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Mark Schli

MARK SCHLISSEL President, University of Michigan



"Thank you so much for joining us at this performance. As we welcome President Mark Schlissel and Monica Schwebs to the University and to UMS performances, we celebrate UMS's deepened engagement with U-M academic units through our new course, Engaging Performance; the Mellon Faculty Institute; Medical Arts Program; and other initiatives serving U-M students and faculty. You can learn about these initiatives at ums.org/learn. On our site you can also learn about our Emmy Award-winning documentary on Hill Auditorium, link to our online archive UMS Rewind, and share your views about this performance. We are proud to bring audiences and artists together in uncommon and engaging experiences."

KENNETH C. FISCHER UMS President



"UMS is beginning its 136th season as an arts presenter, the oldest university-based arts presenting organization in the US. I am extremely honored to be starting my second year as Chair of the UMS Board of Directors. In partnership with an outstanding staff, the UMS Board seeks to assure that UMS will be as strong and vital in the future as it is today. We invite you to join us in our Victors for UMS campaign, focusing on the goals of Access and Inclusiveness, Engaged Learning Through the Arts, and Bold Artistic Leadership. With your help, we can be the Leaders and Best in presenting arts and culture to our community."

STEPHEN G. PALMS Chair, UMS Board of Directors

### SUPPORTING THE ARTS

As a long-time patron of the arts, Honigman is a proud partner of UMS. We wish to thank our colleagues for their leadership and support, including David N. Parsigian, member of the UMS Board of Directors and Treasurer, and Maurice S. Binkow, Carl W. Herstein and Leonard M. Niehoff, members of the UMS Senate.

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We want you to use this guide as a resource. Dig deeper. Get to know the artists. Figure out how it all comes together. We believe that the performing arts are extraordinary on their own, but we encourage you to explore, gain perspective, and understand the depth behind the experience. This book is designed to help you learn more about UMS, the community, and the artists on stage.

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#### NOVEMBER

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- 6 Apollo's Fire & Apollo's Singers Monteverdi's Vespers of 1610
- 9 Quatuor Ébène
- 13-14 San Francisco Symphony Michael Tilson Thomas, music director Gil Shaham, violin (11/14)
- 15 Bob James
- 19 Jake Shimabukuro, ukulele
- 23 Yuja Wang, piano Leonidas Kavakos, violin

#### DECEMBER

- 6-7 Handel's Messiah UMS Choral Union & Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra Jerry Blackstone, conductor
- 9 Rossini's *William Tell* Teatro Regio Torino Orchestra & Chorus Gianandrea Noseda, conductor

Artists, programs, and dates are subject to change. Please visit www.ums.org for an up-to-date season calendar.

To learn more, see video previews, get in-depth performance descriptions, and buy tickets, visit www.ums.org.

# **FALL 2014**

#### JANUARY

- 7-10 Helen & Edgar
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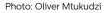
- 5 Tomasz Stańko, trumpet
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- 19 Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra Yannick Nézet-Séguin, conductor Hélène Grimaud, piano
- 20 The Campbell Brothers: A Sacred Steel Love Supreme
- 21-22 Trisha Brown Dance Company

#### MARCH

- 12-13 A Bill Frisell Americana Celebration
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- 26 Richard Goode, piano





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### CAN TRADITION BUILD THE FUTURE?

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At UMS, we believe it can. In our 136th season, we continue to showcase traditional performances alongside contemporary artists for an offering that is unlike anything available in the Midwest. UMS grew from a group of local members of the University and townspeople in the 1870s who gathered together for the study of Handel's *Messiah*. Led by Professor Henry Simmons Frieze and conducted by Professor Calvin Cady, the group assumed the name The Choral Union. Many Choral Union members were also affiliated with the University, and the University Musical Society was established soon after in December 1880.

Since that first season, UMS has expanded greatly and we now present the very best from a wide spectrum of the performing arts: internationally renowned recitalists and orchestras, dance and chamber ensembles, jazz and global music performers, and contemporary stagework and classical theater. Through educational programming, the commissioning of new works, youth programs, artist residencies, and collaborative projects, we continue to strengthen our reputation for artistic distinction and innovation.

# Leadership.

UMS believes in exceptional stewardship of the performing arts, a responsibility shared by many in our community. In the following pages, you'll meet some of the individuals and organizations that help bring our season to the stage.



#### UMS LEADERSHIP DONORS.

The following individuals have made gift commitments of \$50,000 or more for the 2013–14 and/or 2014–15 seasons, or have established a permanent endowment of \$100,000 or more as a part of the Victors for Michigan Campaign.



#### BERTRAM ASKWITH PATTI ASKWITH KENNER

"The arts have made a significant difference in my life and my daughter's life. I want every U-M student to have the opportunity to experience the impact of the performing arts at UMS. This is why I am offering every first and second year student one free ticket – Bert's Ticket – to introduce them to a cultural experience at Michigan."



#### **ILENE FORSYTH**

"I want to help chamber music flourish in Ann Arbor. My support for the series began with its inception in 1963 and I continue to believe that these concerts help nurture our intellectual life as they stimulate and refresh us."



#### EUGENE AND EMILY GRANT

"We are proud to support UMS and the many programs they offer University students. It is great to know that students will have access to the greatest performing artists from around the world. The arts are an important part of a Michigan education."

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### MAXINE AND STUART FRANKEL FOUNDATION

#### Maxine and Stuart Frankel

"We are delighted to partner with UMS for the fourth year on the Renegade Series. Supporting Renegade programming allows UMS to provide experiences for the curious, adventurous, and experimental audience member — allowing us to challenge our existing beliefs and push our own boundaries."



#### WALLIS CHERNIACK KLEIN

"The arts are a vital part of one's education, encouraging one to appreciate complexity, to be creative, and to be inspired by excellence. Therefore, I established an endowment fund at UMS to guarantee that current and future generations of students are able to experience the arts."



#### CANDIS AND HELMUT STERN

"UMS has enriched our lives for many years. In addition to benefiting us, it has enabled the University to recruit and retain talented faculty and students, making a valuable contribution to the quality of life in our community. We are delighted to have established an endowment fund to support a Chamber Arts performance at UMS each year to help preserve this treasure for future generations."



#### ANN AND CLAYTON WILHITE

"Don't you agree that it is virtually impossible to find someone whose day hasn't been made better by a UMS music, theater, or dance performance? It could also be true that devoting more of your time, treasure, and talent to UMS will help you to live longer. From personal experience, you can count on us as believers. Come join us. See a performance, volunteer to help, write a check, bring a friend. We look forward to seeing you!"

#### UMS CORPORATE CHAMPIONS.

The following businesses have made commitments of \$5,000 or more for the 2014–15 season.



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"We at Ann Arbor Automotive are pleased to support the artistic variety and program excellence given to us by UMS."





#### TIMOTHY G. MARSHALL

President and CEO, Bank of Ann Arbor

"We take seriously our role as a community bank to invest in our community and Bank of Ann Arbor is pleased to once again support the University Musical Society as a sponsor during the 2014–15 season. We are firm believers that the arts are vital to the vibrancy of our cities, both culturally and economically. While there have been sizable cuts in arts funding over the years by both the private and public sectors, Bank of Ann Arbor is delighted to continue to sponsor UMS year after year."





#### JAMES LOFIEGO

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#### FAYE ALEXANDER NELSON

President, DTE Energy Foundation

"The DTE Energy Foundation is pleased to support exemplary organizations like UMS that inspire the soul, instruct the mind, and enrich the community."



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#### NANCY AND RANDALL FABER

Founders, Faber Piano Institute

"We are proud to support UMS in its tradition of program excellence and outreach that enriches our thoughts, our families, and our community."



#### JAMES G. VELLA

President, Ford Motor Company Fund

"Through music and the arts, we are inspired to broaden our horizons, bridge differences among cultures, and set our spirits free. We are proud to support UMS and acknowledge the important role it plays in our community."



Ford Motor Company Fund



#### DAVID N. PARSIGIAN

Ann Arbor Office Managing Partner, Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP

"In our firm's tradition of supporting major cultural institutions, Honigman has been a long-time supporter of UMS. Our Ann Arbor office is proud to carry on that tradition on behalf of all of our attorneys, especially those who work and live in the Ann Arbor area. We all view the exceptional cultural experiences that UMS provides as key to the success of our community and our firm."

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#### MOHAMAD ISSA

Director, Issa Foundation

"The Issa Foundation is sponsored by the Issa family, which has been established in Ann Arbor for the last 30 years, and is involved in local property management as well as area public schools. The Issa Foundation is devoted to the sharing and acceptance of culture in an effort to change stereotypes and promote peace. UMS has done an outstanding job bringing diverse and talented performers to Ann Arbor."

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#### KIRK ALBERT

Michigan Market President, KeyBank

"KeyBank remains a committed supporter of the performing arts in Ann Arbor and we commend UMS for bringing another season of great performances to the community. Thank you, UMS, for continuing the tradition."

#### KeyBank 🖓 🔒



#### ALBERT M. BERRIZ CEO. McKinlev. Inc.

"The success of UMS is based on a commitment to present a diverse mix of quality cultural performances. McKinley is proud to support this tradition of excellence which enhances and strengthens our community."





#### THOMAS B. MCMULLEN

President and CEO, McMullen Properties

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#### **DENNIS SERRAS**

Owner, Mainstreet Ventures, Inc.

"As restaurant and catering service owners, we consider ourselves fortunate that our business provides so many opportunities for supporting UMS and its continuing success in bringing internationally acclaimed talent to the Ann Arbor community."

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#### **SHARON J. ROTHWELL**

Vice President, Corporate Affairs and Chair, Masco Corporation Foundation

"Masco recognizes and appreciates the value the performing arts bring to the region and to our young people. We applaud the efforts of UMS for its diverse learning opportunities and the impact its programs have on our communities and the cultural leaders of tomorrow."



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#### SCOTT MERZ

CEO, Michigan Critical Care Consultants, Inc. (MC3)

"MC3 is proud to support UMS in recognition of its success in creating a center of cultural richness in Michigan."





#### **STEPHEN G. PALMS**

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#### Miller Anfield

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#### TODD KEPHART

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#### JOHN W. STOUT

President, Stout Systems

"Supporting UMS is really a labor of love — love of music and the performing arts and love of arts advocacy and education. Everyone at Stout Systems knows we cannot truly be successful without helping to make our community a better place. It is an honor to be part of the UMS family."





#### **OSAMU "SIMON" NAGATA**

President, Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing North America, Inc.

"Toyota Technical Center is proud to support UMS, an organization with a long and rich history of serving diverse audiences through a wide variety of arts programming."





#### TIFFANY FORD

President, University of Michigan Credit Union

"Thank you to UMS for enriching our lives. The University of Michigan Credit Union is proud to be a part of another great season of performing arts."





#### MARK SCHLISSEL

President, University of Michigan

"The arts are a critical part of a complete education. The University of Michigan is proud to support UMS, which brings outstanding artists to our campus and provides unique educational opportunities for our students."



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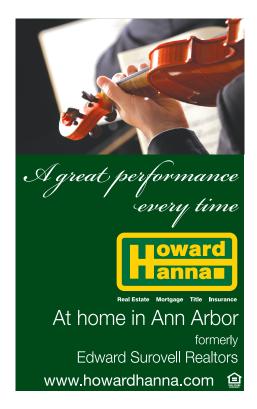
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### THE EXPERIENCE.

#### GETTING THE MOST OUT OF THE PERFORMANCE

We know that everyone enjoys the performance experience in different ways, so we encourage you to think about making choices when you enter the venue that allow you to be present, leave the worries of the day outside, and prepare to receive what the experience holds in store.

Be aware of your surroundings. Connect with the artist or ensemble. What they have to share is a very special gift that comes from a lifetime of training. One of the joys of attending live performances is the ability to share our experiences with one another, so revel in your opportunity to socialize, talk to your friends, discuss the performance, or simply say "hello" to someone new. Feel the energy that a room full of people creates. Look around and take in the entire picture. What goes on in this venue and in this community is truly unique and special, and we must all cherish and protect it.



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Our **volunteer ushers** are invaluable. They will show you to your seat, give you a program, help solve any problems, answer questions, and welcome you to the experience. Please do not hesitate to ask them for help.

**Wear what you want** to the performance – this is Ann Arbor, after all! If you feel inspired to dress in some way related to the show, go for it. Express your own creativity.

**Unwrapping candies** and cough drops *before* the performance begins cuts down on disruptive noise while the performance is in progress.

Think about whether it is necessary to wear your favorite **perfume** to the performance. Chances are that the folks sitting around you may appreciate an unscented experience.

The Good News: most of our performance spaces have world-class acoustics. The Bad News: that means that when you **cough or sneeze** you make an especially clear statement to fellow audience members and performers alike. Feel free to ask an usher for **cough drops** when you arrive at a UMS Choral Union Series event and please consider bringing cough drops with you to our other events. It's noisy even if you cover your mouth!

Thankfully, we manage to keep **last-minute changes** to a minimum, but please remember that all artists and programs are subject to change at a moment's notice.

Programs with larger print are available. Ask an usher.

We make every effort to **begin performances on time**. The actual start time of a performance always reflects a combination of considerations. Late seating is not guaranteed. If you arrive after a performance has begun, we will seat you if there is an appropriate late seating break in the program. We work together with the artists to determine late seating breaks that will not disrupt their performance or the experience of the audience.





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# THE EVENT PROGRAM.

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- 7 CHRIS THILE & EDGAR MEYER Thursday, October 16, 8:00 pm Michigan Theater
- 13 BELCEA QUARTET Saturday, October 18, 8:00 pm Rackham Auditorium
- 21 PIRANDELLO'S SIX CHARACTERS IN SEARCH OF AN AUTHOR THÉÂTRE DE LA VILLE Friday, October 24, 8:00 pm Saturday, October 25, 8:00 pm Power Center

We want this program book to engage you in a conversation that deepens your experience and connection to the performance both inside the theater and after you leave it. We are always conserving resources at UMS. If you are coming to multiple performances within a program book edition, please keep your book and return with it.

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## GREGORY PORTER

Gregory Porter, Vocals Chip Crawford, Piano Yosuke Sato, Saxophones Aaron James, Bass Emanuel Harrold, Drums

Wednesday Evening, October 15, 2014 at 7:30 pm Michigan Theater • Ann Arbor

Sixth Performance of the 136th Annual Season 21st Annual Jazz Series

Photo: Gregory Porter; photographer: Shawn Peters.

This evening's program will be announced by the artists from the stage and will be performed without intermission.

This evening's performance is sponsored by the University of Michigan Health System.

Endowment support provided by the JazzNet Endowment Fund.

Media partnership is provided by WEMU 89.1 FM.

Mr. Porter appears by arrangement with Maria Matias Music, Inc.

#### ARTIST

**REGORY PORTER**'s Blue Note Records debut, the 2014 Grammy Award-winning *Liquid Spirit*, arrived on the heels of two critically acclaimed Grammy Award-nominated indie label albums that quickly propelled Mr. Porter to the upper echelon of contemporary male jazz singers. Don Was, president of Blue Note, encouraged Mr. Porter to stay true to his artistic vision. "I firmly consider myself a jazz singer but I enjoy blues, southern soul, and gospel," Mr. Porter says. "Those elements make their way inside my music. And I've always heard them in jazz." Mr. Porter wields one of the most captivating baritone voices in music today. It emits enormous soul that conveys both the emotions and intellect of any given song without relying on vocal histrionics. Jazz singer Dee Dee Bridgewater praised Mr. Porter in *JazzTimes*, saying, "We haven't had a male singer like him in a long time. He's such a wonderful writer. He's a storyteller."

UMS welcomes Mr. Porter as he makes his UMS debut this evening.

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# CHRIS THILE & EDGAR MEYER

Chris Thile, *Mandolin* Edgar Meyer, *Bass* 

Thursday Evening, October 16, 2014 at 8:00 pm Michigan Theater • Ann Arbor

Seventh Performance of the 136th Annual Season

Photo: Chris Thile & Edgar Meyer; photographer: David McClister.

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This evening's program will be announced by the artists from the stage and will be performed with one intermission.

Tonight's performance is sponsored by Mainstreet Ventures.

Tonight's performance is supported by Gil Omenn and Martha Darling.

Endowment support provided by the Herbert and Doris Sloan Endowment Fund.

Media partnership is provided by Ann Arbor's 107one FM and WEMU 89.1 FM.

Mr. Thile and Mr. Meyer appear by arrangement with Paradigm Talent Agency, New York, NY.

#### **BASS & MANDOLIN**

Bass & Mandolin is the second duo recording from double bassist Edgar Meyer and mandolinist Chris Thile.

Five years have passed since the pair released its self-titled Nonesuch debut, but in the intervening years the personal and musical relationship between these two virtuosic musicians has continued to mature and deepen, and they have often found themselves on stage or in the studio together in various configurations. In 2011, Meyer and Thile, along with violinist Stuart Duncan, joined cellist Yo-Yo Ma to create *The Goat Rodeo Sessions*, an album of original material that garnered the ad hoc group a "Best Folk Album" Grammy Award.

Though 20 years apart in age, Meyer and Thile share a seemingly effortless rapport, along with similar resumes: They are both players of extraordinary accomplishment and wide-ranging talent, as comfortable in the symphony hall as at an outdoor bluegrass festival. They are each multiple Grammy Award winners and individual recipients of the prestigious MacArthur "genius" grant. Meyer produced Thile's mandolin album of Bach's Sonatas and Partitas for solo violin — a challenging set, recorded over a wintry week at the same barn-turnedstudio in the Berkshires where *The Goat Rodeo Sessions* was made — that was met with much critical acclaim. London's *Independent* praised this radical reimagining of Bach, with Thile in front of the mic and Meyer behind the board, as one that "liberates the pieces from their conservatoire corsets." Most recently, Meyer guest-starred on *A Dotted Line*, the long-awaited reunion album from Nickel Creek, the trio that first brought Thile into the spotlight when he was a child.

The process of creating the largely instrumental pieces that comprise *The Goat Rodeo Sessions* and its subsequent embrace by both critics and a large recordbuying public influenced Meyer's and Thile's own approach to their latest duo work when they re-entered the studio together, this time at Skywalker Sound in Marin County. There is intensity and eloquence to their playing throughout these new sessions, but they didn't shy away from the lyricism that marked the popular Yo-Yo Ma-helmed project. On their first duo album, Meyer recalls, they would push their melodies to the point of abstraction. This time, he says, "we are letting some of the melodies show."

As Thile reflects, "We have grown a lot as a collaborative entity between our duo first recording and now, at least partially due to our work together on The Goat Rodeo Sessions. As collaborators. we've found a warmer voice to share. Having had the experience of writing that music and getting it to a fair amount of people, I think we went into this project wanting to write material that was balanced - that would take care of our minds and our fingers certainly, but also take care of our bodies and souls — within. of course, the rather extreme limitation of the mandolin and the bass." "But." he adds. "Edgar plays piano, I play a little guitar, so we threw those instruments in as sort of palate cleansers."

"I'm happy to be part of the mix," Meyer declares. "It affords me a lot of options. Chris is comfortable with all kinds of improvising, with lots of different musical feelings and rhythmic feelings. He has a great groove, but he can free up and play classical things with a little less rigidity. Working with Chris, I can do anything I want. I can be the string section or the rhythm section, and Chris can hold it together. I can just be a bass player or I can play the melody. Chris figured out at a very young age how to make the other person feel comfortable, musically and otherwise, and how to create a situation where they can do their best. There are not many people with whom I have so much common ground. We can get to the bottom of things very quickly."

Before the teenage Thile had even met Meyer, he was strategizing on how to work with him: "One of the most important records of my entire life is and will always be Edgar's Uncommon Ritual with [banjoist] Béla Fleck and [mandolinist] Mike Marshall," Thile says, referring to an acclaimed 1997 string-trio disc that

was the follow-up to Meyer's classicalcrossover hit, Appalachia Waltz. "I can remember learning all the songs from Uncommon Ritual in my bedroom when I was maybe 16 years old, just in case Mike couldn't do a tour or something. I finally met Edgar backstage at the Rockygrass festival," he continues, speaking of the annual multigenerational gathering of bluegrass musicians in Lyons, Colorado, established 42 years ago by Bill Monroe. "I immediately started blathering about Mozart string quartets. I wanted someone to talk to about that kind of music. I was just dying to talk to someone who had acres of experience with nonthrough-composed music about throughcomposed music."

Talking classical music backstage at a bluegrass confab was one way to bond these ambitious player-composers, but, as Meyer notes, their connection goes even further: "Chris and I share one particular thing, which is that both of our fathers were bass players. They were pretty monumental influences on us. And we are both realizing our fathers' dreams." Meyer and Thile began performing together in concert more than a decade ago and now, Thile says, "There's the dichotomy of having a mentor-apprentice kind of relationship but also collaborating as ostensible equals. Some of the electricity comes from that: there is a little more weight to the moment for the two of us as a result. I'm never not conscious of Edgar's status in my musical education, but at the same time I am very passionate about music and how I think it should go, and Edgar is every bit as passionate. I'm never more engaged and present than when I'm working with Edgar."

#### Program note by Michael Hill.

In a review of his quintet Punch Brothers' latest Nonesuch recording, Who's Feeling Young Now?, London's Independent called CHRIS THILE "the most remarkable mandolinist in the world." The MacArthur Foundation echoed that assessment when it named Mr. Thile one of its 23 MacArthur Fellows for 2012 — a recipient of its prestigious "Genius" grant. In honoring Mr. Thile, the MacArthur Foundation noted that his "lyrical fusion of traditional bluegrass with elements from a range of other musical traditions is giving rise to a new genre of contemporary music."

Prior to recording Punch Brothers' acclaimed new disc, Mr. Thile completed an album of tradition upending interpretations of bluegrass classics with guitarist Michael Daves, *Sleep With One Eye Open*, which garnered a 2011 Grammy Award nomination for "Best Bluegrass Album." He also recorded *The Goat Rodeo Sessions* with cellist Yo-Yo Ma, violinist Stuart Duncan, and Mr. Thile's mentor and frequent collaborator Edgar Meyer, which won the 2012 Grammy Award for "Best Folk Album." After a lengthy 2012 Punch Brothers tour, Mr. Thile, always up for another challenge, immediately embarked on a series of duo dates with fellow virtuoso and jazz pianist Brad Mehldau. Said the *Washington Post*, "Their complex work translated to plain-faced beauty: simple, direct, and exquisite." In between his Punch Brothers shows, Mr. Thile also found time to present his *Mandolin Concerto: Ad astra per alas porci* with several chamber orchestras around the US, including a date at Carnegie Hall's Stern Auditorium.

A child prodigy, Mr. Thile first rose to fame as a member of Grammy Award-winning trio Nickel Creek, with whom he released three albums and sold two million records. As a soloist he has released five albums, as well as performing and recording extensively as a duo with Edgar Meyer and with fellow eminent mandolinist Mike Marshall. Other stellar musicians with whom he has collaborated include Béla Fleck and Hilary Hahn. Nonesuch Records released his most recent solo recording, *Bach: Partitas and Sonatas, Vol.1*, produced by Edgar Meyer, in August 2013.

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Download a free QR code reader app on your smart phone, point your camera at the code, and scan to see multimedia content; or visit www.umslobby.org to find these stories. n demand as both a performer and a composer, **EDGAR MEYER** has formedarole in the music world unlike any other. Hailed by *The New Yorker* as "...the most remarkable virtuoso in the relatively unchronicled history of his instrument," Mr. Meyer's unparalleled technique and musicianship in combination with his gift for composition have brought him to the fore, where he is appreciated by a vast, varied audience. His uniqueness in the field was recognized by a MacArthur Award in 2002.

As a solo classical bassist, Mr. Meyer has released with Joshua Bell, Yo-Yo Ma, and the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra conducted by Hugh Wolff, in addition to a number of solo recordings. In 2007, recognizing his wide-ranging recording achievements, Sony/BMG released a compilation of *The Best of Edgar Meyer*. In 2011 Mr. Meyer joined cellist Yo-Yo Ma, mandolinist Chris Thile, and fiddler Stuart Duncan for the Sony Masterworks recording *The Goat Rodeo Sessions* which was awarded the 2012 Grammy Award for "Best Folk Album."

As a composer, Mr. Meyer has carved out a remarkable and unique niche in the musical world. His works have been performed by the Boston Symphony Orchestra at the Tanglewood Music Festival, the Alabama Symphony, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra under Leonard Slatkin, the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, Edo de Waart and the Minnesota Orchestra, the Emerson String Quartet, and the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra led by Hugh Wolff.

Collaborations are a central part of Mr. Meyer's work. His longtime collaboration with fellow MacArthur Award recipient Chris Thile continues in 2014 with the release on Nonesuch Records of a recording of all new original material by the two genre-bending artists, a follow up to their very successful 2008 CD/DVD on Nonesuch. Mr. Meyer's previous performing and recording collaborations include a duo with Béla Fleck; a quartet with Joshua Bell, Sam Bush, and Mike Marshall; atrio with Béla Fleck and Mike Marshall; and a trio with Yo-Yo Ma and Mark O'Connor.

Mr. Meyer began studying bass at the age of five under the instruction of his father and continued further to study with Stuart Sankey. In 1994 he received the Avery Fisher Career Grant and in 2000 became the only bassist to receive the Avery Fisher Prize. Currently, he is visiting professor of double bass at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia.

# UMS ARCHIVES

This evening's performance marks **Chris Thile**'s third appearance under UMS auspices. Mr. Thile made his UMS debut with the Punch Brothers in October 2009 at the Power Center. He most recently appeared in October 2013 in a solo performance at Rackham Auditorium. **Edgar Meyer** makes his fourth UMS appearance this evening following his UMS debut in November 1995 with the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center at Rackham Auditorium. He most recently appeared in April 1998 at Rackham Auditorium in a program of Stravinsky's *L'histoire du soldat* and Wynton Marsalis's *A Fiddler's Tale* with the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center at Rackham Auditorium for the Rackham Auditorium for the



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#### Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart String Quartet in F Major, K. 590

Allegro moderato Andante – Allegretto Menuetto: Allegretto Allegro

#### Alban Berg **Lyric Suite**

Allegretto gioviale Andante amoroso Allegro misterioso – trio estatico Adagio appassionato Presto delirando – tenebroso Largo desolato

## INTERMISSION

#### Johannes Brahms String Quartet in c minor, Op. 51, No. 1

Allegro Romanze: Poco adagio Allegretto molto moderato e comodo; un poco più animato Allegro

Tonight's performance is hosted by Linda Samuelson and Joel Howell.

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## NOW THAT YOU'RE IN YOUR SEAT ...

Viennese classical music represents a single evolutionary line from the First School (Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven) to the Second (Schoenberg, Berg, Webern), with Brahms as the connecting link between the two. Brahms continued the work of the classical masters and was in turn continued by the moderns who saw him as their precursor. Like Schoenberg and Webern, Berg never considered himself a revolutionary; he just drew some radical conclusions from the harmonic developments that he had inherited. And those harmonic developments went hand in hand with more and more explosive feelings; the "storm and stress" of the earlier eras grew into a veritable earthquake in the 20th century. The musical language may have changed, but the ultimate goal remained the same: the communication of states of mind and the expression of emotions.

#### String Quartet in F Major, K. 590 (1790)

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Born January 27, 1756 in Salzburg, Austria Died December 5, 1791 in Vienna

UMS premiere: Budapest String Quartet, January 1946 in Rackham Auditorium

#### SNAPSHOTS OF HISTORY... IN 1790:

- President George Washington gives the first State of the Union address in New York City
- The United States patent system is established
- American scientist and inventor Benjamin Franklin
   dies
- Peking opera is introduced in China in honor of the Qianlong Emperor's 80th birthday
- Louis XVI of France accepts a constitutional monarchy

The F-Major Quartet is Mozart's last quartet, written in June 1790, a year and a half before his death. The 10th of his mature quartets, it is actually the 23rd that he wrote.

The opening theme of the quartet can be simply described as an ascending arpeggio followed by a descending scale. Yet Mozart immediately transforms this basic material, changing the dynamics, the individual notes, and the scoring, thereby affecting a metamorphosis of the character it originally presented. To start the second theme, the cello moves up in a broken chord from its very lowest note over two octaves to the new lyrical melody. The first theme returns to end the exposition. A concise development section leads to the recapitulation, which is little changed from the exposition. The coda starts just like the development but quickly winds down to a delightfully attractive, witty ending.

Alfred Einstein, the noted Mozart scholar, says of the "Allegretto": "One of the most sensitive movements in the whole literature of chamber music, it seems to mingle the bliss and sorrow of a farewell to life. How beautiful life has been! How sad! How brief!" The basis of this movement is not so much a melody as a rhythm; a plain, rhythmic figure played at the outset by the entire quartet. Mozart then reflects and mediates on this basic cell, plumbing its emotional depths and setting it forth in any number of different guises and postures, allowing it to permeate the entire movement.

The opening of the "Menuetto" — and, even more, the central trio — is rich in the use of *appoggiaturas*, quick ornamental notes that are played just before main notes. While there are those who dispute whether *appoggiaturas* should be played before the beat (so the main note is on the beat) or on the beat (delaying the main note), most experts now agree that Mozart's *appoggiaturas* should be played squarely on the beat. In the "Menuettto" the appoggiaturas precede long notes; in the trio they come before short notes. In addition to the extensive use of appoquiaturas, the irregular phrase lengths, seven measures in the "Menuetto" and five measures in the trio (instead of the customary four measures) contribute to the movement's overall eccentric quality.

The finale, a high-speed, vivacious frolic, unstintingly gives all four players flashy passages that test even the most secure techniques. Cast in a combined rondo and sonata form, this irresistible, appealing movement has intricate fugal and contrapuntal sections, unexpected pauses and silences, harmonic surprises, and even a brief imitation of a bagpipe, making it a brilliant cap to Mozart's tragically short string quartet-writing career.

Program note by Melvin Berger from Guide to Chamber Music, published by Anchor/Doubleday.

### Lyric Suite (1925-26)

Alban Berg Born February 9, 1885 in Vienna, Austria Died December 24, 1935 in Vienna

UMS premiere: Juilliard String Quartet, September 1979 in Rackham Auditorium

#### SNAPSHOTS OF HISTORY...IN 1926:

- The Shakespeare Memorial Theatre in Stratford-upon-Avon is destroyed by fire
- Fielding H. Yost coaches his final Michigan football team, tying Northwestern for the Big Ten Conference championship
- · A. A. Milne's Winnie-the-Pooh is published in London
- 19-year-old Dmitri Shostakovich's Symphony No. 1 is premiered in Leningrad
- The French Renaissance-style 4,038-seat Michigan Theatre opens on Bagley and Cass Avenues in Detroit

Already at the world premiere of Alban Berg's six-movement Lyric Suite, given by the Kolisch Quartet in Vienna on January 8,

1927, the audience realized that the harsh dissonances and eerie col leanos (the wood of the bow on the string) served to express an unusually intense emotional world. Movement titles like "Andante amoroso," "Adagio appassionato," or "Largo desolato" suggested as much to anyone who took one look at the program page, and the work, by the celebrated composer of the opera Wozzeck, quickly established itself as one of the masterworks of modern music. The surprising discoveries came many years later, when the eminent American composer and Berg scholar George Perle (1915-2009) discovered a copy of the score with extensive handwritten annotations in Berg's hand. Berg had given that copy to Hanna Fuchs-Robettin of Prague, sister of the famous writer Franz Werfel (who was Alma Mahler's third husband). After Fuchs-Robettin's death, her daughter inherited the score, and it was she who shared it with Perle in the 1970s. What this extraordinary document revealed was that Berg and Fuchs-Robettin were passionately in love with each other, but since they were both married and divorce was not an option for either, their relationship was doomed from the start. (The 14 surviving letters from Berg to Fuchs-Robettin have now been published, and tell a heart-wrenching story.)

"Imagine," Perle wrote, "that Berlioz had kept the program of the Symphonie fantastique a secret from everyone except Harriet Smithson..." Had that been the case, we would be completely in the dark about the meaning of that work, as indeed we used to be about the Lyric Suite, in spite of a few hints that had caught the eyes of some astute analysts early on. One such hint was a conspicuous quote from Wagner's Tristan prelude, the ultimate musical symbol of forbidden love. There are additional quotes from Alexander von Zemlinsky's Lyric Symphony (1923), a song cycle on love poems by Rabindranath Tagore in German

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translation, whose very title is echoed by the Lyric Suite. (The published score of Lyric Suite is dedicated to Zemlinsky.) In particular, one of the culminating moments in the Zemlinsky is the line Du bist mein Eigen, mein Eigen ("you are my own, my own"); this motif is heard in the "Adagio appassionato" movement of Berg's work. Another significant quote, which appears several times in different forms throughout the work, comes from Berg's own Wozzeck, where it was sung to the words Lauter kühle Wein muss es sein ("Nothing but cool wine it must be"). This would be harder to interpret without some knowledge of personal circumstances, but apparently it was a nod to Fuchs-Robettin's husband Herbert, a great wine connoisseur.

On another level, the encoded messages have much to do with numerology, in which Berg believed strongly. Berg considered 23 his own personal number, and 10 the number of Hanna. Many of the work's individual sections, in measure numbers are multiples of either 10 or 23 as are many of the metronome markings; and while you don't hear these relationships directly, they significantly affect the durational proportions that you do hear.

In addition, much of the work's thematic material is derived from the notes A–B-flat–B-natural–F (A–B–H–F, using the German note names), which are the initials of Alban Berg and Hanna Fuchs. This is actually audible, because H–F outline a tritone, a very striking interval, and the chromatic scale segment A–B–H is also quite distinctive.

A prominent gesture in the viola in the second movement, a persistently repeated "C," finds its explanation in the solmization syllable *do*, "Dodo" being the pet name of Fuchs-Robettin's daughter Dorothea, future owner of the annotated score, three years old at the time the piece was written. Her older brother, who went to a Czech-language school in Prague, was remembered in a dance-like passage that Berg described as Czech in character.

Yet one of the most astonishing among all the astonishing revelations concerning the Lyric Suite is the fact that the last movement was written with a poetic text in mind—a text that the composer inscribed into the annotated copy. The poem was De profundis clamavi by Charles Baudelaire, in the German translation of Stefan George, which fits the instrumental parts perfectly. The first line, in English, reads: "To you, you sole dear one, my cry rises..." (The work is now occasionally performed with a soprano joining for the last movement; there is a recording of such a rendition with the Kronos Quartet and Dawn Upshaw.)

From all these hints, allusions, and symbols, Berg created a cohesive work thanks in part to the 12-tone method devised by Berg's former teacher Arnold Schoenberg, which is used extensively though not exclusively in the Suite. By organizing the entire pitch material in tone rows, Berg ensured motivic unity and at the same time maximized pitch variety. But the 12-tone method is just technique, and Berg never wanted his listener to focus on that. One is reminded of his famous words about *Wozzeck* (which was not 12-tone but used some other structural constraints):

> From the moment when the curtain goes up until it falls for the last time, there should be nobody in the audience who is aware of any of these various fugues and inventions, suites and sonata movements, variations and passacaglias: nobody filled with anything but the idea of this opera, which transcends the individual fate of *Wozzeck*. And I believe that in this I have been successful.

Program note by Peter Laki.

## String Quartet in c minor, Op. 51, **No. 1** (1873)

Johannes Brahms Born May 7, 1833 in Hamburg, Germany Died April 3, 1897 in Vienna, Austria

UMS premiere: Kolisch String Quartet, January 1936 in Hill Auditorium

#### **SNAPSHOTS OF HISTORY...IN 1873:**

· Jules Verne publishes Around the World in 80 Days

- Anton Bruckner composes Symphony No. 3
- Levi Strauss begins manufacturing jeans
- · Stock market crashes in Vienna (the beginning of a widely felt "Long Depression")
- World exposition held in Vienna

To the listening public of the day, Brahms was the musical heir of Beethoven – a burden he did not bear easily. "You do not know what it is like," Brahms wrote, "hearing his [Beethoven's] footsteps constantly behind me." It is, therefore, not surprising that the two forms in which Beethoven produced such enduring masterworks, the string quartet and the symphony, were precisely those in which Brahms felt the greatest pressure to measure up to his model. Consequently, he wrote and destroyed some 20 string quartets and then spent about two decades revising and polishing his first quartet before he allowed it to be published in 1873, when he was 40. His first symphony appeared only after an equally long period of gestation.

Brahms began work on his c-minor Quartet in the early 1850s. Several times over the following years, he asked various musicians to read through the work. Following each rehearsal, however, he withdrew the music. It was not until the summer of 1873, which he spent at Tutzing on Starnberg Lake, that the Quartet finally measured up to his expectations. In September he submitted it for publication, and on December 11, 1873, the Hellmesberger Quartet gave the premiere performance in Vienna.

The Quartet opens with a heroic ascending theme. After two sustained notes in the viola, the first violin presents a languid descending counterpart to the vigor of the previous phrase. The second theme proper, played by the two violins, enters over a rapid leaping figure in the viola. The poised concluding theme is given to the first violin over a rhythmically complex texture. All of the thematic material is worked over in the brief development section and then recapitulated, leading to an exciting, agitated coda.

Intimate and pensive, the second movement has been described as a song without words, a favorite Romantic, 19thcentury character piece. It is ternary in form: the gently expressive opening section, a wistful contrast; and the return of the opening melody, ending with a coda that includes both themes, although in reverse order.

The third movement, really a charmingly simple intermezzo, is removed in mood from the somewhat severe and reserved character of the rest of the quartet. The delightful melody of connected pairs of notes is played by the first violin, while the viola strives for attention with its attractive countermelody. Various episodes follow, until the tempo picks up for a contrasting middle section. To accompany the graceful, naïve melody, the second violin employs an effect known as bariolage, in which the same note is played on two different strings, producing a tonal effect not unlike a jazz trumpet player using a wah-wah mute. The movement ends with an exact repeat of the opening section.

Spiritually akin to the first movement, the final movement starts with a terse, forceful motto theme derived from the opening of the first movement. An excited, passionate melody ensues but

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with no diminution of energy or drive. The second violin introduces the more relaxed subsidiary subject. There is barely any development before Brahms brings back all three themes to end the movement, and

#### ARTISTS

hat the **BELCEA QUARTET** writes in the preface to its recording of the complete Beethoven String Quartets could also be described as their artistic creed. These musicians are not confined by traditional boundaries; it is perhaps their diverse cultural backgrounds that are behind their dynamic and free interpretative style. Founded at the Royal College of Music in London in 1994, the Ouartet is based in Great Britain. However, the two founding members, Romanian violinist Corina Belcea and the Polish violist Krzvsztof Chorzelski, bring a very different artistic provenance to the ensemble while drawing from the best traditions of string quartet playing received from the Quartet's mentors: the members of the Alban Berg and Amadeus Quartets. This spectrum is extended by the French musicians Axel Schacher (violin) and Antoine Lederlin (cello), blending its diverse influences into a common musical language.

This diversity is reflected in the Belcea Quartet's repertoire. Regular world premieres – among them Mark-Anthony Turnage's string quartet entitled *Twisted Blues with Twisted Ballad* in 2010 – go hand-in-hand with its the quartet ends with an extended coda.

Program note by Melvin Berger from Guide to Chamber Music, published by Anchor/Doubleday.

profound connection to the great works of the Classical and Romantic periods. The Quartet's open-minded approach to music invariably enables it to find its own unique, elegant, and refined interpretations of the main string quartet repertoire.

The Belcea Quartet has shared a residence at the Vienna Konzerthaus with the Artemis Quartet since 2010. It is also Quartet-in-Residence at London's Guildhall School of Music and Drama. The musicians recently created the Belcea Quartet Trust, whose main goals are to support and inspire young string quartets through intensive coaching sessions, and to support the commissioning of new works by today's leading composers to be premiered by the Quartet in the future.

The Belcea Quartet has an impressive discography. During its long-term association with EMI Classics, the Quartet recorded the complete Britten and Bartók quartets as well as works by Schubert, Brahms, Mozart, Debussy, Ravel, and Dutilleux, among others. In 2012 and 2013, the Quartet recorded the complete Beethoven quartets live in the Benjamin Britten Studio in Snape, England. This recording was released under ZigZag Territoires. the Quartet's new label.

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# UMS ARCHIVES

This evening's performance marks the **Belcea Quartet**'s fourth appearance under UMS auspices. The Quartet made its UMS debut in March 2006 in a concert with tenor Ian Bostridge in the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, and most recently appeared in November 2012 in Rackham Auditorium.



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# SIX CHARACTERS IN SEARCH OF AN AUTHOR

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Translation and adaptation by François Regnault

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## PROGRAM

Six Characters in Search of an Author is approximately one hour and 50 minutes in duration and is performed without intermission.

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Following Friday evening's performance, please feel free to remain in your seats and join us for a post-performance Q&A with members of the company.

The Friday evening performance is supported by Frank Legacki and Alicia Torres.

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This production features actors from Théâtre de la Ville's resident company.

The Characters

The father	Hugues Quester
The step-daughter	Valérie Dashwood
The mother	Sarah Karbasnikoff
The son	Stéphane Krähenbühl
The teenager	Walter N'guyen
The little girl	Anna Spycher
Madame Pace	Céline Carrère
The director	Alain Libolt
The actors	Charles-Roger Bour
	Sandra Faure
	Olivier Le Borgne
	Gaëlle Guillou
The stage manager	Gérald Maillet
The carpenter	Pascal Vuillemot
The assistant	Jauris Casanova

# DIRECTOR'S NOTE: LOOKING FOR ANY DRAMA

An empty theater, a bare stage, no need to pretend. Or rather yes. It is the very issue of pretense that is raised here, that of the relation between illusion and reality. Is it because today, it seems that reality has replaced the idea, that the appearance of this world just passes by and is only an illusion, that we believe that "the whole world is a stage?"

The feeling is more that the illusion has overcome bodies and souls, and caused such a discomfort of hopelessly divided human beings. We gather on a ghostly stage, invaded by bodies caught in their dreams. We then witness the lives of these characters through poorly controlled agitations, poorly suppressed past violence, as they mingle in the laboratory of theatrical activity.

Pirandello's play can express its power, tremendous strength, because it contains a mystery which is the contamination of the visible world by the invisible world, "a surreal world," where the hidden magic that we could not anticipate, terrifying and deadly, naturally takes its place in theater.

The theater is so overwhelmed by what is essential, its own heart, and its root: the characters! Characters that are not only in search of an author, but of theater as a whole, theater must be at their service, be sucked in by their existence, their incompleteness, by their violent drama that is not even consumed. A tragedy that must be rehearsed to make it happen.

The richness of this overlapping generates dizziness and stems a reflection on contemporary theater in its most intimate ins and outs. The theater world becomes the place where all is possible: from barely disguised incest to the violent death of innocents. The family of characters is in the future compared to actors who are in the present, and who act as a chorus to the present.

And the sudden appearance of Madame Pace becomes the unveiling of the very power of the stage, which opens a gap where the character required by the situation slips in, the drama of the sex and death scene can then take place. Here and now we reinvent a past action, a primal scene. For the step-daughter, this repetition has no other goal than to seal the irreversible aspect of incest. This takes place under the gaze of the theater director, who sees that these characters gain fresh blood from being on stage, so that they can be guilty victims among the living rather than pale heroes among the dead. So they can delude themselves about their story.

This is a unique opportunity to seek to exceed the limits of theater, not by denying them but by bringing them to paradoxical consequences. To have a modern dream: a curtain drops in a breath of air, throbbing like a living thing, freezes in absolute stillness; a sheet becomes a home or a theater. A mobile boxing ring, gallows, a raft, where all meet to quote the father, "Chained and nailed for eternity."

- Emmanuel Demarcy-Mota

### SYNOPSIS

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The stage is the stage of a theater.

The rehearsal of a play is about to begin. The Rules of the game, a play by Pirandello. The actors enter, followed by the director who will stage the play. Visitors are announced.

Six unknown characters appear, the father declares: "We are searching for an author." He then asks the director to stage their drama. He says they were born characters forever, but that the author who created them left their story unfinished. Director and actors are perplexed. The young lady of the group asks to perform the scene of her passion for the father. She introduces the other characters: the mother who is the father's ex-wife, their legitimate son, then born of a second husband, herself (the stepdaughter), a very closed-in adolescent, and last, a little girl. The step-daughter accuses the father of having wanted to pay her for sexual scenes in the back store of a procuress seamstress, Madame Pace. The step-daughter absolutely wants to relive this traumatizing scene by acting it. The father explains himself trying to justify his attitude. He has rescued this whole family after the death of the second husband.

The director, at first reticent, lets himself be seduced and invites the characters to his dressing room.

Scene between actors and stage hands exchanging various opinions and impressions.

#### II: First Act

The director returns with the characters.

They will need to rehearse in front of the actors, who will then replay the scenes. Casting of the parts. The father conjures an apparition by Madame Pace. The mother then intervenes: she refuses to watch this scene. The father pushes her aside. Scene between the step-daughter and Madame Pace. Then the fateful scene between the father and the step-daughter that the actors try to perform. The step-daughter decides to show the scene as it actually took place, erotic and scandalous thus meaning to reveal the ignominy of the father. The mother is once again horror struck, because the scene is taking place here and now: the eternal moment, the very reality of theater! The director then calls "Curtain."

### III: Second Act

A garden pond.

The father and step-daughter recall their initial meeting with the "author" who was powerless to finish their story. The step-daughter then describes the scenes taking place in the garden: the son had rushed through the garden to rescue the little girl, but was withheld by the

## ARTISTS

I HÉÂTRE DE LA VILLE-PARIS brings together the collaborators who have been working with Emmanuel Demarcy-Mota for close to 20 years, from the Théâtre des Millefontaines Company, via the Comédie de Reims (CDN/ National Drama Centre) for seven years. The company's recently developed works include: Shakespeare's Love's Labour's Lost (1999), Pirandello's Six Characters in Search of an Author (2001), Ionesco's Rhinocéros (2005) and Ionesco Suite (2012), Brecht's Man for Man (2008), Horvath's Casimir and Caroline (2009), Vitrac's Victor or Power to the Children (2012), Balzac's Le Faiseur (Mercadet), as well as Fabrice Melquiot's Ma vie de chandelle (2006), Marcia Hesse (2007), Wanted Petula, and Bouli Année Zéro.

Théâtre de la Ville shares the constant need for periods of research, a kind of laboratory work, providing the possibility to explore a writer's work in full and to reflect on the various forms of representation and interpretation.

MMANUEL DEMARCY-MOTA (director) was born on June 19, 1970, the son of Portuguese actress Teresa Mota and French director and playwright Richard Demarcy. He founded the Compagnie des Millefontaines in 1988 and was director of La Comédie de vision of the adolescent watching his little sister who had just drowned. Then the adolescent shot a bullet through his head. The mother screams. General confusion: Reality? Fiction? No one knows!

The rehearsal is over. Silhouettes of the "surviving" characters. The stepdaughter alone emerges from this mirage and leaves the theater space. End.

Reims, Centre dramatique national from 2002–2008. Mr. Demarcy has directed Théâtre de la Ville since 2008, and has served as General Director of the Festival d'Automne à Paris since 2011.

Among the many works Mr. Demarcy-Mota has directed for the stage are Caligula by Albert Camus (Lycée Rodin, 1988); The Suicide by Nicolaï Erdman (Paris V University, 1990); The Story of the Soldier by Ramuz (Théâtre de la Commune d'Aubervilliers, 1993–1994); Leonce and Lena by Büchner (Théâtre de la Commune d'Aubervilliers, 1995–1996); Love's Labour's Lost by Shakespeare (Blanc Mesnil and Théâtre de la Ville, 1998-1999); Marat Sade by Peter Weiss (Théâtre de la Commune d'Aubervilliers, 2000); Six Characters in Search of an Author by Pirandello; Le Diable en partage by Fabrice Melquiot, and L'Inattendu by Fabrice Melquiot (Théâtre de la Ville, 2001–2003); Ma vie de chandelle by Fabrice Melquiot (CDN de Reims, Théâtre de la Ville, 2004); Rhinocéros by Ionesco (Théâtre de la Ville, 2004-2006); Marcia Hesse by Fabrice Melquiot. (CDN de Reims, Théâtre de la Ville, 2005-2007); L'Autre Côté, an opera by Bruno Mantovani (Festival Musica, Strasbourg, 2006); Tanto amor desperdiçado by Shakespeare (bilingual French-Portuguese version, Teatro Nacional Dona Maria II Lisbon, International Naples Festival, 2007); Man

Is Man by Brecht (Théâtre de la Ville, 2007); Casimir and Caroline by Horváth and Wanted Petula by Fabrice Melquiot (Théâtre de la Ville, 2009); Bouli année zéro by Fabrice Melquiot (Théâtre de la Ville, 2010); Rhinocéros by Ionesco (restaging, Théâtre de la Ville, 2011); Victor or Power to the Children by Roger Vitrac (Théâtre de la Ville, 2012); and Le Faiseur (Mercadet) by Balzac (Théâtre de la Ville–Abbesses, March 2014).

LUIGI PIRANDELLO (playwright, 1867-1936) was born in Girgenti, Sicily. He studied philology in Rome and in Bonn and wrote a dissertation on the dialect of his native town in 1891. From 1897 to 1922, he was professor of aesthetics and stylistics at the Real Istituto di Magistere Femminile at Rome. Pirandello's work is impressive by its sheer volume. He wrote a great number of novellas which were collected under the title Novelle per un anno (15 volumes, 1922–37). Of his six novels, the best known are Il fu Mattia Pascal (The Late Mattia Pascal, 1904), I vecchi e i giovani (The Old and the Young, 1913), Si gira (Shoot!, 1916), and Uno, nessuno e centomila (One, None, and a Hundred Thousand, 1926).

Pirandello's greatest achievement is in his plays. He wrote a large number of dramas which were published between 1918 and 1935 under the collective title of Maschere nude (Naked Masks). The title is programmatic. Pirandello was always preoccupied with the problem of identity. The self existed to him only in relation to others; it consisted of changing facets that hide an inscrutable abyss. In a play like Cosí é (se vi pare) (Right You Are [If You Think You Are], 1926), two people hold contradictory notions about the identity of a third person. The protagonist in Vestire gli ignudi (To Clothe the Naked, 1923) tries to establish her individuality

by assuming various identities, which are successively stripped from her; she gradually realizes her true position in the social order and in the end dies "naked." without a social mask, in both her own and her friends' eyes. Similarly in Enrico IV (Henry IV, 1922) a man supposedly mad imagines that he is a medieval emperor, and his imagination and reality are strangely confused. The conflict between illusion and reality is central in La vita che ti diedi (The Life I Gave You, 1924) in which Anna's long-lost son returns home and contradicts her mental conception of him. However, her son's death resolves Anna's conflict; she clings to illusion rather than to reality. The analysis and dissolution of a unified self are carried to an extreme in Sei personaggi in cerca d'autore (Six Characters in Search of An Author, 1921) where the stage itself, the symbol of appearance versus reality, becomes the setting of the play.

The attitudes expressed in L'Umorismo (Humor), an early essay from 1908, are fundamental to all of Pirandello's plays. His characters attempt to fulfill their self-seeking roles and are defeated by life itself which, always changing, enables them to see their perversity. This is Pirandello's humor, an irony which arises from the contradictions inherent in life.

**FRANÇOIS REGNAULT** (translator) wasbornin 1938andstudied philosophyat the Lycée Louis-Le-Grand before moving on to the Ecole Normale Supérieure in 1959. At the Ecole Normale he attended the seminars of Louis Althusser and Jacques Lacan in the early 1960s, and was a member of Cahiers editorial board and the Cercle d'épistémologie from their inception in 1966. He taught at the Lycée de Reims from 1964–70, where he became a close friend of Alain Badiou. In 1970 he joined the Department of Philosophy headed by Michel Foucault at the new University of Paris VIII (Vincennes). In 1974, he moved to Paris VIII's Department of Psychoanalysis, where he remained until his retirement from teaching.

From the early 1970s, Mr. Regnault's work expanded to include, alongside philosophy and psychoanalysis, a practical involvement in theater. Coming from a family with theatrical connections, in 1973 he translated Tankred Dorst's Toller (1968) for Patrice Chéreau. He collaborated with Ms. Chéreau on several productions culminating with Peer Gynt in 1981. In 1974 he founded the Pandora Company with Brigitte Jaques-Wajeman. He has continued to work in the theater ever since as a translator (of, amongst many other works, Ibsen's Peer Gynt and J.M. Synge's Playboy of the Western World) and as a theorist, dramaturg, and playwright. From 1991-1997 with Brigitte Jaques-Wajeman, he co-directed the Théâtre de la Commune (Pandora) at Aubervilliers, and from 1994-2001 he taught diction at the Conservatoire National d'Art dramatique in Paris.

He joined Emmanuel Demarcy-Mota's ensemble in 1999 for the translation and dramarturgy of *Love's Labour's Lost*. He has since collaborated on most of the productions.

**CHARLES-ROGER BOUR** (Actor) Following initial theatrical training in Aix-en-Provence, Mr. Bour attended the Florent School in Paris. In 1994, he joined Emmanuel Demarcy-Mota's ensemble and has taken part in most of the ensemble's productions: The Story of the Soldiar, Leonce and Lena, Love's Labour's Lost, Marat Sade, Six Characters in Search of an Author, Le Diable en partage, Rhinoceros, Marcia Hesse, Man is Man, Wanted Petula, Bouli année zéro, Casimir and Caroline, and Le Faiseur. He has worked under the direction of Christian Rist, Brigitte Jacques-Wajeman, Christophe Perton, Philippe Faure, Myriam Tanant, Jacques Weber, and Louis Castel, and in cinema with directors including Yves Boisset, René Allio, Jean-Pierre Jeunet, and Tonie Marshall.

CÉLINE CARRÈRE (Madame Pace) trained at Conservatoire National Supérieur d'Art Dramatique in Paris. Ms. Carrère has worked in theater under the direction of Patrice Chéreau (Richard III), Emmanuel Demarcy-Mota (Love's Labour's Lost, Ionesco Suite, Rhinoceros, Variation Brecht, Casimir and Caroline, Le Faiseur), Alain Milianti (Hedda Gabler), Nicolas Bigard (Manuscrit corbeau), Philippe Calvario (Cymbeline), Wissam Arbache (le cid), and Nazim Boudjenah (La Cantate à trois voix). Since 2008, she has been a member of Théâtre de la Ville's ensemble.

**JAURIS CASANOVA** (The assistant) trained at École Nationale Supérieure des Arts et Techniques du Théâtre and performs in the ater, cinema, and television in a wide range of styles and roles, both classical (Chekhov's Platonov, Jason in Seneca's Medea) and contemporary (Joe Penhall's Pale Horse, Martin Sherman's Bent) under the direction of Richard Brunel, Adel Akhim, and Thierry Lavat. With Emmanuel Demarcy-Mota, his work includes Love's Labour's Lost, Man is Man, Rhinoceros, Casimir and Caroline, Wanted Petula, Bouli année zéro, Ionesco Suite, and Le Faiseur. In film, he has acted in Bord de Mer by Julie Lopez Curval (Gold Camera Award at the 2001 Cannes Film Festival) and Est-Ouest by Régis Warnier.

**VALÉRIE DASHWOOD** (The stepdaughter) Following her training at the Florent School and the Conservatoire national supérieur d'art dramatique de Paris, her first collaboration with Emmanuel Demarcy-Mota was with Shakespeare's Love's Labour's Lost in 1998. As a member of his ensemble, she also acted in Marat-Sade, Six Characters in Search of an Author, Ma vie de chandelle, Rhinoceros, Wanted Petula, Victor or Power to the Children, and Le Faiseur. She has also worked under the direction of Stuart Seide, Daniel Janneteau, and on a regular basis since 2002 with Ludovic Lagarde. In film, she has been directed by Fred Cavaye, Damien Odoul, and Marina de Van.

**SANDRA FAURE** (Actor) trained for 15 years in ballet, contemporary dance, and musical theater, while a part-time student in a children's school for the performing arts. As a child, she performed in both operas and musicals. After completing four years of training at the Florent theater school, she then worked under the direction of Christophe Lidon, Susanna Lastreto, Frédéric Fisbach, Lisa Wurmser, and Christian Germain. She has been a part of Emmanuel Demarcy-Mota's ensemble since 2002 and has acted in Le diable en partage, Wanted Petula, Bouli année zero, Rhinoceros, Ionesco Suite. Man is Man. Variations Brecht. Casimir and Caroline, and Le Faiseur. She also writes, composes, and sings original songs, and has released a CD titled Les nupieds rouges.

**GAÈLLE GUILLOU** (Actor) trained at Studio 34 and with Mario Gonzalés on clown and masked acting techniques. Her credits include the following productions directed by Emmanuel Demarcy-Mota: Leonce and Lena, Love's Labour's Lost, Marcia Hesse, Rhinoceros, Casimir and Caroline, Le Faiseur, and Wanted Petula. She also acts with the companies Puzzle Théâtre d'Assemblage, Sortie de secours, and Puce Muse. **SARAH KARBASNIKOFF** (*The mother*) trained at École du Passage and Théâtre en actes in Paris, and at the school of Théâtre national de Strasbourg, from which she graduated in 1996. She has worked with Adel Hakim, Stéphane Braunschweig, Declan Donnellan, Agathe Alexis, and Lionel Spycher. As a member of Emmanuel Demarcy-Mota's ensemble, she has acted in *Marat Sade*, *Rhinoceros, Tanto amor desperdiçado, Man is Man, Casimir and Caroline, Bouli année zéro, Victor or Power to the Children,* and *Le Faiseur.* 

STÉPHANE KRÄHENBÜHL (The son) trained at the Conservatoire d'Art Dramatique in Strasbourg in 1992. Mr. Krähenbühl is a member of Emmanuel Demarcy-Mota's ensemble and has acted in Love's Labour's Lost (Shakespeare), Six Characters in Search of an Author (Pirandello), Rhinoceros and Ionesco Suite (Ionesco), Man is Man and Variations Brecht (Brecht), Wanted Petula (Melquiot), Casimir and Caroline (Horvath), Victor or Power to the Children (Vitrac), and Le Faiseur. He is also assistant director to Emmanuel Demarcy-Mota for Bouli année zéro (Melquiot) and Victor or Power to the Children (Vitrac). He also acts with Catherine Delattres. la Compagnie de l'Élan Bleu, and Pierre Diependaele. He appears in several short and TV films and is a very active teacher of theater in secondary schools.

**OLIVIER LE BORGNE** (Actor) joined New York's Lee Strasberg Institute following an initial theatrical training in Julie Villemont's workshop. He has worked with Richard Brunel and Robert Wilson. Mr. Le Borgne has been part of Emmanuel Demarcy-Mota's company since the creation of *Love's Labour's Lost* in 1998, and has played in many of his productions including *Six Characters in*  Search of an Author, Rhinoceros, Ionesco Suite, Marcia Hesse, Wanted Petula, Casimir and Caroline, and Le Faiseur.

**ALAIN LIBOLT** (*The director*) has worked under the direction of theater directors including Patrice Chéreau (*Hamlet, La Dispute*), Didier Bezace (*La Version de Browning* for which he was nominated for a Molière Award in 2003) and Alain Françon (*Mais aussi autre chose*). His first encounter with Emmanuel Demarcy-Mota was in *Le Diable en partage* in 2002. He was also noted for his contribution to many film productions including *Home* (Patric Chiha), *L'Armée des ombres* (Jean-Pierre Melville), and *Out 1: Noli Me Tangere* (Jacques Rivette).

**GÉRALD MAILLET** (The stage manager) Following his training at École Nationale Supérieure des Arts et Techniques du Théâtre, Mr. Maillet worked with several companies, and with Thierry Lavat for Martin Sherman's Bent, which earned a Molière Award for "Best Play" in 2000. He has also worked in television and cinema. His first work with Emmanuel Demarcy-Mota was Love's Labour's Lost. As a member of Théâtre de la Ville's ensemble, he has since taken part in most of its productions, including Six Characters in Search of an Author, Rhinoceros. Casimir and Caroline. Wanted Petula, Ionesco Suite, and Le Faiseur.

**WALTER N'GUYEN** (*The teenager*) began his career as an actor in 1992 with several films for television, and began working in puppet theater in 1996 with Objouets 9/7 by Stéphane Bault. He has also worked with the companies Arketal, 9 mg, and Kiwat Compagnie; with directors Agnès Del Amo, Yves Borrini, Ricardo Lopez Munoz, and Laurent Vignaux; and with choreographers William Petit, Sandra Martine, Toméo Vergès, and Christian Bourigault. He joined Emmanuel Demarcy-Mota's ensemble for the creation of *Rhinoceros* in 2004 and has also acted with the ensemble in *Man is Man* and *Casimir and Caroline*. His work also includes collaboration with Jefferson Lembeye on musical composition for several productions (*Ionesco Suite*, *The Flies*, *Variations Brecht*, *Man is Man*).

**HUGUES QUESTER** (The father) has acted under the direction of some the greatest European theater and film directors (Patrice Chéreau, Jacques Lassalle, Giorgio Strehler, Claude Régy, Roger Planchon, Lucian Pintillié, Stéphane Braunschweig, Alain Tanner, Raul Ruiz, Jacques Demy, Serge Gainsbourg, Eric Rohmer, Krzystof Kieslowski, and Joao Cesar Monteiro) in mainstream and avant-garde productions of classical and contemporary texts. He met Emmanuel Demarcy-Mota in 2001 and has since worked with him in five different productions: Six Characters in Search of an Author (earning the critics' Best Actor's Award in 2002). Rhinoceros. Man is Man. Casimir and Caroline. and Victor or Power to the Children.

**PASCAL VUILLEMOT** (The carpenter) received his degree from the Conservatoire National Supérieur d'Art Dramatique in Paris in 1997. Since then, Mr. Vuillemot worked with directors Michel Didym, Gérard Watkins, and Victor Gauthier-Martin. In 2000, he met Emmanuel Demarcy-Mota and joined his ensemble, subsequently taking part in most of the ensemble's productions, including Marat Sade, Six Characters in Search of an Author, Love's Labour's Lost, Rhinoceros, Man is Man, Casimir and Caroline, and Le Faiseur. He also works on a regular basis with filmmaker Philippe Garrel. **CHRISTOPHE LEMAIRE** (assistant director) is a longstanding friend and collaborator of Emmanuel Demarcy-Mota. He is a founding member of Le Théâtre des Millefontaines as an assistant director and an artistic collaborator. He has worked on every production by the company since high school.

**YVES COLLET** (set and lighting designer) has designed sets and lights for Emmanuel Demarcy-Mota since 1998, including: Love's Labour's Lost, Marat-Sade, Six Characters in Search of an Author, Rhinoceros, L'Inattendu, Le diable en partage, Ma vie de chandelle, Marcia Hesse, Man is Man, Wanted Petula, Casimir and Caroline, and Victor or Power to the Children. He has also designed sets for L'Autre Côté, an opera by Bruno Mantovani with libretto by François Regnault, directed by Emmanuel Demarcy-Mota at Opéra National du Rhin. With the artistic ensemble, he also works in other formats and has redesigned the public spaces of Théâtre de la Ville. He has also collaborated with Catherine Dasté. Adel Hakim, Claude Buchwald, Elisabeth Chailloux, and Brigitte Jaques-Wajeman.

JEFFERSON LEMBEYE (music and sound design) has composed music for all of Emmanuel Demarcy-Mota's productions since 1998. Within the artistic ensemble of Théâtre de la Ville, he composes and performs on a regular basis for poetry recitals and small-format work. His work mixes both acoustic and electronic music. He has also worked with Catherine Hiegel, Ricardo Lopez Munoz, and in dance with the ensembles L'expérience Harmaat, Retouramont, and Kirvat. He also works in cinema, and is a co-founder of the Mix Collective.

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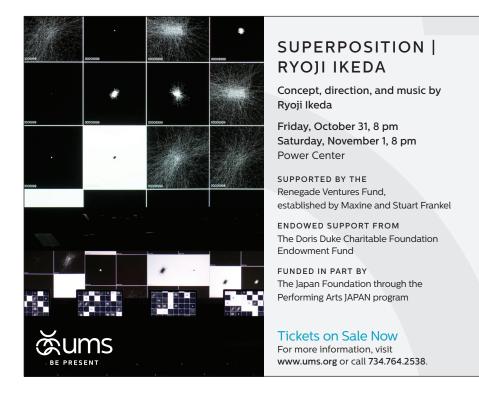
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**734.764.2538** (Outside the 734 area code, call toll-free 800.221.1229)

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UMS Ticket Office Burton Memorial Tower 881 North University Avenue Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1011

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#### LISTENING SYSTEMS

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#### LOST AND FOUND

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#### UMS STUDENT COMMITTEE

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#### USHERING

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