Japan and in New York in January, 1999 when he made his New York recital debut on the Great Performers at Lincoln Center series.

During the summer of 1999, Mr. Quasthoff made his debuts at the Ravinia, Tanglewood and Mostly Mozart festivals singing Mozart arias with the Freiburg Baroque Orchestra. Highlights of his 1999/2000 season include his Carnegie Hall debut with the Boston Symphony Orchestra and Seiji Ozawa singing Britten's *War Requiem* and a US recital tour including this concert as well as concerts in Atlanta,



Thomas Quasthoff

Berkeley, Los Angeles and at the Kennedy Center. European engagements include performances of Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 with Sir Simon Rattle with both the Vienna Philharmonic and the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, the Brahms Requiem with Kurt Masur and the London Philharmonic as well as recitals in the cities of Vienna, London, Berlin, Amsterdam and St. Petersburg. Mr. Quasthoff returns to the Tanglewood, Mostly Mozart and Oregon Bach festivals during summer 2000. Additional upcoming appearances include debuts with the Cleveland Orchestra and the Pittsburgh Symphony and re-engagements with the New York Philharmonic, the Boston Symphony and the Chicago Symphony.

Thomas Quasthoff has already amassed an impressive discography which includes recordings for BMG, Haenssler, EMI-Electrola, Philips, and the Bayer labels. In June 1999 he signed an exclusive recording contract with Deutsche Grammophon. In addition to several recital discs, Deutsche Grammophon will record Mr. Quasthoff singing works by Brahms, Mahler, Berio, Mussorgsky, Shostakovich and Pfitzner in collaborations with Claudia Abbado, Pierre Boulez, Christian Thielemann and Mikhail Pletnev. Recent recordings on the BMG label are lieder by Schumann, Schubert's Winterreise, and a collection of Mozart concert and opera arias. His first recording for Deutsche Grammophon, released in June 1999, was Mahler's Des Knaben Wunderhorn with Anne Sofie von Otter and the Berlin Philharmonic conducted by Claudio Abbado. The Des Knaben Wunderhorn received the 1999 Grammy Award for best vocal performance while the Winterreise received a Grammy nomination in the same category.

The subject of numerous articles in the national press including *Time*, *People* and *Esquire* magazines, Mr. Quasthoff was also profiled on the CBS news program *60 Minutes*.

Thomas Quasthoff began his vocal studies with Professor Charlotte Lehmann and Professor Huber-Contwig (musicology) in Hannover, Germany. His national and international awards include First Prize in the 1988 ARD International Music Competition in Munich, the Shostakovich Prize in 1996 (Moscow), and the Hamada Trust/Scotsman Festival Prize (Edinburgh International Festival, 1996). Since 1996 he has been professor in the vocal department of the Music Academy in Detmold, Germany where he maintains a vigorous teaching schedule.

Tonight's recital marks Thomas Quasthoff's debut under UMS auspices.

orn in Kiel, Germany, Justus Zeyen received his first piano lessons from the famous German pianist, Cord Garben. He then studied at the Hochschule für Musik und Theater in Hannover with Martin Dörrie, Karl Engel and Bernhardt Ebert. He also participated in



masterclasses of Eric Werba, Mistuko Shirai and Hartmut Höll, and Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau. In 1982 and 1986 he was awarded scholarships by the Richard Wagner Foundation. Since then, Mr.

Zeven has been a

Justus Zeyen

well sought after pianist giving concerts in Europe, Japan and the US. He has worked with such artists as Bernd Weikl and Siegfried Lorenz and has been a guest at the festivals of Braunschweiger Kammersmusikpodium, Kissinger Simmer, Schleswig-Holstein, Schubertiade Feldkirch and the Oregon Bach Festival.

Beginning with concerts at the Lockenhaus Chamber Music Festival in 1994, (Gidon Kremer, director) Justus Zeyen has been the regular accompanist for Thomas Quasthoff. They have been heard at the Schubertiade Feldkirch, the Concertgebouw in Amsterdam, the Comédie des Champ Elysées in Paris, in Monte Carlo, the Moscow Conservatory, Berlin Philharmonic and many other major venues.

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Program

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J.S. Bach Birthday Celebration

In allen meinen Taten: Cantata No. 97, BWV 97 (excerpt) Nicht ist es spat und frühe, Versus II (Aria)

LUSMANN, PARMENTIER, ELLIOTT

Mache dich, mein Geist, bereit: Cantata No. 115, BWV 115 (excerpt)

Bete aber auch dabei, Versus IV (Aria: Molto Adagio)

MAJOR, PARMENTIER, PORTER, ELLIOTT

Overture (Suite) No. 2 in b minor, BWV 1067

Overture Rondeau Sarabande Bourée I and II Polonaise and Double Menuet Badinerie

PORTER, PARMENTIER

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Schweigt stille, plaudert nicht: Cantata No. 211, BWV 211 (The Coffee Cantata)

Schweigt stille, plaudert nicht: Recitative (Narrator) Hat man nicht mit seinen Kindern: Aria (Schlendrian) Du boses Kind: Recitative (Schlendrian and Lieschen) Ei! wie schmeckt der Coffee: Aria (Lieschen) Wenn du mir nicht den Coffee: Recitative (Schlendrian and Lieschen)

Madchen die von harten Sinnen: Aria (Schlendrian) Nun folge: Recitative (Schlendrian and Lieschen) Heute noch, heute noch: Aria (Lieschen) Nun geht und sucht: Recitative (Narrator) Die Katze lasst das Mausen nicht: Chorus (Lieschen, Tenor, Schlendrian)

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In allen meinen Taten: Cantata No. 97, BWV 97 (excerpt)

Johann Sebastian Bach Born March 21, 1685 in Eisenach Died July 28, 1750 in Leipzig

The vast majority of J. S. Bach's sacred cantatas were composed for the weekly worship services at the St. Thomas church in Leipzig where he worked as cantor. Most were written during the mid-1720s, when Bach first took up the post. The chorale cantata BWV 97, In allen meinen Taten, does not, however, belong to this earlier series of cantata cycles. The autograph manuscript dates from 1734, but it is not known for what occasion he wrote it. It may have been an attempt to fill in gaps left by the earlier cantata cycles, but the opening movement, in the style of a French overture, suggests that it may also have been intended for an inauguration. (Only five of Bach's cantatas begin with a French Overture, and the other four were composed for various civic and religious inaugurations.)

The bass aria in g-minor, "Nich ist es spat und frühe" comes immediately after the opening chorus. The text (the second versus of the original hymn text by Paul Fleming) is an expression of faith in God's power to calm the troubled soul. Bach sets this verse as a gentle two-part continuo aria that remains mostly in the home key, modulating to cminor at the start of the second section but quickly returning to tonic.

Mache dich, mein Geist, bereit: Cantata No. 115, BWV 115 (excerpt)

I.S. Bach

Bach composed the Cantata BWV 115, *Mache dich, mein Geist, bereit*, for the twentysecond Sunday of Trinity in 1724. The text, based on the hymn by Johann Burkhard Freystein, entreats the soul to awaken for the Last Judgement. The centerpiece of the cantata, "Bete aber auch dabei," is surely one of the loveliest soprano arias Bach ever wrote.

Scored for continuo, obligato flute and piccolo cello (a five-stringed instrument with a range between a cello and a viola), this ravishing and tranquil aria begins with a long duet by the obligato instruments, the continuo providing discreet harmonic support. The voice enters in long notes, almost imperceptibly, and is never as rhythmically active as the flute and cello, as if to underscore the caution of the text: "Pray yet, even in the midst of keeping watch." The transition to the 'B' section is seamless, but the textual emphasis on Christ's power to cleanse the sinner (with its connotation of the crucifixion) leads to slightly more chromatic, moving lines in the voice. Both instruments and voice share a rising figure of an ornamented third that Bach scholar Alec Robertson suggests is a reference to the heavenward pleadings of the now-awakened soul.

Overture (Suite) No. 2 in b minor, BWV 1067

J. S. Bach

Beginning with Jean-Baptiste Lully, and for generations after, a concert performance of baroque dances from an opera or ballet was always preceded by the overture from the work in question. It wasn't long before composers began to write independent suites for orchestral ensembles that followed this same pattern. German composers at the turn of the seventeenth century, including Telemann, Fasch, and Fux, even used the title of "Overture" to refer not just to the first movement, but to the overture-suite as a whole.

It is in this same tradition that Bach wrote his four orchestral "overtures," BWV 1066-1069. In each, the first movement – the overture itself – is so extensive that it is really the most important movement of the suite. In these opening movements Bach combines the fugal *allegro* of Lully with the formal arrangement of a *ritornello* and the concertante textures of Vivaldi. In the movements that follow, Bach only made sparing use of the traditional dances found in orchestral suites of his day. He omits, for example, the *allemande*, but includes instead several additional dances such as the *bourrée*, *gavotte*, *polonaise*, and *minuet*. He also added "free" movements – the *badinerie*, *réjouissance* and *air* – that are not dance-based at all.

Bach scholars have had trouble dating the composition the Orchestral Suite in b minor, BWV 1067. Although the earliest extant manuscripts are a set of parts from his later Leipzig years, some scholars believe the suite's style suggests it was composed while Bach was in Cöthen (1717-1723). Others have concluded that the hybrid form, which blends the movements of a suite with the orchestration of a flute concerto (solo flute, strings, and continuo) indicates it may have a much later composition date, possibly even the last orchestral work he wrote.

The opening overture is in the French style, with a grave dotted-rhythm passage moving into a lively and extensive fugue. (The repeat of the fugue, though notated in the score, is not usually observed in modern performances.) The suite stays in b minor for all the remaining dance movements. First is a "Rondeau," an uncomplicated dance with an affectingly naïve main theme, and a stately "Sarabande" in which the traditional emphasis on the second beat is hardly noticeable at all. The two lively "Bourrées" that follow are played without a break, the first being repeated after the second in da capo fashion. The "Polonaise" is also treated as a three-part form, with a "Double" (a solo variation played over the original melody, which has been transferred to the bass) forming the central section. Unusually, the "Polonaise" is

marked *lentement*; this is the only one of Bach's compositions to include this particular French tempo indication. The elegant "Menuet" makes much use of *appogiatura* in the melody, emphasized by the long, held notes in alternate measures. Since it is not a dance-based movement, the final "Badinerie" (literally, a "jest or joke," but usually interpreted as "trifle") has no standard form or rhythmic character. Here Bach writes a showpiece for the flute, a rolicking finale that highlights the soloist's agility and virtuosity.

Schweigt stille, plaudert nicht: Cantata No. 211, BWV 211

(The Coffee Cantata)

J. S. Bach

One of Bach's numerous musical responsibilities in Leipzig was director of the Collegium Musicum, a group of music lovers that meet every Friday evening at Zimmermann's coffee house to perform music. Consisting largely of university students, the Collegium numbered at times up to forty participants, and according to contemporary reports the standard of musical performances was exceptional.

It seems certain that Bach composed his most famous secular cantata, the "Coffee Cantata" some time in late 1734 or early 1735, to be performed at Zimmermann's by the Collegium. This cantata is in the form of a small drama, complete with narrator, to a libretto by Picander (the pen name for Christian Friedrich Henrici, librettist for several of Bach's sacred cantatas as well). This is the closest Bach ever came to writing an opera. It has features of both popular and galant styles, as well as the realism of setting and character that was characteristic of the emergent opera buffa genre. In proportion and style it is rather similar to Pergolesi's La Serva Padrona, which was composed around the same time.

In this short narrative, Lieschen, a willful young lady, is addicted to coffee, despite her grumpy old father Schlendrian's disapproval. The exasperated Schlendrian threatens to prevent her from marrying unless she gives up coffee. Lieshcen agrees, but (in an addition to the libretto that Bach may have written himself) adds the stipulation that her suitors must be willing to indulge her addiction once they are married. In the first aria, "Hat man nicht mit seinen Kindern," the mirthless Schlendrian (a name that could translate roughly as "Mr. Stick-in-the-mud") complains about his daughter's addiction with stubbornly insistent repeated notes. Lieschen responds in a lilting da capo aria on the joys of coffee ("lovelier than a thousand kisses, milder than muscatel wine"), while the ornaments in the flute obligato curl with the allure of the beverage's distinctive aroma. The father's second aria is just as stern, and more chromatic, as he plans to compel his daughter's obedience. Lieschen then sings a dancelike aria in which she agrees to give up coffee for the possibility of a "proper lover". But the narrator's recitative informs the audience of Lieschen's private stipulation, and the final light-hearted trio outlines the inevitability of coffee's appeal: "Cats won't stop catching mice, and maidens remain faithful to their coffee." No doubt the management at Zimmermann's coffee house was grateful for the free advertisement.

Program notes by Luke Howard.

Juliana Athayde is a sophomore violin performance major in the School of Music. A native of the San Francisco Bay Area, Juliana has soloed with the Contra Costa Chamber and Holy Names College Orchestras, the Diablo, Flint, Plymouth, Young People's, and San Francisco Symphony Orchestras. Currently a student of Paul Kantor, she has also worked with Almita and Roland Vamos, Donald Weilerstein, Irene Sharp, Bonnie Hampton, Zakhar Bron, Pinchas Zuckerman, and Midori. Juliana has played under Roger Norrington, Leonard Slatkin, and Michael Tilson Thomas while concertmaster of the San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra and is now concertmaster of the Plymouth Symphony.

Justin Bruns is a senior at the University of Michigan, where he is enrolled in the Artists and Scholars Honors Program and studies with Paul Kantor. Mr. Bruns has appeared as soloist with the Colorado, Jefferson, Littleton, Rocky Mountain (Lakewood), and University (Michigan) Symphonies, the Chester and Stockport Philharmonics, and the Sinfonia of Colorado. In addition to performing recitals in eight US states, he also gave two recital tours in England, playing in Birkenhead, Birmingham, Chester, Lincoln, Liverpool, Manchester, Winchester, and in Wales. He has occupied concertmaster and principal positions in eleven orchestral organizations, and has visited numerous summer festivasl and camps including Aspen Music Festival and the National Repertoire Orchestra. At Michigan, he coaches and performs regularly with the music school faculty and fellow students.

Anthony Elliott, a protégé of Janos Starker and of Frank Miller, won the Feuermann International Cello Solo Competition, which was followed by a highly successful New York recital. Mr. Elliott has given master classes at most leading American conservatories. He is a frequent soloist with major orchestras, including those of Detroit, Minnesota, Vancouver, CBC Toronto, and the New York Philharmonic. His CD of Kabalevsky, Martinů, and Shostakovich sonatas received a rave review from *Strad Magazine* of London and was named a "Best Buy of 1991" by the *Houston Post*. In demand as a chamber musician, Mr. Elliott has been a guest artist at the Sitka (Alaska) Summer Music Festival, the Seattle and Texas chamber music festivals, New York's Blossom Music Festival, Houston's Da Camera Series and the Victoria International Festival. He devotes his summers to teaching and performing at the Aspen Music Festival and School. Mr. Elliott, who holds the performer's certificate and a Bachelor of Music degree with honors from Indiana University, joined the faculty in 1994.

Andrew Jennings graduated from The Juilliard School. His principal teachers were Ivan Galamian, Alexander Schneider, and Raphael Druian. He was a founding member of the Concord String Quartet, a new ensemble that quickly gained international recognition by winning the Naumberg Chamber Music Award in 1972 and which performed more than 1,200 concerts throughout the US, Canada and Europe. Specializing in the performance of new works, the Quartet gave more than fifty premières and commissions; it also made numerous recordings, three of which were nominated for Grammy Awards. Mr. Jennings' teaching career began at Dartmouth College where members of the Concord Quartet were engaged as artists-inresidence from 1974 to 1987. Later he served on the faculties of the University of Akron and of Oberlin College. He currently devotes his summers to chamber music instruction at the Tanglewood Music Center.

Violinist **Paul Kantor**, Chair of the String Department at the University of Michigan School of Music, has appeared as concerto soloist with a dozen symphony orchestras, has served as concertmaster of several orchestral ensembles including the New Haven Symphony, Aspen Chamber Symphony, Lausanne Chamber Orchestra, and Great Lakes Festival Orchestra, and has been guest concertmaster of the New Japan Philharmonic and of the Toledo Symphony Orchestra. He has been especially active as a chamber musician with such groups as the New York String Quartet, the Berkshire Chamber Players, the Lenox Quartet and the National Musical Arts Chamber Ensemble. Mr. Kantor held concurrent appointments at Yale University (1981-88), the New England Conservatory (1984-88) and The Juilliard School (1985-88). Since 1980 he has spent summers as a member of the artist-faculty at Aspen, where he was concertmaster of both the Chamber Symphony and the Festival Orchestra. His principal teachers are Margaret Graves, Dorothy DeLay and Robert Mann.

Gregory Lee is acclaimed as one of the promising young violinists in Australia. He graduated from The Juilliard School at the age of twenty and the same year was awarded the University Medal from the Oueensland Conservatorium. He now studies with Paul Kantor at the University of Michigan where he is pursuing a Doctoral of Musical Arts in Performance. At a young age, Gregory commenced studying at the Queensland Conservatorium Music School where he studied with Kerry Smith and Carmel Kaine. Throughout his music study, Gregory has been encouraged by many awards and prizes, including the Bach Prize, the Paganini Prize, the Ronald Clifford Davis Scholarship, and the Dulce Kapp Scholarship. He is a member of the Orpheus Trio, winning the Gertrude Langer Fine Music Ensemble Award and touring Queensland for the Oueensland Arts Council. For the last three years he has been a fellowship recipient at the Aspen Music Festival.

Stephen Lusmann, Assistant Professor of Voice, has sung leading roles with major opera houses including the Oper der Stadt Bonn, Opera de Monte Carlo, Stadttheater Luzern, Washington Opera, New York City Opera, Cincinnati Opera, Opera Company of Philadelphia, and the Boston Opera

under important conductors and directors including Leornard Slatkin, Christopher Keene, Anton Guadagno, Franco Zefferelli, Gian Carlo Menotti, and Gian Carlo del Monaco. As an active concert soloist he has performed at Carnegie Hall, Alice Tully Hall in Lincoln Center, the Anchorage Choral Festival, Chautauqua Institute, and with numerous symphony orchestras. He received his undergraduate degree from SUNY at Fredonia and holds the Master of Music and Artist Diploma in Opera from the University of Cincinnati-College Conservatory of Music. Mr. Lusmann has taught at the Lawrenceville School in New Jersey and at the West Virginia Governor's School for the Arts at Fairmont State College.

Currently a doctoral student in viola performance at the U-M School of Music, **Catherine Lynn** is active as a soloist, orchestral player, and chamber musician. She was a finalist in the 1999 William Primrose Competition as well as the 1998 ASTA Competition. Last summer she was a principal violist of the Tanglewood Music Festival Orchestra, and she is currently principal violist of the Flint Symphony Orchestra. Ms. Lynn is a member of the U-M Graduate String Quartet.

Elizabeth Major has appeared as soloist with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, led by Sir Georg Solti, The Ravinia Festival, the Grant Park Symphony and the Hartford Symphony. In recent seasons Ms. Major has sung the Mozart *Requiem* with the Grand Rapids and Ann Arbor Symphonies, Musetta with the Illinois Symphony and Villa-Lobos' *Bachianas Brazilianas*, No. 5 with Chamber Music Ann Arbor. She has sung principal operatic roles with the Lake George Opera Festival, Connecticut Opera and she toured India with the Minnesota Opera. Ms. Major is currently a member of both the voice faculty at the University of Michigan and the Israel Vocal Arts Institute in Tel Aviv.

Stephen Miahky is a senior at the University of Michigan pursuing a violin performance degree under Stephen Shipps. Stephen has won several competitions, including the Louis Lane Competition and the University of Michigan Concerto Competition. As a chamber musician, he has performed with the Michigan Chamber Players, Chamber Music Ann Arbor, and Strings in the Mountains. He has collaborated with such musicians as Nicholas Eanet, Paul Kantor, Andrew Jennings, Carolyn Huebl, David Harding, Stephen Shipps, David Hardy, Yizhak Schotten, and Owen Carman. Stephen has performed at many summer festivals including Encore, Meadowmount, Sewanee, the National Orchestral Institute, Blossom, and Steamboat Springs. His violin is on loan through the generosity of the Virtu Foundation.

A native of Haddonfield, New Jersey, cellist **Mary Ellen Morris** is currently pursuing her DMA in cello performance at the University of Michigan where she is a student of Anthony Elliott. She has performed throughout the Philadelphia area where she was a member of the Haddonfield and Reading symphonies, Pennsylvania Pro-Musica, and the Herencia String Quartet. She holds degrees from Rice University and the University of Minnesota and has performed with many summer festivals throughout the US and Canada.

Edward Parmentier, harpsichordist, has played concerts recently throughout the country of Estonia, for the Kalamazoo Bach Festival, for the University of Michigan Organ Conference, and for the Berkeley Early Music Festival. This fall, he plays concerts at the Universities of Colorado, Montana and North Carolina. Last summer Mr. Parmentier performed at the Boston Early Music Festival, and will perform at the Berkeley, California, Early Music Festival in 2000. Mr. Parmentier is Professor of Music (harpsichord, Early Music Ensemble) at the School of Music, University of Michigan. In addition to instrumental performance, Mr. Parmentier conducted the Windsor Symphony in November and will teach harpsichord workshops on Bach at the University of Michigan next summer.

Nineteen-year-old Benjamin Peled has won many awards including honors in the Chicago Symphony's Illinois Young Performers Competition, the American String Teachers' Association State and National Semi-Finals Solo Competition, the Elgin Young Virtuosi Competition, the MacDowell Scholarship Competition, the Mollendorf Award from the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra, and the Arts Recognition Talent Search National Competition. He has soloed with the Oak Park River Forest Symphony, the Oak Park River Forest High School Symphony, the West Suburban Youth Symphony, and the Windy City String Ensemble on their Australian tour. In May of this year, he will perform the Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto with the Northwest Symphony. He was Concertmaster of the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra, the Encore Chamber Orchestra of the CYSO, the Eastern Music Festival Student Orchestra, and the Windy City String Ensemble. As a substitute in the Civic Orchestra of Chicago, he performed under Pierre Boulez and Mstislav Rostropovich. At present he studies with Paul Kantor at the University of Michigan.

Nicholas Phan, tenor, is currently a junior, where he studies voice with Prof. Rosemary Russell. Mr. Phan was named the Most Outstanding Vocal Soloist in the State of Michigan in 1996 by the Michgan State Vocal Music Association. Mr. Phan has performed the roles of the Governor in Leonard Bernstein's *Candide* and Prince Hilarion in Gilbert and Sullivan's *Princess Ida.* Last summer, Mr. Phan attended the Aspen Music Festival where he sang the role of Tom Buchanan in a reading of John Harbison's new opera, *The Great Gatsby*.

Amy Porter has served as associate principal flute in the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra from 1991 until her Michigan appointment in 1999. She has also been a member of the Atlanta Chamber Players and the New Jersey State Opera Orchestra. Since winning First Prize in the National Flute Association Young Artists Competition in 1990, she has three times been a featured performer in the Association's annual meetings. She has given recitals at Weill Hall of Carnegie Hall, where she made her New York debut in 1987, at the Victoria (Texas) Bach Festival, at the State University of West Georgia, and at Georgia State. Broadcast performances have included recitals on radio in Atlanta and Philadelphia; Ms. Porter was highlighted on one of PBS's Live from Lincoln Center telecasts celebrating "Juilliard at 80" - from which Ms. Porter holds two degrees. She has taught in summers at the Brevard (North Carolina) Music Center since 1996.

Violinist, **Maria Sampen** graduated summa cum laude from the University of Michigan, where she was a scholarship student of Paul Kantor in the School of Music. She completed her Masters of Music degree at Rice University in May, 1999 where she studied violin with Kenneth Goldsmith and chamber music with Paul Katz and Norman Fischer. She is currently working on her doctorate in violin performance at the University of Michigan. Ms. Sampen made her solo debut with the Toledo Symphony Orchestra in Ohio. She has since performed as concerto soloist with numerous orches-

tras throughout the country and was named winner of the concerto competitions at both the University of Michigan (1996) and Rice University (1998). She has spent her summers performing as a fellow at the Aspen Music Festival and the Tanglewood Music Festival as well at the Mozarteum Sommerakademie in Salzburg, Austria and the Interlochen Arts Camp. An active proponent of contemporary music, she has worked with many composers including Pierre Boulez, William Bolcom, John Harbison, Bernand Rands and William Albright. Ms. Sampen concertizes frequently with her parents - saxophonist, John Sampen, and composer/pianist, Marilyn Shrude – with whom she made her New York City debut at Lincoln Center's Bruno Walter Auditorium in June of 1996.

Stuart Sankey has enjoyed success as a performer and also as a composer, writer and editor. He has published four original compositions and is the editor and arranger of fifty editions, including several original works, for the double bass. Prior to coming to Michigan in 1986, he taught at Indiana University, the University of Texas at Austin, and at The Juilliard School. He has given master classes and lectures and has adjudicated nationally and in the Far East. Mr. Sankey was the recipient of the first award given by the International Society of Bassists to an outstanding teacher. He has taught and performed at the Aspen Music Festival for forty-seven years. His former students hold significant academic appointments and are members of celebrated orchestras including those of Boston, Cleveland, New York, San Francisco, and the Metropolitan Opera.

Yizhak Schotten was born in Israel and brought to the US by the renowned violist William Primrose, with whom he studied at Indiana University and the University of Southern California. Mr. Schotten has con-

certized in Israel, Holland, England, Austria, Japan, Taiwan, Malaysia, Mexico, and Canada and has performed on many concert series across the US. He was a member of the Boston Symphony, an exchange member of the Japan Philharmonic, and principal violist of both the Cincinnati and Houston symphony orchestras. As a soloist, he has performed with orchestras under such conductors as Ozawa, Schippers, and Comissiona. While a member of the Trio d'Accordo, the ensemble won the Concert Artists Guild International Competition. His CRI recording was chosen as Critics' Choice by High Fidelity; he has also recorded two albums and two compact discs for Crystal Records. He is music director of the Maui Music Festival in Hawaii and of the Strings in the Mountains Festival in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, and is a popular presenter of master classes for young violists throughout the US and abroad. Before joining the faculty in 1985, Mr. Schotten taught at the University of Washington and at Rice University.

Alejandra Urrutia started playing the violin at the age of eight in her native country of Chile. At fourteen, she was awarded at scholarship to continue her studies at Columbus State University with the violinist Patricio Cobos. Since then, Ms. Urrutia has appeared as soloist with the National Symphony of Chile, the National Youth Orchestra of Chile, the Concepcion Symphony, the Columbus State University Orchestra and the Chamber Orchestra of Morelos, Mexico. She has participated in master classes of David Kim, Cho-Liang Lin, Robert McDuffie, Pamela Frank, and Robert Mann. Ms. Urrutia is currently member of the Rosseels String Quartet and member of the ensemble Brave New Works. She is pursuing a DMA in Violin Performance with Paul Kantor at the University of Michigan.

Chamber Orchestra for Overture (Suite) No. 2 in b minor

Violin I Andrew Jennings, *Leader* Stephen Miahky Juliana Athayde Benjamin Peled Justin Bruns

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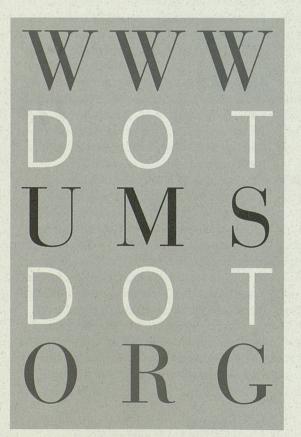
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Chamber Orchestra for Schweigt stille, plaudert nicht: Cantata No. 211

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Cast

Akira Matsui	Japanese Ghost/General Matsui
Zhou Long	Chinese Ghost
Kang Kwon Soon	Korean Comfort Woman 3721.000/Vocalist
Song Hee Lee	Korean Shaman/Comfort Woman
Chen Shi-Zheng	Bastard
Kenny Endo	Samurai/Percussion

Musicians Wu Man Kenny Endo Zhou Ming

Chinese pipa (lute)/bells Percussion Piri/dizi (reed)/sheng

Set Designer Scott Pask

Lighting Designer Clifton Taylor

Costume Designer Anita Yavich

Projection Designer Elaine McCarthy 've always been fascinated with the similarity and the contrast of Korean *shaman* dance, Japanese *noh* theater, and Chinese opera; and with the unbreakable cross-influence in these cultures. I've also been constantly disturbed by the sorrowful history of East Asia in the twentieth century that has left generations with a tremendous anger in encountering the past.

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I'd like to express my sincere thanks to my collaborators Akira Matsui and Eve Beglarian for their generous support and countless contributions. I also want to express my deep gratitude to the entire cast for their trust and courage to be in this production.

- Chen Shi-Zheng

SCENES

Scene I	Prologue
Scene II	Tomurai (Mourning)
Scene III	Hiding Something Ugly that Shames You
Scene IV	Samurai Song*
Scene V	My Anger Will Never Be Satisfied
Scene VI	Vengeance is Mine
Scene VII	Samurai Song (Version 2)*
Scene VIII	Remember Me

* Samurai Song by Robert Pinsky, first published in The New Yorker.

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Chen Shi-Zheng (Director) most recently directed The Peony Pavilion, a twenty-hour fifty-five-act Ming dynasty opera commissioned by Lincoln Center Festival and Festival d'Automne à Paris. His original production was banned by the Shanghai Cultural Bureau in 1998. It was resurrected in 1999 with a new cast and premièred to rave reviews in New York in July at Lincoln Center Festival, followed by a tour to Caen, Paris, Milan and Perth with a further international tour planned. Chen Shi-Zheng was a leading traditional opera actor in China and also made pop and folk records. Since moving to the US in 1987, he has appeared as a principal in operas by Meredith Monk and Tan Dun, and performed solo vocals at Lincoln Center, New York; Theatre Odeon, Paris; Oueen Elizabeth Hall, London; and major festivals worldwide. Directing credits include: Kindness, a musical-theater piece at the Center for Contemporary Arts in Santa Fe; The Child God for Bang on a Can Festival; a new adaptation of Euripides' Greek tragedy The Bacchae, premièred by China National Beijing Opera Company in Beijing in 1996, and toured to the Hong Kong Arts Festival and Athens Festival in 1998; and Alley, a contemporary opera, for New Zealand International Festival, His future projects include Così fan tutte for the Aix-en-Provence Festival to open in July. He is also developing a feature film with the working title The Dark Matter Problem for production in 2000.

Eve Beglarian (*Composer*) has been described as "one of new music's truly free spirits" (*The Village Voice*). She is a composer, performer, and audio producer whose work has been performed in the most mainstream concert halls and theaters as well as in clubs and lofts. Her chamber music has been commissioned and performed by the California EAR Unit, Relâche, the Paul

Dresher Ensemble, the Crosstown Ensemble, Dinosaur Annex, and the New York New Music Ensemble, among others. Her experience in music theater includes the collaboration Ordo Virtutum, directed by Grethe Barrett Holby, which premièred at the Lincoln Center Festival last summer, and the China National Beijing Opera Theater's production of The Bacchae, directed by Chen Shi-Zheng. Her performing duo, twisted tutu, with keyboard player Kathleen Supové, blends high technology with theater. Current projects include music for Mabou Mines' Animal Magnetism, directed by Lee Breuer; a music-theater piece based on Stephen King's The Man in the Black Suit; and an orchestra piece commissioned as part of the Continental Harmony project for Orchestra X and DiverseWorks in Houston. Recordings of her music are available on CRI Emergency Music, OO Discs, Accurate Distortion, Atavistic, and Kill Rock Stars.

Akira Matsui is a master actor-teacher of the Kita School of Japanese classical noh theater. He was born in 1946 in Wakayama, south of Osaka, and began studying noh at the age of five. He showed such talent that, at age twelve, he became a "live-in apprentice" to Kita Minoru, the fifteenth generation of noh masters of the Kita School (one of the five guilds of *shite* main role actors). Matsui performs noh regularly in Japan. He has trained student actors in noh in many foreign countries including India, Australia, Germany, England, and has offered master classes at colleges and theaters across the US and Canada. Matsui performed in the US tour of the Dragon Bond Rite, commissioned by The Japan Society. He was a featured performer at the Brooklyn Academy of Music's Next Wave Festival in 1998. Also in 1998, he received Intangible Cultural Treasure status from the Government of Japan.

Kenny Endo is an internationally known taiko (Japanese drum) performing artist and leader in the field of utilizing the traditional taiko in innovative jazz/fusion settings. A native of Los Angeles, he began early training in Western drums and percussion for performance with classical, jazz, and rock musicians. In 1975, he began working with the San Francisco Taiko Dojo and in 1980 embarked on a decade-long odyssey in Japan studying with masters in classical, festival, and group drumming. He is the first non-Japanese national to be honored with a natori, stage name and master's degree in classical Japanese drumming called Hogaku Hayashi. Endo has performed with such artists as jazz drummer Art Blakey, Latin percussionist Airto Moreira, taiko artist Hayashi Eitetsu, jazz musicians John Kaizan Neptune (shakuhachi, flute), Paul Jackson (bass), and tsugaru shamisen artist Sato Michihiro. He leads three ensembles based in Honolulu, Los Angeles, and Tokyo. In 2000, Endo will collaborate with Hawaiian Slack Key guitarist Keola Beamer; present a concert of new works in Tokyo, headline the Second Hawaii International Taiko Festival, and perform at the Hawaii Jazz Festival. He will be a guest soloist with the Hong Kong Philharmonic in 2001.

Kang Kwon Soon is a leading vocalist of new and traditional music in Korea. She trained as a traditional singer in both court and folk styles, and is a specialist in the vocal traditions of the refined Korean *chungak* classical music of the *literati*. She has performed with many important ensembles and orchestras such as Seoul Metropolitan Traditional Orchestra, National Traditional Performing Arts Center, and the Korean Court Music Association, as well as at the Celebration of Buddha's Birthday at Bulkook-temple and the Fiftieth Anniversary of Liberation and at the Korea Festival. She was a featured singer in Jin Hi Kim's production of *Dragon Bond Rite* which premièred at the Walker in 1997. In 1999 she participated in the Flying Circus Project in Singapore with *TheatreWorks*.

Song Hee Lee was born in Pusan, Korea where she studied both traditional Korean and modern dance from the age of ten. She is particularly noted for her performances of both new work and *Sal'puri* (traditional Korean dance that is inspired by the *shaman* tradition). Upon graduation from college, she joined the Pusan Metropolitan Dance Company where she became the principal dancer of the company. She premièred her choreographic solo work *Karma* in New York last year and is currently working on a new piece *Karma II: 108 Defilements in Purification*. She is currently teaching Korean dance in New York City.

Wu Man is one of China's most outstanding *pipa* (traditional lute) players. In addition to the traditional *pipa* repertoire, Wu Man is also internationally recognized for her interpretations of contemporary *pipa* music. She has collaborated with groups including the New York New Music Consort, Stuttgart Chamber Orchestra, the BBC Chamber Orchestra (Scotland), and the Kronos Quartet. Wu has also performed at numerous festivals and venues including Festival d'Automne à Paris, the Hong Kong Festival, and the Bang on a Can Festival. Wu Man is the 1998-1999 fellow of the Bunting Institute of Radcliffe College.

Zhou Long is one of the most highly acclaimed *jingju* (Peking Opera) artists in China today. He started his formal study of the opera at the age of eight with one of the best-known *jingju* masters, formally enrolling in the Beijing Opera Academy when he was only twelve. He has been guest lead-actor with many different *jingju* companies in China and has performed throughout Asia and in England. In 1996, he performed the lead part of Dionysus in Chen Shi-Zheng's *jingju* version of the *Bacchae*. He recently performed the part of Quasismoto in a *jingju* version of Victor Hugo's *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. He has published essays and articles on different aspects of performance technique and contemporary creativity in *jingju*.

Zhou Ming was educated at the Shanghai School of Traditional Opera (Kunju). He is a master of the dizi, a bamboo Chinese flute, the importance of which in the Kunju opera orchestra is equivalent of the first violin in Western orchestral music. Zhou has studied with the masters of Kunju music for the last twenty years, and is widely regarded as the leading flute player in China. He performed as the lead musician in over twenty-five major Kunju operas for the Shanghai Kunju Opera Company. In addition, he has led music ensembles in Japan and Taiwan as a guest conductor. Zhou Ming was music director and flutist in Chen Shi-Zheng's productions of The Peony Pavilion.

Elaine J. McCarthy's (Projection Designer) current and most recent designs include work on War and Peace for The Kirov Opera, The Gate for The NHK Symphony Orchestra, Spirit for Back Row Productions, Art Spiegelman's new comic book opera, Drawn to Death, for Harvard University's Institute on the Arts and Civic Dialog, Goodbye My Friduchita for The Directors Company, Children of War for the Asia Society, Don Byron's Tunes & Cartoons for the Brooklyn Academy of Music, Peter Sellar's The Peony Pavilion for Vienna Opera, A Coffin in Egypt for the Bay Street Theatre, Portraits of the Family for Cloud Gate Dance Theatre of Taiwan, Blue Man Group: Tubes Chicago, Remote for White

Oak Dance Project, *Woyzek of Sarajevo* for the Lincoln Center Director's Lab, Philip Glass and Susan Marshall's *Les Enfants Terrible* for International Production Associates, *Cuba Libre* for NYC's INTAR Theatre, *Recovering the Dark* for The Kitchen, and the 1996 and 1997 *Council of Fashion Design Awards* (formerly the Coty Awards) at Lincoln Center's State Theatre.

Scott Pask (Set Designer) won great critical acclaim for his set designs in the hit play Bash by Neil LaBute, directed by Joe Mantello, at off-Broadway's Douglas Fairbanks Theatre and LA's Canon Theatre. His work can recently be seen in The Donkey Show, the enormously popular theatre event created and directed by Diane Paulus, at NYC's El Flamingo Club, The Bomb-itty of Errors the new rap musical off-Broadway at 45 Bleecker, and the national tour of the native-American concert dance Spirit, directed and choreographed by Wayne Cilento, which Scott originally designed for its PBS television broadcast. His recent co-design with Robert Brill for Paula Vogel's The Mineola Twins, starring Swoosie Kurtz, directed by Mantello, for the Roundabout won them the 1999 Lucille Lortel Award for Outstanding Set Design and the 1999 American Theatre Wing's Henry Hewes Design Award.

Clifton Taylor's (*Lighting Designer*) career in design has spanned dance, theatre, opera and architectural consulting. Principally a lighting designer for dance theatre, Mr. Taylor has worked for theatres and companies throughout the world, in over fifteen countries in Asia, Europe and the Americas. His extensive credits include work in the repertories of the American Ballet Theater, the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, Houston Ballet, Pacific Northwest Ballet, the Lar Lubovitch Dance Company (residing lighting designer), the ballet company of the city of Rio de Janeiro, the Maggio Musicale in Florence, Italy, the American Ballroom Theatre, New York's Julliard School for Music and Dance, Maria Benitez' Teatro Flamenco, the Elisa Monte Dance Company (resident lighting designer), Buglisi/Foreman Dance Company (resident lighting designer), Carlota Santana Spanish Dance Company, and Sardono Dance Theatre of Indonesia.

Anita Yavich's (*Costume Designer*) most recent designs include *Sueño* (Manhattan Class Company), *As You Like It* (Williamstown Theatre Festival), *Civil Sex and Pericles* (New York Shakespeare Festival), *Red* (Manhattan Theatre Club and Long Wharf Theatre), *Mere Mortals and Others* (John Houseman Theatre and Primary Stages), *Easter* (Naked Angels), *Second Hand Smoke* (Primary Stages), *Cloud Tectonics* (Playwrights Horizons), *Trojan Women, A Love Story* (En Garde Arts), *The Universe* (Ontological-Hysteric Theatre), and *Dark Ride* (Soho Rep).

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The Romeros

Sunday, January 9, 4 p.m. Rackham Auditorium Sponsored by AT&T Wireless Services.

Bebe Miller Company

Saturday, January 15, 8 p.m. Power Center

Master of Arts Interview with Bebe Miller, choreographer, and a special showing of *Three*, a film by Isaac Julien featuring Bebe Miller and Ralph Lemon. Friday, January 14, 7 p.m., Betty Pease Studio, 2nd Floor, U-M Dance Building. In conjunction with the Institute for Research on Women and Gender, Center for Afroamerican and African Studies, Center for Education of Women, and U-M Department of Dance. Class Saturday, January 15, 10:30 a.m., U-M Dance Department, Studio A. \$ PREP "Identity and Process in Bebe Miller's Choreography" by Ben Johnson, UMS Director of Education and Audience Development. Saturday, January 15, 7 p.m., Michigan League, Koessler Library, 3rd Floor. Meet the Artist Post-performance dialogue from the stage. Dance Department Mini Course "Four Women of the Dance: a minicourse based on the UMS sponsored performances of four major American women choreographers" taught by Gay Delanghe, U-M Professor of Dance. Winter Term, 2000. Mass Meeting, Saturday, January 8, 12 noon. For information, delanghe@umich.edu or call U-M Department of Dance, 734.763.5460. This project is supported in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. Media sponsors WDET and Metro Times.

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Monday, January 17, 8 p.m. Hill Auditorium Sponsored by Butzel Long Attorneys with support from Republic Bank. Media sponsors WEMU and WDET. Co-presented with the U-M Office of Academic Multicultural Initiatives.

Yo-Yo Ma, cello Kathryn Stott, piano Thursday, January 20, 8 p.m. Hill Auditorium Sponsored by Forest Health Services. Media sponsor WGTE. American String Quartet

Beethoven the Contemporary Sunday, January 23, 4 p.m. Rackham Auditorium *Media sponsor Michigan Radio.*

Russian National Orchestra Mikhail Pletnev, conductor Francesko Tristano Schlimé, piano UMS Choral Union Monday, January 24, 8 p.m. Hill Auditorium Center for Russian and Eastern European Studies Symposium "Apocalypse Now? Scriabin and Russian Culture at the End of the Century" Sunday, January 23, Media Union. Full schedule at http://www.umich.edu/ ~iinet/crees or call 734,764,0351.

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Pre-concert Performance traditional Slavonic/Russian songs performed by St. Romano's Ensemble. Monday, January 24, 7-7:45 p.m., Hill Auditorium Lobby. Free with paid admission to Russian National Orchestra concert.

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Barbara Hendricks, soprano

Staffan Scheja, piano Saturday, January 29, 8 p.m. Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre **PREP** with Naomi André, U-M Professor of Music and Musicology. Saturday, January 29, 7 p.m., Michigan League, Koessler Library, 3rd Floor. Presented with the generous support of The Shiffman Foundation, Sigrid Christiansen and Richard Levey. Additional support provided by Randy Parrish Fine Framing and Art. Media sponsor WGTE.

Mozart and Friends – A Birthday Celebration

Michigan Chamber Players Faculty Artists of the University of Michigan School of Music Sunday, January 30, 4 p.m. Rackham Auditorium Complimentary Admission

Jazz at Lincoln Center Sextet

Friday, February 4, 8 p.m. Saturday, February 5, 2 p.m. (One-Hour Family Performance) Michigan Theater UMS Performing Arts Teacher Workshop "Jazz in the Classroom" Wednesday, February 2, 4 p.m. To register call 734.615.0122. \$ lazz Combo Master Classes with the Jazz at Lincoln Center Sextet. Thursday, February 3, 7 p.m., U-M School of Music. Observation only. Sponsored by Blue Nile Restaurant with support from Hudson's and the Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Audiences for the Performing Arts Network. These concerts are part of Chamber Music America's "A Musical Celebration of the Millennium." Media sponsors WEMU and WDET.

Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra

Neeme Järvi, conductor Yuri Bashmet, viola Saturday, February 5, 8 p.m. Hill Auditorium

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Meredith Monk Magic Frequencies A Science Fiction Chamber Opera

Wednesday, February 9, 8 p.m. Power Center

Master of Arts Interview with Meredith Monk interviewed by Beth Genné, U-M Professor of Art History/ Dance History/Dance. Tuesday, February 8, 12 noon, U-M School of Music Recital Hall. In conjunction with the Institute for Research on Women and Gender, U-M School of Music, Center for Education of Women, U-M Department of Composition and the U-M Department of Dance. PREP "Goddess Meredith: The Genius of Meredith Monk" by Ben Johnson, UMS Director of Education and Audience Development. Wednesday, February 9, 7 p.m., Michigan League Koessler Library, 3rd Floor. Meet the Artist Post-performance dialogue from the stage. Funded in part by the National Dance Project of the New England Foundation for the Arts, with lead funding from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation. This project is supported in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. Media sponsors WDET and Metro Times.

Doudou N'Diaye Rose, master drummer Drummers of West Africa

Thursday, February 10, 8 p.m. Hill Auditorium Master of Arts Interview with Doudou N'Diaye Rose. Interviewed by Dr. Lester Monts, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs. Thursday, February 10, 3 p.m., U-M School of Music Recital Hall. In conjunction with the Center for Afroamerican and African Studies and the U-M Office of the Provost; and the North American Secretariat for the International Center for African Music and Dance. Sponsored by Comerica, Inc. Media sponsors WEMU and Metro Times. This is a Hearland Arts Fund Program with the National Endowment for the Arts and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

Martha Clarke Vers la flamme Christopher O'Riley, piano Friday, February 11, 8 p.m. Power Center Master of Arts Interview with Martha Clarke, interviewed by Susan Isaacs Nisbett, Music and Dance writer for the Ann Arbor News. Friday, February 11, 12 noon, Betty Pease Studio, U-M Dance Building, 2nd Floor. In conjunction with the Institute for Research on Women and Gender, and the U-M Department of Dance. Meet the Artist Post-performance

dialogue from the stage. Advanced Modern Dance Master Class Saturday, February 12, 10:30 a.m., U-M Dance Building, Studio A. \$ This project is supported in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Anne-Sophie Mutter, violin Lambert Orkis, piano Saturday, February 12, 8 p.m. Hill Auditorium Sponsored by KeyBank. Media sponsor WGTE.

Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir

Tônu Kaljuste, director Sunday, February 13, 8 p.m. St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

Murray Perahia, piano

Wednesday, February 16, 8 p.m. Hill Auditorium Master of Arts Interview of Murray Perahia, interviewed by Susan Isaacs Nisbett, Music and Dance writer for the Ann Arbor News. Tuesday, February 15, 7 p.m., U-M School of Music Recital Hall. Sponsored by CFI Group. Media sponsor WGTE.

New York City Opera National Company Rossini's The Barber of Seville Thursday, February 17, 8 p.m. Friday, February 18, 8 p.m. Saturday, February 19, 2 p.m. (One-Hour Family Performance) Saturday, February 19, 8 p.m. Power Center PREP "Opera 101" with Helen Siedel, UMS Education Specialist. Friday, February 18, 7 p.m., Michigan League, Hussey Room, 2nd Floor. PREP for Kids with Helen Siedel, UMS Education Specialist. Saturday, February 19, 1 p.m., Michigan League,

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Christian Tetzlaff, violin Sunday, February 20, 8 p.m. St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

Added Performance An Evening with Audra McDonald

Ted Sperling, piano and music director Sunday, March 5, 8 p.m. Power Center *This concert is presented in conjunction*

with the symposium, The Fine and Performing Arts of African Americans: Enhancing Education, held March 2-8 and with the Finals Concert of the Sphinx Competition, Sunday, March 5 at 4 p.m. in Hill Auditorium.

The Chieftains

Wednesday, March 8, 8 p.m. Hill Auditorium Sponsored by Bank of Ann Arbor. Media sponsor WDET.

Ballet d'Afrique Noire The Mandinka Epic

Jean Pierre Leurs, director Thursday, March 9, 8 p.m. Friday, March 10, 8 p.m. Power Center Mandinka Epic Symposium

"Rethinking the African Epic." Thursday, March 9, 4 p.m., Rackham Assembly Hall. In conjunction with the Center for Afroamerican and African Studies, U-M Office of the Provost, and the North American Secretariat for the International Center for African Music and Dance. With reception. **Drumming Master Class** Saturday, March 11, 10 a.m., Washtenaw Community College. Call 734.647.6712 for more information.

African Dance Master Class Saturday, March 11, 2 p.m., Betty Pease Studio, U-M Dance Building, 2nd Floor. Call 734.647.6712 for more information. Sponsored by Detroit Edison Foundation. Media sponsors WEMU and Metro Times. This is a Hearland Arts Fund Program with the National Endowment for the Arts and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

The English Concert Trevor Pinnock, conductor and harpsichord

Saturday, March 11, 8 p.m. Hill Auditorium PREP with Steven Whiting, U-M Professor of Musicology. Saturday, March 11, 7 p.m., Michigan League, Hussey Room, 2nd Floor. Sponsored by Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone. Media sponsor WGTE.

Maestro Ali Akbar Khan accompanied by Zakir Hussain

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American String Quartet

Beethoven the Contemporary Sunday, March 19, 4 p.m. Rackham Auditorium Meet the Artist Post-performance dialogue from the stage. Media sponsor Michigan Radio.

Thomas Quasthoff, baritone

Justus Zeyen, piano Monday, March 20, 8 p.m. Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre **PREP** "The Art is Song" with Richard LeSueur, Vocal Arts Information Services. Monday, March 20, 7 p.m., Michigan League, Koessler Room, 3rd Floor. **Meet the Artist** Post-performance dialogue from the stage. *Media sponsor WGTE*.

J.S. Bach Birthday Celebration Michigan Chamber Players Faculty Artists of the University of Michigan School of Music Wednesday, March 22, 8 p.m. Rackham Auditroium Complimentary Admission

Forgiveness

Chen Shi-Zheng, director Friday, March 24, 8 p.m. Michigan Theater **Mini-Course** "Japan, China, Korea and the United States: Theater Across the Borders." For more information, contact Brett Johnson at 734.764.6307. **Korean Dance Master Class** taught by Song Hee Lee, Wednesday, March 22, 11 a.m., U-M Dance Building. **Noh Theater Master Class** taught by Akira Matsui, Wednesday, March 22, 3 p.m., Arena Theater, Frieze Building. Master of Arts Interview with Chen Shi-Zheng, Artistic Director of Forgiveness. Wednesday, March 22, 6 p.m., Room 1636, International Institute, School of Social Work Building. Chinese Opera Lecture Demonstration by Zhou Long and Museum Tour of the U-M Museum of Art Chinese Art Exhibit, Thursday, March 23, 6:30 p.m. Meet the Artist Post-performance dialogue from the stage. Presented with the generous support of Dr. Herbert Sloan. Additional support provided by Ideation.

Beaux Arts Trio

Sunday, March 26, 4 p.m. Rackham Auditorium Sponsored by Dow Automotive.

Moscow Virtuosi

Vladimir Spivakov, conductor Inva Mula, soprano Friday, March 31, 8 p.m. Rackham Auditorium Sponsored by Edward Surovell Realtors.

Czech Philharmonic Orchestra

Vladimir Ashkenazy, conductor Saturday, April 1, 8 p.m. Hill Auditorium **Open Rehearsal and Master of Arts Interview** with Vladimir Ashkenazy, Saturday, April 1, time TBA, Hill Auditorium. Sponsored by Pepper Hamilton LLP. Media sponsor WGTE.

The Watts Prophets

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Trisha Brown Company

Wednesday, April 12, 8 p.m. Power Center

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Susanne Mentzer, mezzo-soprano Sharon Isbin, guitar

Thursday, April 13, 8 p.m. Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre Vocal Master Class with Susanne Mentzer. Friday, April 14, 2:30 p.m., U-M School of Music Recital Hall. Presented with the generous support of Ronald and Sheila Cresswell. Media sponsor WGTE.

Australian Chamber Orchestra

Richard Tognetti, conductor Anne-Marie McDermott, piano Friday, April 14, 8 p.m. Rackham Audtorium Made possible by a gift from the estate of William R. Kinney. J.S. Bach's St. Matthew Passion UMS Choral Union Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra Ann Arbor Youth Chorale Thomas Sheets, conductor Sunday, April 16, 4 p.m.

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Lincoln Center Jazz **Orchestra Dance Tour** with Wynton Marsalis Saturday, April 22, 8 p.m. **EMU** Convocation Center Swing Dance Lesson with the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra Dancers. Saturday, April 22, 6:30 p.m., Eastern Michigan University Convocation Hall. Tickets to the performance required for entry. Sponsored by Hudson's Project Imagine. Presented with support from the Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Audiences for the Performing Arts Network. Media sponsor WEMU.

Oscar Peterson Quartet Wednesday, April 26, 8 p.m. Hill Auditorium Media sponsor WEMU.

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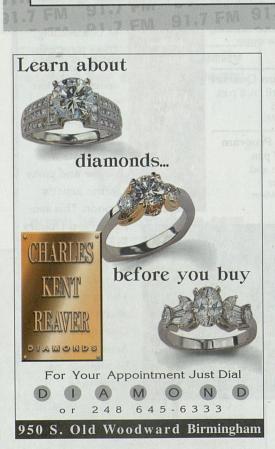
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- · Jazz at Lincoln Center Sextet
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This year's series includes interviews with:

- Laurie Anderson
- Ushio Amagatsu
- Bebe Miller
- Meredith Monk
- Doudou D'Diaye Rose
- · Martha Clarke

- Murray Perahia
- · Chen Shi-Zheng
- Vladimir Ashkenazy
- Trisha Brown

PREPs (Performance-Related Educational Presentations)

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Meet the Artists: Post-Performance Dialogues

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- Chen Shi-Zheng's Forgiveness
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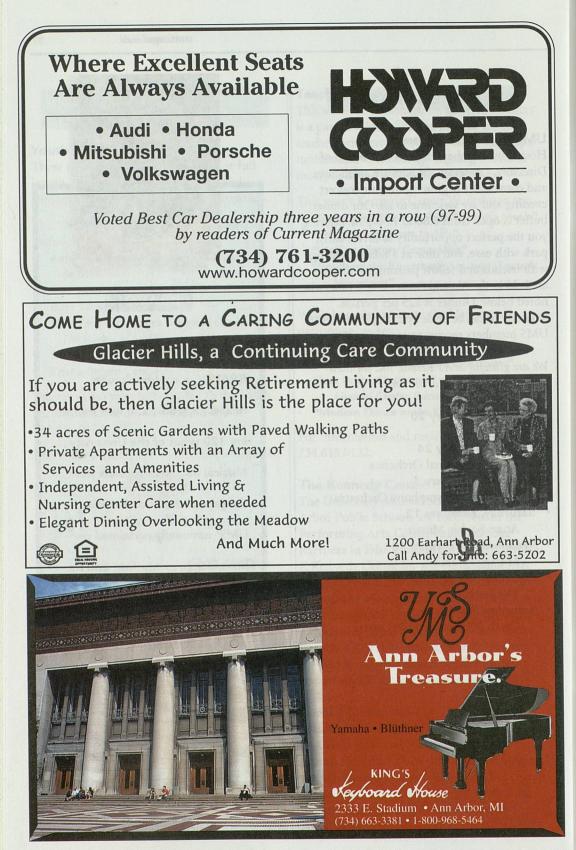
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- Saturday, March 11 The English Concert
- Saturday, April 1 Czech Philharmonic Orchestra



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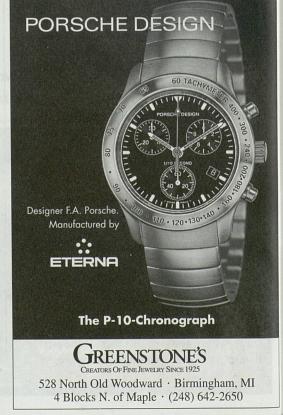
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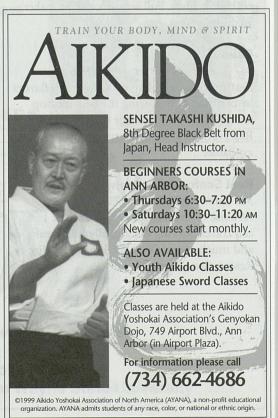
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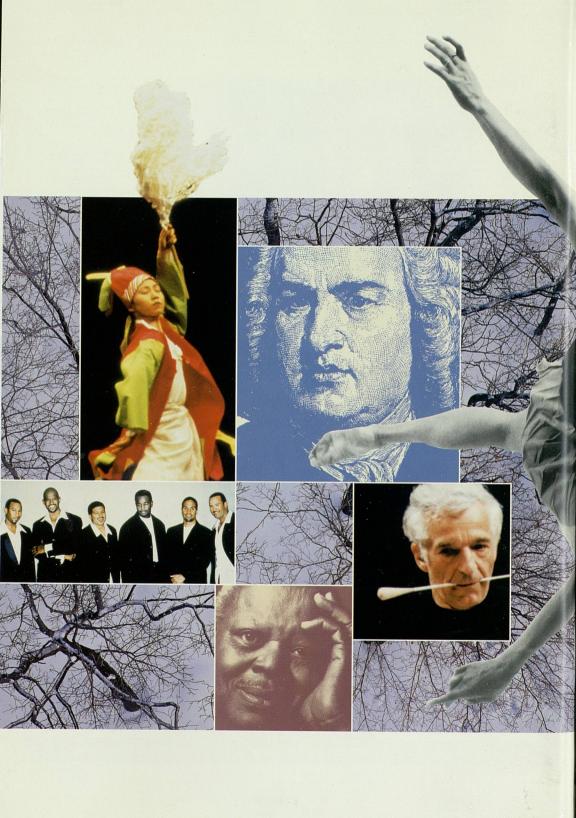
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Wie rafft' ich mich auf in der Nacht (von Platen-Hallermüde)

Wie rafft'ich mich auf in der Nacht, in der Nacht, Und fühlte mich fürder gezogen, Die Gassen verliess ich vom Wächter bewacht, Durchwandelte sacht In der Nacht, in der Nacht, Das Tor mit dem gotischen Bogen.

Der Mühlbach rauschte durch felsigen Schacht, Ich lehnte mich über die Brücke, Tief unter mir nahm ich der Wogen in Acht, Die wallten so sacht, In der Nacht, in der Nacht, Doch wallte nicht eine zurücke.

Es drehte sich oben, unzählig entfacht Melodischer Wandel der Sterne, Mit ihnen der Mond in beruhigter Pracht, Sie funkelten sacht In der Nacht, in der Nacht, Durch täuschend entlegene Ferne.

Ich blickte hinauf in der Nacht, in der Nacht, Und blickte hinunter aufs neue: O wehe, wie hast du die Tage verbracht, Nun stille du sacht In der Nacht, in der Nacht, Im pochenden Herzen die Reue!

How I roused myself in the night

Oh, how I roused myself in the night, in the night, And felt myself drawn farther; I left the alleys, guarded by the watchmen,

And wandered through quietly, In the night, in the night, The gate with the gothic arch.

The millbrook rushed through the rocky gorge, I leaned over the bridge, Observing far below me the waves, Which rolled so quietly, In the night, in the night, Yet never did one roll back.

Overhead wanders the infinite, flickering, melodic traffic of the stars, With them, the moon in calm splendor; They gleam quietly In the night, in the night, At a deceptively remote distance.

I gaze up into the night, in the night, And gaze down again anew: Alas, how have you spent the day! Now, softly you try to still, In the night, in the night, The remorse of your pounding heart! Nicht mehr zu dir zu gehen (Anonymous)

Nicht mehr zu dir zu gehen Beschloss ich und beschwor ich, Und gehe jeden Abend, Denn jede Kraft und jeden Halt verlor ich.

Ich möchte nicht mehr leben, Möcht' augenblicks verderben, Und möchte doch auch leben Für dich, mit dir, und nimmer, nimmer sterben.

Ach, rede, sprich ein Wort nur, Ein einziges, ein klares; Gib Leben oder Tod mir, Nur dein Gefühl enthülle mir, dein wahres!

Ich schleich' umher (von Platen-Hallermüde)

Ich schleich' umher, betrübt und stumm, Du fragst, o frage mich nicht, warum? Das Herz erschüttert so manche Pein! Und könnt' ich je zu düster sein?

Der Baum verdorrt, der Duft vergeht,

Die Blätter liegen so gelb im Beet, Es stürmt ein Schauer mit Macht herein, Und könnt' ich je zu düster sein?

Der Strom, der neben mir verrauschte (von Platen-Hallermüde)

Der Strom, der neben mir verrauschte, wo ist er nun?

Der Vogel, dessen Lied ich lauschte, wo ist er nun?

Wo ist die Rose, die die Freundin am Herzen trug?

To visit you no longer

To visit you no longer Did I resolve and swear. Yet I go to you each evening, For all the strength and resolve have I lost.

I live to live no longer, I long to perish instantly And yet I also long to live For you, with you, and never, never die.

Ah, speak, say only one word, A single word, a clear one; Give me life or death, Only reveal your feelings to me – your true feelings!

I creep about

I creep about, sad and mute. You ask, o ask me not, why? My heart shakes with so much pain! Could I ever be too gloomy?

The tree withers and dies, the breeze fades away, The leaves lie so yellow in the yard, A shower storms with might toward us; Could I ever be too gloomy?

The storm, which rolled past me

The storm, which rolled past me, where is it now? The bird to whose song I listened, where is it now?

Where is the rose that my sweetheart wore on her heart?

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Und jener Kuss, der mich berauschte, wo ist er nun? Und jener Mensch, der ich gewesen, und den ich längst Mit einem andern ich vertauschte, wo ist er nun?

Wehe, so willst du mich wieder (von Platen-Hallermüde)

Wehe, so willst du mich wieder, Hemmende Fessel, umfangen? Auf, und hinaus in die Luft! Ströme der Seele Verlangen, Ström' es in brausende Lieder, Saugend ätherischen Duft!

Strebe dem Wind nur entgegen Dass er die Wange dir kühle, Grüsse den Himmel mit Lust! Werden sich bange Gefühle Im Unermesslichen regen? Atme den Feind aus der Brust!

Du sprichst, dass ich mich täuschte (von Platen-Hallermüde)

Du sprichst, dass ich mich täuschte, Beschworst es hoch und hehr, Ich weiss ja doch, du liebtest, Allein du liebst nicht mehr!

Dein schönes Auge brannte, Die Küsse brannten sehr, Du liebtest mich, bekenn es, Allein du liebst nicht mehr!

Ich zähle nicht auf neue, Getreue Wiederkehr; Gesteh nur, dass du liebtest, Und liebe mich nicht mehr! And the kiss that intoxicated me, where is it now? And the man that I once was, whom long ago I exchanged for another self – where is he now?

Alas, so you would again

Alas, so you would again, You hindering shackles, imprison me? Up and out into the air! Out streams the longing of the soul, flowing out in clamorous songs, Inhaling ethereal fragrances!

Struggle against the wind, That I might cool your cheeks, Greet the heavens with joy! Will timid emotions Move you as you gaze upon the Infinite? Exhale the foe from out of your breast!

You say that I deluded myself

You say that I deluded myself You swear it imposingly; I know however, that you loved me, Only now you love me no more.

Your lovely eyes glowed bright, Your kisses burned greatly; You loved me, confess it, Only now you love me no more!

I count on nothing new, No return to faithfulness; Just admit that you did love, And now love me no more! Bitteres zu sagen denkst du (Hafis)

Bitteres zu sagen denkst du; Aber nun und nimmer kränkst du,

Ob du noch so böse bist. Deine herben Redetaten Scheitern an korall'ner Klippe, Werden all zu reinen Gnaden, Denn sie müssen, um zu schaden, Schiffen über eine Lippe, Die die Süsse selber ist.

So stehn wir, ich und meine Weide (*Hafis*)

So stehn wir, ich und meine Weide, So leider miteinander beide.

Nie kann ich ihr was tun zu Liebe, Nie kann sie mir was tun zu Leide.

Sie kränket es, wenn ich die Stirn ihr Mit einem Diadem bekleide;

Ich danke selbst, wie für ein Lächeln Der Huld, für ihre Zornbescheide.

Wie bist du, meine Königin (Hafis)

Wie bist du, meine Königin, Durch sanfte Güte wonnevoll! Du lächle nur, Lenzdüfte wehn Durch mein Gemüte, wonnevoll!

Frisch aufgeblühter Rosen Glanz, Vergleich ich ihn dem deinigen? Ach, über alles, was da blüht, Ist deine Blüte wonnevoll!

You are thinking of something bitter to say

You are thinking of something bitter to say But neither now nor ever might you cause offense, Although you are so angry, Your sharp speech Founders on coral rocks, And become pure grace, For it must, in order to cause shame. Sail over a pair of lips Which is Sweetness itself.

So we stand, I and my mistress

So we stand, I and my mistress, So unfortunate with each other!

Never can I do anything to please her; Never can she do anything to pain me.

It hurts her feelings when upon her brow I adorn her with a diadem;

I myself am thankful, as much for a smile of favor, as for a furoius reply.

How blissful you are, my queen

How blissful you are, my queen, When you are gentle and good! Merely smile, and spring fragrance wafts Through my spirit blissfully!

The brightness of freshly blooming roses, Shall I compare it to yours? Ah, soaring over all that blooms Is your bloom, blissful? Durch tote Wüsten wandle hin, Und grüne Schatten breiten sich, Ob fürchterliche Schwüle dort Ohn Ende brüte, wonnevoll!

Lass mich vergehn in deinem Arm! Es ist ihm ja selbst der Tod, Ob auch die herbste Todesqual Die Brust durchwüte, wonnevoll! Wander through dead wastelands, And green shadows will be spreading, Even if fearful sultriness Broods there without end...blissfully!

Let me die in your arms! It is in them that Death itself, Even if the sharpest pain Rages in my breast...is blissful!

II

Tre Sonetti di Petrarca

Franz Liszt

Pace non trovo (Sonnet 47)

Pace non trovo, e non ho da far guerra, E terno, e spero, ed ardo, e son un ghiaccio: E volo sopra 'l cielo, e giaccio in terra; E nulla stringo, e tutto 'l mondo abbraccio.

Tal m'ha in pregion, che non m'apre, né serra, Né per suo mi ritien, né scioglie il laccio,

E non m'uccide Amor, e non mi sferra;

Né mi vuol vivo, né mi trahe d'impaccio.

Veggio senz' occhi, e non ho lingua e grido;

E bramo di perir, e cheggio aita; Ed ho in odio me stesso, ed amo altrui:

Pascomi di dolor; piangendo rido; Egualmente mi spiace morte e vita. In questo stato son, donna, per voi.

Three Petrarch Sonnets

I Find No Peace

I find no peace, yet may not fight;I fear and hope, I burn and freeze;I fly to heaven and lie on the groundI cling to no-one, yet would embrace the world.

I am imprisoned by the one who will neither loose or bind me,

Will neither have me for her own nor will untie my bonds;

Love does not kill me, nor free me from my chains,

Will not let me live, nor lift from me the load.

I see without eyes; I have no tongue with which to cry;

- I long for death, yet call for help;
- I hate myself, yet love others;

I dedicate myself to grief and, weeping, laugh; I hate both death and life in equal measure; To this condition, Lady, you have brought me.

Benedetto sia 'l giorno (Sonnet 104)

Benedetto sia 'l giorno, e 'l mese, e l'anno, E la stagione, e 'l tempo, e l'ora, e 'l punto

E 'l bel paese e 'l loco, ov'io fui guinto

Da' duo begli occhi che legato m'hanno;

E benedetto il primo dolce affanno Ch'i' ebbi ad esser con Amor congiunto, E l'arco e la saette ond' i' fui punto,

E le piaghe, ch'infino al cor mi vanno.

Benedette le voci tante, ch'io Chiamando il nome di Laura ho sparte,

E i sospiri, e le lagrime, e 'l desio.

E benedette sian tutte le carte Ov'io fama le acquisto, e il pensier mio,

Ch'è sol di lei, si ch'altra non v'ha parte.

Blessed Be the Day

Blessed be the day, the month, the year, The season, the weather, the hour, the moment,
The lovely country and the place where I encountered
Two lovely eyes which tied me to them.
And blessed be the first sweet pain
Which I suffered through encountering love, And the bow and arrows by which I was struck,
And the wounds which pierced me o the heart.
Blessed be the voice with which

I called out Laura's name, to make her famous,

And the sighs, the tears, the longing.

And blessed be all those pages

On which I wrote of her repute; and my thoughts,

Which are of her alone, in which none other shares.

I' vidi in terra angelici costumi (Sonnet 123)

I' vidi in terra angelici costumi, E celesti bellezzo al mondo sole; Tal che di rimembrar mi giova e dole;

Ché quant'io miro par sogni, ombre e fumi.

E vidi lagrimar que' duo bel lumi, Ch'han fatto mille volte invidia al sole;

Ed udí' sospirando dir parole Che farian gir i monti e stare i fiumi.

Amor! Senno! Valor, Pietate, e Doglia Facean piangendo un piú dolce concento D'ogni altro, che nel mondo udir si soglia.

Ed era 'l cielo all'armonia s'intento

Che non si vedea in ramo mover foglia, Tanta dolcezza avea pien l'aere e 'l vento.

I Saw Angels on Earth

I saw angels on earth

And heavenly beauties unique in the world, So that the memory brings me joy and sadness;

Since what I see appears but shadows, dreams and smoke.

I saw tears flow from those two lovely eyes Which put the sun to shame a thousand times;

And heard words spoken amid sighing Which move mountains, halt the flowing streams.

Love! Wisdom! Courage, mercy, sorrow With tears did they create the sweetest music That one may ever hear upon the earth.

And heaven was enraptured by their harmony

That neither leaf nor twig was seen to move, So filled with sweetness were the air and wind.

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III

Ballades de François Villon

Claude Debussy

Ballade de Villon à s'Amye

Faulse beauté, qui tant me couste cher, Rude en effect, hypocrite doulceur, Amour dure, plus que fer, à mascher; Nommer que puis de ma deffaçon soeur. Charme felon, la mort d'ung povre cueur,

Orgueil mussé, qui gens met au mourir,

Yeulx sans pitié! Ne veult droict de rigueur Sans empirer, ung povre secourir?

Mieulx m'eust valu avoir esté crier Ailleurs secours, c'eust esté mon bonheur:

Rien ne m'eust sceu de ce fait arracher; Trotter m'en fault en fuyte à deshonneur. Haro, haro, le grand et le mineur! Et qu'est cecy? mourray sans coup ferir,

Ou pitié peult, selon ceste teneur, Sans empirer, ung povre secourir.

Ung temps viendra, qui fera desseicher, Jaulnir, flestrir, vostre espanie fleur:

J'en risse lors, se tant peusse marcher, Mais las! nenny: ce seroit donc foleur, Vieil je seray; vous, laide et sans couleur. Or, beuvez, fort, tant que ru peult courir. Ne donnez pas à tous ceste douleur Sans empirer, ung povre secourir.

Prince amoureux, des amans le greigneur, Vostre mal gré ne vouldroye encourir; Mais tout franc cueur doit, par Nostre Seigneur,

Sans empirer, ung povre secourir.

Ballad of Villon to his love

False beauty, who costs me so dear heartless, in truth, with feigned sweetness, hard love, harder than iron to outwear; I name you sister of my undoing. Treacherous charm, the death of a poor heart. dissembled pride, which sends men to their death. pitiless eyes! From such cruelty will justice not rescue a poor fellow, without worsening his lot? It had been better to have begged for help elsewhere, it could have meant my happiness; nothing can tear me from this fate; I must go on in my flight to hide my dishonor. Great and small are crying shame upon me! Now what is this? Shall I die without striking a blow or will pity, given these circumstances, rescue a poor fellow, without worsening his lot? A time will come, when dried up, yellowed, faded, your full-blown flower shall be: I will laugh then, if I can still walk,

but alas! Nay: it would be folly, I shall be old; you, ugly and colorless. Now drink deep while the brook still runs. Do not give to all this pain. rescue a poor fellow, without worsening his lot.

Amorous prince, greatest of lovers, I do not wish to incur your displeasure; but every honest heart must, for our good Lord's sake,

rescue a poor fellow, without worsening his lot.

Ballade que Villon feit à la requeste de sa mère pour prier Nostre-Dame

Dame du ciel, regente terrienne, Emperière des infernaulz palux, Recevez-moy, vostre humble chrestienne, Que comprinse soye entre vos esleuz, Ce non onstant qu'oncques reins ne valuz.

Les biens de vous, ma dame et ma maistresse, Sont trop plus grans que ne suys pecheresse, Sans lesquelz bien ame ne peult merir N'avoir les cieulx, je n'en suis menteresse. En ceste foy je vueil vivre et mourir.

A vostre Filz dictes que je suys sienne; De luy soyent mes pechez aboluz: Pardononnez-moy comme à l'Egyptienne,

Ou comme il feit au clerc Theophilus, Lequel par vous fut quitte et absoluz,

Combien qu'il eust au diable faict promesse. Preservez-moy que je n'accomplisse ce! Vierge portant sans rompure encourir Le sacrement qu'on celebre à la messe. En ceste foy je vueil vivre et mourir.

Femme je suis povrette et ancienne, Qui riens ne sçay, oncques lettre ne leuz; Au moustier voy dont suis paroissienne, Paradis painct où sont harpes et luz, Et ung enfer où damnez sont bouluz: L'ung me faict paour, l'aultre joye et liesse.

La joye avoir fais-moy, haulte Deesse, A qui pecheurs doibvent tous recourir, Comblez de foy, sans faincte ne paresse. En ceste foy je vueil vivre et mourir.

Ballad made at the request of his Mother, for a prayer to Our Lady

Lady of Heaven, Regent of the earth, Empress of the infernal swamps, receive me, your humble Christian let me be numbered among your elect, although I am unworthy.

Your goodness, my Lady, and my Mistress, is far greater than my sinfulness, Without this goodness, no soul can merit Heaven nor gain it – I do not speak falsely. In this faith would I live and die.

Say to your Son, I am His; through Him let my sins be swept away: may He forgive me as He forgave the woman of Egypt, or the priest Théophilus, who through your intercession was acquitted and absolved. Although he had made a pact with the devil. Preserve me from ever doing such a thing! Virgin bearing without blemish the sacrament we celebrate at Mass. In this faith would I live and die.

I am a poor old woman, Ignorant and unlettered; In my parish church I see a picture of Paradise with harps and lutes, and Hell where the damned are boiled: the one frightens me, the other gives me joy and gladness.

Give me the joy, exalted Goddess, to whom all sinners must resort, full of faith, without insincerity or sloth. In this faith would I live and die.

Ballade des femmes de Paris

Quoy qu'on tient belles langagières Florentines, Veniciennes, assez pour estre messagières, Et mesmement les anciennes; Mais, soient Lombardes, Romaines, Genevoises, à mes perils, Piemontoises, Savoysiennes, Il n'est bon bec que de Paris,

De beau parler tiennent chayeres, Ce dit-on Napolitaines, Et que sont bonnes cacquetières Allemandes et Bruciennes; Soeint Grecques, Egyptiennes, De Hongrie ou d'aultre païs, Espaignolles ou Castellannes, Il n'est bon bec que de Paris.

Brettes, Suysses, n'y sçavent guèrres, Ne Gasconnes et Tholouzaines; Du Petit-Pont deux harangères Les concluront, et les Lorraines

Anglesches ou Callaisiennes, (Ay-je beaucoup de lieux compris?) Picardes, de Valenciennes... Il n'est bon bec que de Paris.

Prince, aux dames parisiennes, De bien parler donnez le prix; Quoy qu'on die d'Italiennes, Il n'est bon bec que de Paris.

Ballad of the Women of Paris

Although they praise as fine talkers Florentines, Venetians, good enough to be go-betweens, even the old women too; yet be they from Lombardy, Rome, Geneva, heaven help me, Piedmont, Savoy, for the gift of gab give me Paris.

Those who hold professorships in loquacity are, they say, the Neopolitans, and outstanding as chatterboxes are the Germans and the Prussians, yet be they Greeks, Egyptians, from Hungary or other lands, Spaniards or Castilians, for the gift of gab give me Paris.

The Bretons, the Swiss, know nothing about it, neither do they in Gascony or Toulouse; Two jabberers from the Petit-Pont, would soon settle them; and also those from Lorrraine England or Calais, (have I included enough places?) Picardy, of Valenciennes... For the gift of gab, give me Paris.

Prince, to the Parisian ladies present the prize for good talking; whatever they may say of the Italians, for the gift of gab give me Paris.

IV

Don Quichotte à Dulcinée – Trois Chansons

Maurice Ravel

Chanson romanesque

Si vous me disiez que la terre À tant tourner vous offensa, Je lui dépêcherais Pança: Vous la verriez fixe et se taire.

Si vous me disiez que l'ennui Vous vient du ciel trop fleuri d'astres, Déchirant les divins cadastres, Je faucherais d'un coup la nuit.

Si vous me disiez que l'espace Ainsi vidé ne vous plaît point, Chevalier dieu, la lance au poing. J'étoilerais le vent qui passe.

Mais si vous disiez que mon sang Est plus à moi qu'à vous, ma Dame, Je blêmirais dessous le blâme Et je mourrais, vous bénissant.

Ô Dulcinée.

Romanesque Song

If you told me the eternal turning Of the world, offended you. I would send Panza: you would see it motionless and silent.

If you told me to be bored by the number of stars in the sky. I would tear the heavens apart, Erase the night in one swipe.

If you told me that the, now Empty space, doesn't please you. Chevalierdieu, with a lance at hand I would fill the passing wind with stars.

But, my Lady, if you told me that my blood is more mine, then yours. That reprimand would turn me pale And, blessing you, I would die.

Oh, Dulcinée.

Chanson épique

Bon Saint Michel qui me donnez loisir De voir ma Dame et de l'entendre, Bon Saint Michel qui me daignez choisir

Pour lui complaire et la défendre, Bon Saint Michel veuillez descendre Avec Saint Georges sur l'autel De la Madone au bleu mantel.

D'un rayon du ciel bénissez ma lame Et son égale en pureté Et son égale en piété Comme en pudeur et chasteté: Ma Dame,

Ô grands Saint Georges et Saint Michel L'ange qui veille sur ma veille, Ma douce Dame si pareille À Vous, Madone au bleu mantel! Amen.

Chanson à boire

Foin du bâtard, illustre Dame, Qui pour me perdre à vos doux yeux Dit que l'amour et le vin vieux Mettent en deuil mon coeur, mon âme!

Je bois À la joie! La joie est le seul but Où je vais droit…lorsque j'ai bu!

Foin du jaloux, brune maîtresse, Qui geint, qui pleure et fait serment D'être toujours ce pâle amant Qui met de l'eau dans son ivresse!

Je bois À la joie! La joie est le seul but Où je vais droit…lorsque j'ai bu!

Epic Song

Dear Saint Michael, who gives me the chance to see my lady and to hear her. Dear Saint Michael who gracefully choose me to please and defend her. Dear Saint Michael will you descend With Saint George to the altar Of the Virgin in the blue mantle.

Bless my sword, with a beam from heaven And his equal in purity And his equal in pity As in modesty and chastity: My Lady.

O Great Saint George and Saint Michael The angel who guards my watch My sweet Lady, so much like you Virgin in the blue mantle. Amen.

Drinking Song

Fig for the bastard, illustrious Lady Who, for losing me in your sweet eyes Tells me that love and old wine Put my heart ad soul in mourning.

I drink To Pleasure! Pleasure is the only goal, To which I go straight...when I've drunk!

Fig for the jealous, dark-haired mistress who moans, who cries and swears Always being the pallid lover, Watering down his intoxication

I drink To Pleasure! Pleasure is the only goal, To which I go straight...when I've drunk!

In allen meinen Taten: Cantata No. 97, BWV 97 (excerpt)

Nichts ist es spät und frühe, Versus II (Aria)

Nichts ist es spät und frühe Um alle sein Mühe, Mein Sorgen ist umsonst. Er mags mit meinen Sachen Nach seinem Willen machen, Ich stells in seine Gunst. Nought is too late or early Despite my toil and labor, My worries are in vain. He may with all my dealings Dispose as he is willing, I give it to his care.

Mache dich, mein Geist, bereit: Cantata No. 115, BWV 115 (excerpt)

Bete aber auch dabei, Versus IV (Aria: Molto Adagio)

Bete aber auch dabei Mitten in dem Wachen! Bitte bei der großen Schuld Deinen Richter um Geduld, Soll er dich von Sünden frei Und gereinigt machen! Pray though even now as well, Even in thy waking! Beg now in thy grievous guilt That thy Judge with thee forbear, That he may thee from sin set free And unspotted render.

Schweigt stille, plaudert nicht: Cantata No. 211, BWV 211

(The Coffee Cantata) Lieschen, Narrator, Schlendrian

Recitative Continuo

Schweigt stille, plaudert nicht Und höret, was itzund geschicht: Da kömmt Herr Schlendrian Mit seiner Tochter Liesgen her, Er brummt ja wie ein Zeidelbär; Hört selber, was sie ihm getan!

Aria Violino I/II, Viola, Continuo

Hat man nicht mit seinen Kindern Hunderttausend Hudelei! Was ich immer alle Tage Meiner Tochter Liesgen sage, Gehet ohne Frucht vorbei. Be quiet, chatter not, Give ear to what will now transpire: Now Mister Schlendrian Comes with his daughter Liesgen here And rumbles just like a honey bear; Now listen what she's done to him!

Don't we have with our own children Hundred thousand woes to see! What I always every day, To my daughter Liesgen say, Passeth fruitless on its way.

Recitative Continuo

Du böses Kind, du loses Mädchen, Ach! wenn erlang ich meinen Zweck: Tu mir den Coffee weg!

Herr Vater, seid doch nicht so scharf! Wenn ich des Tages nicht dreimal Mein Schälchen Coffee trinken darf, So werd ich ja zu meiner Qual Wie ein verdorrtes Ziegenbrätchen.

Aria Flauto traverso, Continuo

Ei! wie schmeckt der Coffee süße, Lieblicher als tausend Küsse, Milder als Muskatenwein. Coffee, Coffee muß ich haben, Und wenn jemand mich will laben, Ach, so schenkt mir Coffee ein!

Recitative Continuo

Wenn du mir nicht den Coffee läßt, So sollst du auf kein Hochzeitfest, Auch nicht spazierengehn.

Ach ja! Nur lasset mir den Coffee da!

Da hab ich nun den kleinen Affen! Ich will dir keinen Fischbeinrock nach itzger Weite schaffen.

Ich kann mich leicht darzu verstehn.

Du sollst nicht an das Fenster treten Und keinen sehn vorübergehn!

(Schlendrian)

Thou naughty child, thou wanton hussy, Ah, when will I achieve my way? For me, off coffee lay!

(Lieschen)

Dear Father, do not be so strict! For if I may not thrice each day My little cup of coffee drink, I'll turn indeed to my distress Into a dried-up goat for roasting.

Ah! How sweet the coffee's taste is, Sweeter than a thousand kisses, Milder than sweet muscatel. Coffee, coffee, I must have it, And if someone wants to spoil me, Ah, my cup with coffee fill!

(*Schlendrian*) If thou for me not coffee quit, Thou shalt attend no wedding feast, Nor ever take a stroll.

(*Lieschen*) Agreed! But leave the coffee here for me!

(Schlendrian) Now I've got the little monkey! I will most sure a whalebone dress of latest girth refuse thee.

(*Lieschen*) I can with ease learn this to bear.

(Schlendrian)

Thou shalt not to the window venture And no one see who walks beneath it! Auch dieses; doch seid nur gebeten Und lasset mir den Coffee stehn!

Du sollst auch nicht von meiner Hand Ein silbern oder goldnes Band Auf deine Haube kriegen!

Ja, ja! nur laßt mir mein Vergnügen!

Du loses Liesgen du, So gibst du mir denn alles zu?

Aria Continuo

Mädchen, die von harten Sinnen, Sind nicht leichte zu gewinnen. Doch trifft man den rechten Ort, O! so kömmt man glücklich fort.

Recitative Continuo

Nun folge, was dein Vater spricht!

In allem, nur den Coffee nicht.

Wohlan! so mußt du dich bequemen, Auch niemals einen Mann zu nehmen.

Ach ja! Herr Vater, einen Mann!

Ich schwöre, daß es nicht geschicht.

Bis ich den Coffee lassen kann? Nun! Coffee, bleib nur immer liegen! Herr Vater, hört, ich trinke keinen nicht.

So sollst du endlich einen kriegen!

(*Lieschen*) This also; but heed my plea And grant that my coffee remains with me!

(*Schlendrian*) Thou shalt as well not from my hand A silver or a golden band Upon thy bonnet gain thee!

(*Lieschen*) Yes, yes! But leave to me my pleasure!

(Schlendrian) Thou wanton Liesgen thou, Then dost thou yield me ev'rything?

Maidens who are steely-hearted Are not easily persuaded. But just hit the proper spot, Oh, ye'll have a happy lot.

(Schlendrian) Now, follow what thy father bids!

(*Lieschen*) In all things, only coffee not!

(Schlendrian) Go on, thou must then be contented To lack as well a husband ever.

(*Lieschen*) O yes! Dear Father, please, a man!

(Schlendrian) I swear it, it will never be.

(*Lieschen*) Until from coffee I abstain? Well! Coffee, be forever conquered! Dear Father, mark, I'll never drink a bit.

(Schlendrian) And thou in turn at last shalt get him. Aria Violino I/II, Viola, Cembalo, Continuo

Heute noch, Lieber Vater, tut es doch! Ach, ein Mann! Wahrlich, dieser steht mir an!

Wenn es sich doch balde fügte, Daß ich endlich vor Coffee, Eh ich noch zu Bette geh, Einen wackern Liebsten kriegte!

Recitative Continuo

Nun geht und sucht der alte Schlendrian, Wie er vor seine Tochter Liesgen Bald einen Mann verschaffen kann; Doch, Liesgen streuet heimlich aus: Kein Freier komm mir in das Haus. Er hab es mir denn selbst versprochen Und rück es auch der Ehestiftung ein, Daß mir erlaubet möge sein, Den Coffee, wenn ich will, zu kochen.

Chorus

Flauto traverso, Violino I/II, Viola, Continuo

Die Katze läßt das Mausen nicht. Die Jungfern bleiben Coffeeschwestern.

Die Mutter liebt den Coffeebrauch, Die Großmama trank solchen auch, Wer will nun auf die Töchter lästern!

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Today, still, O dear Father, do it, please! Ah, a man! Truly, he would suit me fine!

If it only soon might happen That at last in coffee's stead, Ere I vet shall go to bed, I a gallant lover find me!

Old Mister Schlendrian now goes to seek How he for this his daughter Liesgen Soon may a husband here procure; But Liesgen secretly makes known: No suitor come into my house Unless he's made to me the promise And put it in the marriage contract, too, That I shall be allowed to brew. Whenever I desire, my coffee.

A cat its mousing never quits, The girls remain the coffee sisters.

Mother loves to use the brew. Grandma fondly drank it too, So who would now the daughters censure?

A Meeting Between Generations

By Rachel Cooper

orgiveness, a contemporary theatre work inspired by a classic Asian ghost opera about revenge and reconciliation seeks to give voice to the complex collective memories and emotions of a post-war generation of Koreans, Japanese and Chinese. The ghost story that inspired Forgiveness is The Punishment of Zi Du, a story about a warrior who, in search of glory and out of jealousy, betrays and kills his best friend. The ghost of the murdered man returns to haunt his murderer, and a cycle of revenge is set into motion. In Forgiveness the ghosts are a metaphor for the turbulent, intertwining histories of China, Korea and Japan. The younger generations may not have directly experienced the horrors that have occurred between these nations, but are nonetheless burdened by the submerged rage inherent in an unresolved history. Forgiveness seeks to break through this passeddown, even unconscious hatred and suspicion and to find ways to acknowledge the brutal past in order to move more positively into this century. The work uses formal aesthetics inherent in Chinese, Korean and Japanese performance traditions, including Jingju (Peking opera), Noh (classical Japanese masked theater) and traditional Korean dance, mixing them with contemporary forms of new music and hip-hop. In this sense, it is a meeting between generations through historical time.

Historical Context

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A t the turn of the millennium, the relations of the three great nations of East Asia – China, Korea, and Japan – hang in the balance. Distrust and resentment, a legacy of decades of conflict in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries shadow prospects for a brighter era of peace and cooperation in the twentyfirst. Today, the peoples of East Asia are increasingly engaged in trade and cultural exchange. They are also arming themselves against the prospect of future belligerence.

Wars in East Asia – beginning with armed struggle between China and Japan in 1894-95 to determine the fate of Korea and culminating with eight years of bitter conflict during World War II – claimed tens of millions of lives. Memories of the Nanjing massacre, the sexual exploitation of "comfort Women," criminal medical experimentation, slave labor, and other such atrocities committed more than half a century ago still affect relations today.

The barbarities of recent wars must not be forgotten. Like the holocaust in Europe, they must serve to remind us continually of human capacity for evil. But is retribution for crimes committed a path to redemption? Does forgiveness offer a better prospect of a peaceful future? And who is to be forgiven? Are succeeding generations responsible for the crimes of their forbears? Are whole nations culpable or only the individuals who lead them?

Those are questions that are not easily answered. But the history of the three East Asian countries offers a distinctive prospect for future reconciliation and cooperation. For over twothousand years the peoples of China, Korea, and Japan lived mostly at peace with each other and developed similar institutions, values, and customs. Tools, techniques and material goods as well as ideas were shared by China, Korea, and Japan and adapted to local circumstances to become distinctive parts of a common culture. Techniques of wetland rice agriculture became the basis of prosperity and cultural development throughout East Asia; illiteracy was dispelled by the spread of Chinese writing; Buddhism became the principal religion throughout the area; and Confucianism deeply influenced social and political institutions and eventually became the official state cult in all three countries. Indications of a shared culture are readily apparent as well in the literature, art and architecture of the three countries. The structure and

appearance of public buildings, landscape painting, Buddhist sculpture, ceramic ware, and poetry in the premodern era is immediately recognizable as variations on common themes and techniques.

During two millennia of cultural assimilation and adaptation there had been, to be sure, relatively brief periods of belligerence, such as the Mongol conquest of China and Korea in the twelfth century, and two subsequent abortive attempts to conquer Japan by Mongol-led Chinese and Korean troops. There was also an unsuccessful attempt in the sixteenth century by the great unifier of Japan, Toyotomi Hideyoshi, to conquer China and Korea. But these and other periods of conflict were exceptions to an amicable norm. Indeed, for almost 300 years between 1600 and the late nineteenth century there was undisturbed peace.

What changed that situation was Western imperialism. In the nineteenth century, Britain, the US and France, soon followed by Russia, Germany and other Western nations, forcefully "opened" a reluctant East Asia to Western trade and religious proselytizing by imposing a series of "unequal treaties." The distinctive ways in which China, Japan, and Korea reacted to this Western challenge would dramatically affect their individual and collective futures. China, disdainful of the Western "barbarians" and confident of its own moral and cultural superiority, tried to buy off the imperialists with small concessions, and later, as its vulnerability became increasingly apparent, to acquire Western weapons and a few "self-strengthening" institutions. China's miscalculation of Western power and

determination would result in the total collapse of the Qing Dynasty in 1911, leaving the country in chaos and vulnerable to outside predators.

Japan's reaction was entirely different. After a brief period of internal turmoil, the Japanese united as a nation determined to learn from the West techniques for "strengthening the army and enriching the country." Within a remarkably short time the Japanese had acquired the power to compete with the West on its own terms, whereupon they took the initiative to "open" Korea, the most conservative of the three East Asian nations, and join Western nations in imposing unequal treaties on it. In 1894-95 Japan defeated China in a war to determine control of Korea, and a decade later it decisively defeated Russia in a war over exploitation rights in Korea and Manchuria in northeastern China. By 1910 Japan had incorporated Korea into the growing Japanese empire, and in 1931 it invaded Manchuria, separating it from China and establishing a puppet government. Six years later it became embroiled in a war with China that would last for eight years, ending only with its unconditional surrender in 1945.

To put these events in historical context, it should be understood that Japan's aggression in Korea and China in the decades leading up to WW II was viewed by many Japanese economic and military strategists as their only hope for survival in a hostile, racist world. Japan, a country with virtually no natural resources, had become increasingly dependent economically on the good will of other nations, particularly the US, a country which had recently passed immigration laws discriminating against Asians. Domination of Korea and China, both politically in disarray and militarily weak at the time, seemed to offer a way out. Undoubtedly some Japanese also believed their own propaganda – that they were liberating the peoples of East Asia from the yoke of Western oppression to create a new era of collective prosperity – though their actions soon belied the claim. Thus, they became entrapped in a brutal eight-year war that they could not win.

The costs of that conflict are staggering. Chinese historians estimate that more than twenty-million of their compatriots died as a direct result of the war, and uncounted millions of others were injured. In the most notorious single incident of the war an estimated 150,000 to 350,000 Chinese men, women, and children were slaughtered in a frenzy of indiscriminate killing by Japanese troops when they entered Nanjing, then the capital of the Republic of China. The infamous Nanjing massacre was a calculated attempt by local Japanese commanders to terrorize the Chinese into capitulating. The effect was the opposite. Chinese resistance stiffened, and memories of the atrocity are still fresh.

In Korea, too, resentment of Japanese policies and actions in the past still rankles. After Korea was annexed by Japan in 1910, the economy was restructured to serve Japanese interests, and attempts to achieve cultural assimilation eventually went so far as to prohibit use of the Korean language in schools, publications, and official documents. The sexual exploitation of thousands of Korean "comfort women" during WW II is only the most well-known of the many grievances harbored by Koreans against their neighbors to the east. Despite numerous acts of Korean resistance during the years of Japanese occupation, none could prevail against superior Japanese military might until the defeat of Japan in 1945.

From the perspective of the Japanese government in the early twentieth century, its attempts to dominate China and Korea were only commensurate with what Western powers had already been doing all over the world during the great age of imperialism. Indeed, when Japan seized power in Korea, it was with the tacit compliance of the US and Great Britain in exchange for Japan's recognition of their claims in the Philippines and India. It was a perspective paid for with blood, including the blood of many Japanese. Victims of misguided militarism, millions of Japanese died during World War II, many of them civilians, including those incinerated in the nuclear holocaust in the waning days of the conflict.

Is forgiveness possible? Or will the retributive ghosts of the past continue to haunt the collective memory of the peoples of East Asia? Progress toward reconciliation since the end of World War II has taken a largely economic form, with trade and investment providing a bond of mutual benefit. Perhaps such material considerations will open a path to peace and stability in East Asia but in the long run, cultural considerations, the deeply grounded common heritage developed over two millennia, offer a more solid foundation for true forgiveness and reconciliation.