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Undergraduate Recital

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Ben Pozo, piano; Cade Wilson, piano

April 22, 2024	7:30 pm, Edge Recital Hall
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	(1901-1988)
Someone Like you (from Jekyll and Hyde)	Frank Wildhorn
	(1958)
Somewhere (from West Side Story)	Leonard Bernstein

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Seligkeit

Freuden sonder Zahl Blühn im Himmelssaal Engeln und Verklärten, Wie die Väter lehrten. O da möcht' ich sein, Und mich ewig freu'n!

Jedem lächelt traut Eine Himmelsbraut; Harf' und Psalter klinget, Und man tanzt und singet. O da möcht' ich sein, Und mich ewig freun!

Lieber bleib' ich hier, Lächelt Laura mir Einen Blick, der saget, Daß ich ausgeklaget. Selig dann mit ihr, Bleib' ich ewig hier! Joys without number
Bloom in the halls of Heaven
For angels and transfigured souls,
As our fathers taught us.
How I'd love to be there
And rejoice eternally!

A heavenly bride smiles Sweetly on everyone; Harp and psalter resound, And there's dancing and singing. How I'd love to be there And rejoice eternally!

I'd sooner stay here If Laura smiles on me With a look that says I've to grieve no more. Blissfully then with her I'd stay forever here!

(Translation by Richard Stokes)

"Seligkeit" was composed by Austrian composer Franz Schubert (1797-1828) in 1816. Schubert was a late Classical and early Romantic composer who composed over 600 vocal works in his lifetime in addition to symphonies, operas, and piano music. It is set to one of Ludwig Christoph Heinrich Hölty's poems. "Seligkeit" translates to the word "bliss," and the song, through its upbeat and waltz-like sound illustrates the joys and bliss that await us in heaven.

Ständchen

Leise flehen meine Lieder Durch die Nacht zu Dir; In den stillen Hain hernieder, Liebchen, komm' zu mir!

Flüsternd schlanke Wipfel rauschen In des Mondes Licht; Des Verräters feindlich Lauschen Fürchte, Holde, nicht.

Hörst die Nachtigallen schlagen? Ach! sie flehen Dich, Mit der Töne süssen Klagen Flehen sie für mich.

Sie verstehn des Busens Sehnen, Kennen Liebesschmerz, Rühren mit den Silbertönen Jedes weiche Herz. Softly my songs plead through the night to you; down into the silent grove, beloved, come to me!

Slender treetops whisper and rustle in the moonlight; my darling, do not fear that the hostile betrayer will overhear us.

Do you not hear the nightingales call? Ah, they are imploring you; with their sweet, plaintive songs they are imploring for me.

They understand the heart's yearning, they know the pain of love; with their silvery notes they touch every tender heart.

Lass auch Dir die Brust bewegen, Liebchen, höre mich! Bebend harr' ich Dir entgegen! Komm', beglücke mich! Let your heart, too, be moved, beloved, hear me! Trembling, I await you! Come, make me happy!

(Translation by Richard Wigmore)

"Ständchen" is another work by Schubert (1797-1828). This piece is set to the words of German Poet and music critic Heinrich Friedrich Ludwig Rellstab. "Ständchen" was published in Schubert's *Schwanengesang*, a collection of songs that Schubert's publisher found following Schubert's death. Rellstab's text is a yearning serenade to a lover.

Nur wer die Sehnsucht kennt

Nur wer die Sehnsucht kennt Weiss, was ich leide! Allein und abgetrennt Von aller Freude, Seh' ich an's Firmament Nach jener Seite. Ach! der mich liebt und kennt Ist in der Weite. Es schwindelt mir, es brennt Mein Eingeweide. Nur wer die Sehnsucht kennt Weiss, was ich leide! Only those who know longing Know what I suffer! Alone and cut off From every joy, I search the sky In that direction. Ah! he who loves and knows me Is far away. My head reels, My body blazes. Only those who know longing Know what I suffer!

(Translation by Richard Stokes)

Many composers have set Johann Wolfgang von Goethe's poem, "Nur wer die Sehnsucht kennt" to music. Tchaikovsky's melancholy setting of this piece is the last of his set of six romances for voice and piano. The text conveys the longing and pain one feels when the person that they love is far from them.

An Die Musik

Du holde Kunst, in wieviel grauen
Stunden,
Wo mich des Lebens wilder Kreis
umstrickt,
Hast du mein Herz zu warmer Lieb
entzunden,
Hast mich in eine bessre Welt entrückt!
Oft hat ein Seufzer, deiner Harf
entflossen, Ein süsser, heiliger Akkord
von dir
den Himmel bessrer Zeiten mir
erschlossen,
Du holde Kunst, ich danke dir dafür!

Beloved art, in how many a bleak hour, when I am enmeshed in life's tumultuous round, have you kindled my heart to the warmth of love, and borne me away to a better world! Often a sigh, escaping from your harp, a sweet, celestial chord has revealed to me a heaven of happier times.

Beloved art, for this I thank you!

"An die Musik" which translates to "To Music" was composed by Franz Schubert (1797-1828) in 1817. This piece is set to a poem by Franz Von Schober (1796-1882) that expresses gratitude towards music itself. It celebrates the power and beauty music holds and its ability to bring comfort and joy to all.

Rastlose Liebe

Dem Schnee, dem Regen, Dem Wind entgegen, im Dampf der Klüfte, Durch Nebeldüfte, Immer zu! Immer zu! Ohne Rast und Ruh! Into the snow, the rain, and the wind, through steamy ravines, through mists, onwards, ever onwards! Without respite!

Lieber durch Leiden
Wollt' ich mich schlagen,
Als so viel Freuden
Des Lebens ertragen.
Alle das Neigen
Von Herzen zu Herzen,
Ach, wie so eigen
Schaffet es Schmerzen!

I would sooner fight my way through suffering than endure so much of life's joy. This affection of one heart for another, ah, how strangely it creates pain!

Wie soll ich flieh'n? Wälderwärts zieh'n? Alles vergebens! Krone des Lebens, Glück ohne Ruh, Liebe, bist du! How shall I flee? Into the forest? It is all in vain! Crown of life, happiness without peace – this, O love, is you!

"Rastlose Liebe" which translates to "Restless Love" was composed by Franz Schubert in 1821. This song's text comes from a poem written by Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (1749-1832) reflecting the theme of a frustrated love. It utilizes scenes of nature, snow, rain, and wind to symbolize the painful feelings love can cause.

Nacht und Traume

Heil'ge Nacht, du sinkest nieder; Nieder wallen auch die Träume, Holy night, you sink down; dreams, too, float down,

Wie dein Mondlicht durch die Räume, Durch der Menschen stille Brust. Die belauschen sie mit Lust; Rufen, wenn der Tag erwacht: Kehre wieder, heil'ge Nacht! Holde Träume, kehret wieder! like your moonlight through space, through the silent hearts of men. They listen with delight, crying out when day awakes: come back, holy night! Fair dreams, return!

"Nacht und Träume" (Night and Dreams) is a German art song composed by Franz Schubert. The text in this piece, written by Matthäus von Collin (1779-1824), explores the peace and tranquility that night brings.

La Pastorella

La pastorella al prato Contenta se ne va Coll' agnellino a lato Cantando in libertà. Se l'innocente amore Grandisce il suo pastore La bella pastorella Contenta ognor sarà. The shepherdess in the meadow wanders happily, the lambs at her side, and sings blithely. If her innocent love pleases her shepherd, the fair shepherdess will always be happy.

(Translation by Richard Wigmore)

"La Pastorella" is a Schubert work set to the Carlo Goldoni's Italian text. The rising and falling vocal line illustrates the rolling hills that the shepherdess freely wanders through.

Batti, Batti, o bel Masetto

Batti, batti, o bel Masetto
La tua povera Zerlina,
Staro qui come agnelina
Le tue botte ad aspettar!
Lasciero straziarmi il crine,
Lasciero cavarmi gli occhi,
E le care tue manine
Lieta poi sapro baciar.
Ah, lo vedo, non hai core!
Pace, o vita mia,
In contenti ed allegria
Notte e di vogliam passar.

Strike, strike, o dear Masetto,
Your poor Zerlina!
I will stand here like a little lamb
to await your blows!
I will let you tear my hair,
I will let you scratch out my eyes,
and your dear little hands
I will then gladly kiss.
Ah, I see it, you have not the heart!
Let there be peace, o my life,
in contentment and happiness
We wish to spend our nights and days.

"Batti, batti, o bel Masetto" is an aria from Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's *Don Giovanni*. This opera centers on Don Giovanni, a nobleman and known philanderer. Zerlina has just been wed to Masetto, but Don Giovanni approaches her and attempts to seduce her away from Masetto. He offers to host a celebration for Zerlina and Masetto at his castle. Masetto grows extremely jealous of Don Giovanni. In this aria, Zerlina is attempting to persuade Masetto of her innocence.

Chi vuol la zingarella Graziosa accorta e bella? Signori, eccola qua. Who'll try the Gipsy pretty, so winning, wise and witty As one and all may see

Le donne sul balcone So bene indovinar. I giovani al cantone So meglio stuzzicar. For ladies at their window Their fortune I can tell. The ladies at the inn, too I can amuse as well

When old men feel love burning I set their heads a turning

A vecchi innamorati Scaldar fo le cervella.

"Chi vuol la zingarella" which translates to "Who Wants the Gypsy Girl?" is an aria from the opera "Il Barbiere di Siviglia" by Giovanni Paisiello (1740-1816). This song portrays a carefree gypsy girl who wanders through the town, captivating the hearts of those she encounters.

Lungi Dal Caro Bene

Lungi dal caro bene, Far from my dear treasure, Vivere non poss'io; *Life seems a heavy burden;* Sono in un mar di pene; My grief no line can measure; Lungi dal caro bene, Far from my dear beloved, Sento mancarmi'l cor. When far from her, my heart is sore *Un dolce stremo sonno.* Oh, would a dream's long rapture *Se lei mirar non ponno,* My yearning soul might capture; Mi chiudai lumi ancor. Till I behold her once more

Lungi Dal Caro Bene (Far from my dear love) is an aria composed by Antonio Secchi (1761-1833). This song explores themes of love, separation, and longing due toone being separated from their beloved.

Praise

Dear, they are praising your beauty, The grass and the sky: The sky in a silence of wonder, The grass in a sigh.

I too would sing for your praising, Dearest, had I Speech as the whispering grass, Or the silent sky.

These have an art for the praising Beauty so high. Sweet, you are praised in a silence, Sung in a sigh.

Richard Hageman's "Praise" is set to poetry by Seamus O'Sullivan. Richard Hageman (1881-1966) was a Dutch-born American composer. He was also a conductor, vocal coach, pianist, and film actor. Hageman's primary compositions were art songs for voice and piano that he published between 1917 and 1960. "Praise" is about being so in awe of someone that not words, but only nature can describe that person's beauty.

"Do not go, my love"

Do not go, my love, without asking my leave. I have watched all night, and now my eyes are heavy with sleep; I fear lest I lose you when I am sleeping. Do not go, my love, without asking my leave. I start up and stretch my hands to touch you. I ask myself, "Is it a dream?" Could I but entangle your feet with my heart, And hold them fast to my breast! Do not go, my love, without asking my leave.

"Do not go, my love" is another art song by Richard Hageman (1881-1966). This piece is a setting of Bengali poet Rabindranath Tagore's poem. The poem is from a larger cycle of poems called *The Gardener*, published in 1913. This cycle of works tells of a love affair between a Bengali queen and her gardener. This specific work is from the queen's point of view. She begs for the gardener to not leave her, and does so by reminding him that she, as queen, must give him leave in order for him to leave in the first place. No matter her pleading, however, it is implied that the gardener indeed leaves her.

Sympathy

I know what the caged bird feels, alas! When the sun is bright on the upland slopes;

When the wind stirs soft through the springing grass,

And the river flows like a stream of glass; When the first bird sings and the first bud opes,

And the faint perfume from the chalice steals

I know what the caged bird feels!

I know why the caged bird beats his wing Till the blood is red on the cruel bars; For he must fly back to his perch and cling When he fain would be on the bough aswing;

And a pain still throbs in the old, old scars

And they pulse again with a keener sting I know why he beats his wing! I know why the caged bird sings, ah me,

When his wing is bruised and his bosom sore,—

When he beats his bars and he would be free:

It is not a carol of joy or glee, But a prayer that he sends from his heart's deep core,

But a plea, that upward to Heaven he flings

I know why the caged bird sings!

"Sympathy" is an art song composed in 1938 by Florence Price (1887-1953). This piece uses poetry written by Paul Laurence Dunbar (1872-1906) that explores themes of empathy and resilience in the face of adversity. Florence Prince conveys these themes and a wide range of emotions that reflect her personal experiences, cultural identity, and musical style, creating a very powerful work.

Because

Because I had loved so deeply, Because I had loved so long, God in His great compassion Gave me the gift of song.

Because I have loved so vainly, And sung with such faltering trill, The Master in infinite mercy Offers the boon of Death.

"Because" is another art song by Florence Price set to a poem by Paul Laurence Dunbar. In this piece, the speaker expresses gratitude for the gift of song given by God because of their deep and enduring love. The speaker later finds peace in knowing that God will soon give the gift of death as a release from any struggling.

Hold Fast to Dream

Hold fast to dreams For if dreams die Life is a broken-winged bird That cannot fly.

Hold fast to dreams For when dreams go Life is a barren field Frozen with snow.

"Hold Fast to Dreams", composed by Florence Price in 1945, is a beautiful art song using poetry by Langston Hughes (1902-1967). This composition conveys a message of perseverance and resilience, urging the listener to cling to their aspirations and hopes, despite obstacles.

Hampshire.

Without You

What a fool I was, what dominated fool, to think you were the earth and the sky, What a fool I was, What an addlepated fool,

What a mutton-headed dolt was I! No, my reverberated friend, you are not the beginning and the end. They can still rule with land without you.

You, dear friend, who talk so well,

You can go to Hartford, Hereford and

Windsor Castle will stand without you. And without much ado we can all muddle through without you.

There'll be spring every year without you.

England still will be here without you. There'll be fruit on the tree, and a shore by the sea.

There'll be crumpets and tea without you.

Art and music will thrive without you. Somehow Keats will survive without you. And there still will be rain on that plain down in Spain, even that will remain without you. I can do without you.

Without you pulling it the tide comes in, without your twirling it the Earth can spin, Without your pushing them, the clouds roll by,

If they can do without you, ducky, so can I I shall not feel alone without you I can stand on my own without you So go back in your shell I can do bloody well without you!

"Without You" is from Lerner and Loewe's *My Fair Lady*, a 1956 stage musical that has also been adapted for film. The musical tells the story of Eliza Doolittle, a poor flower-seller with a deep Cockney accent who seeks lessons with phonetics professor Henry Higgins. Though she finally has a breakthrough in her accent, Higgins constantly treats her harshly, and her hard work is ignored, so Eliza leaves Higgins. In this scene, Higgins attempts to get Eliza to come back to him, she announces that she has plans for her life beyond him.

Someone Like You

I peer through windows Watch life go by Dream of tomorrow And wonder why

The past is holding me Keeping life at bay I wander lost in yesterday Wanting to fly But scared to try

But if someone like you
Found someone like me
Then suddenly
Nothing would ever be the same
My heart would take wing
And I'd feel so alive!
If someone like you
Found me!

So many secrets I long to share All I have needed Is someone there To help me see a world I've never seen before A love to open every door To set me free, so I can soar

If someone like you
Found someone like me
Then suddenly
Nothing would ever be the same
There'd be a new way to live
A new life to love
If someone like you

Oh, if someone like you
Found someone like me
Then suddenly
Nothing would ever be the same
My heart would take wing
And I'd feel so alive!

If someone like you Loved me!

Found me

"Someone Like You" is a piece from Leslie Bricusse's *Jekyll & Hyde*. This musical explores the story of Dr. Jekyll who performs an experiment on himself, revealing his dark side, Mr. Hyde. This song is sung by the character Lucy, who becomes involved with Dr. Jekyll and his dark side and expresses her desire to find someone who will treat her with kindness and respect.

Somewhere

There's a place for us, Somewhere a place for us Oh we'll find a way of forgiving Somewhere

Peace and quiet and open air Wait for us Somewhere

There's a time for us, Some day a time for us, Time together with time to spare, Time to learn, time to care, Someday! Somewhere We'll find a new way of living, Somewhere

There's a place for us,
The time a place for us
Hold my hand and we're halfway there
Hold my hand and I'll take you there
Somehow,
Someday,
Somewhere!

"Somewhere" was originally written for Bernstein and Sondheim's *West Side Story*. This arrangement was written for the television series, *Glee*. Lillian and Ava chose to sing this piece as a duet because the lyrics convey the message that, though life at times may be difficult, if we cling to the people that we love, we can find our way to the peace that awaits us on the other side of hardships.