

GUEST ARTIST CONCERT:
ARIANA WYATT, SOPRANO,
AND RICHARD MASTERS, PIANO

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Fünf Lieder

Alma Mahler
Die stille Stadt
(1879-1964)
In meines vaters Garten
Laue Sommernacht
Bei dir is es traut
Ich wandle unter Blumen

Prélude, aria et final

César Franck

(1822-1890)

Spring Rain: Seven Poems of Sara Teasdale

Robert Spillman
Barter
(b. 1936)
Central Park at Dusk
Summer Night, Riverside
Spring Rain
I Shall Not Care
There Will Come Soft Rain
Morning

Four Songs

Frank La Forge
Hills
(1879-1953)
Schlupfwinkel
An einen Boten
Song of the Open

Five Lieder (Alma Mahler)

– trans. Richard Stokes

I. The Silent Town

A town lies in the valley,
a pale day is fading;
it will not be long
before neither moon nor stars
but night alone will deck the skies.
From every mountain
mists weigh on the town;
no roof, no courtyard, no house
no sound can penetrate the smoke,
scarcely towers and bridges even.
But as fear seized the traveller,
a gleam appeared in the valley;
and through the smoke and mist
came a faint song of praise
from a child's lips.

II. In my father's garden

In my father's garden –
blossom, O my heart, blossom –
In my father's garden
grew a shady apple tree –
Sweet dream –
grew a shady apple tree.
Three blond princesses –
blossom, O my heart, blossom –
three wonderfully beautiful girls
slept beneath the apple tree –
Sweet dream –
slept beneath the apple tree.
The youngest of the three beauties –
blossom, O my heart, blossom –
the youngest of the three beauties

blinked and hardly awoke –
Sweet dream –
blinked and hardly awoke.
The second ran her hand through her hair –
blossom, O my heart, blossom –
Saw the red morning dream –
Sweet dream –
She said: 'Don't you hear the drums?
blossom, O my heart, blossom –
Sweet dream –
Brightly through the dawn?
My beloved is going to war
blossom, O my heart, blossom –
My beloved is going to war,
Kisses as victor the hem of my dress
Sweet dream –
Kisses the hem of my dress.
The third spoke, and spoke so quietly –
blossom, O my heart, blossom –
The third spoke and spoke so quietly:
I kiss the hem of my beloved's coat –
Sweet dream –
I kiss the hem of my beloved's coat.
In my father's garden –
blossom, O my heart, blossom –
In my father's garden
grew a shady apple tree –
Sweet dream –
grew a shady apple tree.

III. Mild Summer Night

Mild summer night: in the sky
Not a star, in the deep forest
We sought each other in the dark
And found one another.
Found one another in the deep wood
In the night, the starless night,
And amazed, we embraced

In the dark night.
Our entire life – was it not
Such a tentative quest?
There: into its darkness,
O Love, fell your light.

IV. I feel warm and close with you

I feel warm and close with you:
clocks strike hesitantly,
like they did in distant days.
Say something loving to me -
but not aloud.
A gate opens somewhere
out in the burgeoning.
Evening listens at the window-panes.
Let us stay quiet,
no one knows us thus.

V. I wander among flowers

I wander among flowers
And blossom with them;
I wander as in a dream
And sway with every step.
O, hold me fast, beloved!
Or drunk with love
I'll fall at your feet –
And the garden is full of folk.

ABOUT THE PERFORMERS

RICHARD MASTERS

Hometown: Rochester, New York

Studies: Hochstein School of Music; University of Colorado at Boulder; the Juilliard School; Eastman School of Music

Hats worn: pianist, chamber musician, vocal coach, opera/musical theatre conductor

2023-2024 Season: Tour of Colorado with soprano Ariana Wyatt (VT faculty); recital with flutist and composer Valerie Coleman at JMU; conductor, *Amahl and the Night Visitors* (Opera Roanoke); continuo, *Le nozze di Figaro* (Opera Roanoke); conductor, *Rigoletto* (Druid City Opera)

Favorite Composers: Bach, Mozart, Brahms, Verdi, Franck, Chabrier

Hobbies: Reading, listening to music, cooking Italian food, spending time with family

ARIANA WYATT

Hometown: Ventura, California

Studies: University of Southern California, the Juilliard School

Hats worn: singer, teacher, opera director, administrator, mom

2023-2024 Season: Tour of Colorado (with Richard Masters); performance of Charles Nichols' *In*

the Borrow of Science, College Music Society National Conference; premiere of Bobby Gee's *To*

St. Augustine; directing Bellini's *La Sonnambula* for Bel Cantanti Opera Company

Favorite Composers: Verdi, Bach, John Musto, Ravel

Hobbies: running, reading, cooking, gardening

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