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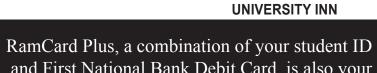


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PROGRAM

Sound the Bells		John Williams (b. 1932) trans. Paul Lavender
From Glory to Glory		– Kevin Walczyk (b. 1964)
Who Puts His Trust in God	Most Just	J.S. Bach (1685-1750) arr. James Croft
After a Gentle Rain	Ant	hony Iannaccone (b. 1943)
	INTERMISSION	
Knoxville: Summer 1915	San Tiffany Blake, <i>soprano</i>	nuel Barber (b. 1910-1981) trans. Kenneth Singleton
Apollo Unleashed from Symphony No. 2		Frank Ticheli (b. 1958)

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PROGRAM NOTES

This evening's program centers on themes of reflection, remembrance, and celebration. With the return of leaves on the trees and warm weather just around the corner, most people think of spring as a forward-looking time. Yet just as our beautiful weekends have lately been separated by terrific snowfalls, within this season of renewal there is often a sense of completion and ending, of summer and winter meeting head on.

We begin with a short fanfare composed by John Williams. *Sound the Bells* was intended by the composer as a celebration piece and immediately announces itself with flourishes in the trumpets and, as may be expected, emphatic use of the chimes, glockenspiel, and other metallic percussion. Less than three minutes in length, this breathless fanfare charges ahead full steam until its concluding bars.

Kevin Walczyk's work, *From Glory to Glory*, celebrates the life of Heather Reu, daughter of Molly and Ray Cramer. As the Director of Bands Emeritus at Indiana University, Ray Cramer is well known as one of America's premiere wind conductors. When Heather was killed in a tragic accident, Walczyk wrote this piece not to mourn Heather, but instead to celebrate the love, spirit, and passion with which she lived her life. The melodies that permeate the work are derived from Vietnamese and Chinese folksongs, an allusion to the children that Heather and her husband adopted from these countries.

Tonight's performance of the Bach chorale, *Who Puts His Trust in God Most Just*, is dedicated to its transcriber, James Croft, who was the Director of Bands at Florida State University from 1980-2003. During his tenure at FSU, he had a profound influence on thousands of student musicians, and word of his passing at the beginning of this school year was difficult news for many. Beginning only with chimes, Croft's setting eventually incorporates the band as vocalists singing the English translation of Bach's text, listed below.

Anthony Iannaccone's most popular work, *After a Gentle Rain*, is set in two movements whose contrasting styles reflect the collision of introspective remembrance with the dancing ebullience that accompanies the early summer sun. The first movement, "The Dark Green Glistens with Old Reflections," emerges from a musical fog, with B-flat and C major blurring together. A short theme emerges from this harmonic haze, and winds its way through the ever-changing texture. By contrast, the second movement, "Sparkling Air Bursts with Dancing Sunlight," is a vibrant, rollicking dance that frequently shifts between duple and triple meters. Iannaccone creates unity between these movements by using the initial theme from the first movement as the melodic basis for the entire second movement.

The second half begins with Samuel Barber's *Knoxville: Summer 1915*, transcribed for small ensemble by Kenneth Singleton. The text, given below, is taken from James Agee's short story, "Knoxville." The story is recalled in fragments; smells, sounds, and images seen through the eyes of a child, and recounted through the experience of an adult. After setting the idyllic scene of a summer's evening in the American South, the narrator settles into contemplating grander ideas of family, and life, and prayers for blessings on her people:

One is my mother who is good to me. One is my father who is good to me. By some chance, here they are, all on this earth; and who shall ever tell the sorrow of being on this earth, lying, on quilts, on the grass, in a summer evening, among the sounds of night. May God bless my people, my uncle, my aunt, my mother, my good father, oh, remember them kindly in their time of trouble; and in the hour of their taking away.

The evening concludes with the final movement of Frank Ticheli's Symphony No. 2, which the composer titles, "Apollo Unleashed." Ticheli writes that the image of Apollo, "the powerful ancient god of the sun," inspired the brightness and blazing energy of the work. But underpinning the entire movement is the Bach chorale from earlier in the program: Who Puts His Trust in God Most Just. In combining these ideas, of blazing, sun-like energy and thoughtful introspection, Ticheli encapsulates the theme of tonight's concert. The symphony was dedicated to Jim Croft on his retirement from Florida State, and it seems only fitting that though much of tonight's program is reflective, the concluding work on both halves is inspired by the energy and anticipation of the coming sun.

Bach Who Puts His Trust in God Most Just

Who puts his trust In God most just Hath built His house securely; He who relies On Jesus Christ, Heaven shall be his most surely: Then fixed on Thee My trust shall be For Thy truth cannot alter; While mine Thou art, Not death's worst smart Shall make my courage falter.

Barber Knoxville: Summer 1915

It has become that time of evening when people sit on their porches, rocking gently and talking gently and watching the street and the standing up into their sphere of possession of the trees, of birds' hung havens, hangars. People go by; things go by. A horse, drawing a buggy, breaking his hollow iron music on the asphalt: a loud auto: a quiet auto: people in pairs, not in a hurry, scuffling, switching their weight of aestival body, talking casually, the taste hovering over them of vanilla, strawberry, pasteboard, and starched milk, the image upon them of lovers and horsemen, squaring with clowns in hueless amber. A streetcar raising its iron moan; stopping; belling and starting, stertorous; rousing and raising again its iron increasing moan and swimming its gold windows and straw seats on past and past and past, the bleak spark crackling and cursing above it like a small malignant spirit set to dog its tracks; the iron whine rises on rising speed; still risen, faints; halts; the faint stinging bell; rises again, still fainter; fainting, lifting, lifts, faints foregone: forgotten. Now is the night one blue dew.

Now is the night one blue dew, my father has drained, he has coiled the hose.

Low in the length of lawns, a frailing of fire who breathes

Parents on porches: rock and rock. From damp strings morning glories hang their ancient faces.

The dry and exalted noise of the locusts from all the air at once enchants my eardrums.

On the rough wet grass of the back yard my father and mother have spread quilts. We all lie there, my mother, my father, my uncle, my aunt, and I too am lying there.... They are not talking much, and the talk is quiet, of nothing in particular, of nothing at all in particular, of nothing at all. The stars are wide and alive, they seem each like a smile of great sweetness, and they seem very near. All my people are larger bodies than mine,...with voices gentle and meaningless like the voices of sleeping birds. One is an artist, he is living at home. One is a musician, she is living at home. One is my mother who is good to me. One is my father who is good to me. By some chance, here they are, all on this earth; and who shall ever tell the sorrow of being on this earth, lying, on quilts, on the grass, in a summer evening, among the sounds of the night. May God bless my people, my uncle, my aunt, my mother, my good father, oh, remember them kindly in their time of trouble; and in the hour of their taking away.

After a little I am taken in and put to bed. Sleep, soft smiling, draws me unto her: and those receive me, who quietly treat me, as one familiar and well-beloved in that home: but will not, oh, will not, not now, not ever; but will not ever tell me who I am.

ABOUT THE SOLOIST



Dr. Tiffany Blake

Praised by Opera News Online for her "...truly virtuoso performance...immaculate tone, good support and breath to spare.", soprano, Dr. Tiffany Blake, received her DMA in Vocal Performance with a minor in Opera Stage Direction from the Eastman School of Music, where she also earned her MM and was awarded the prestigious Performer's Certificate.

Dr. Blake's operatic roles include Marguerite in Faust, the title role in Carlisle Floyd's Susannah, Despina in Così fan tutte, and Mercedes in Carmen among others. Solo engagements have included appearances with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, Missouri Symphony Orchestra and Opera Fort Collins. Dr. Blake has a special interest in song literature, and has given several recitals in Scotland, France, Salzburg, and across the U.S., including a radio broadcast for Opus: Classics Live NPR in Buffalo, New York, appearances with Chicago's Arts at Large and the Odyssey Chamber Music concert

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She has served on the faculties of the University of Missouri-Columbia, Syracuse University, Alfred University and Sonoma State University. She currently serves as Associate Professor of Voice and Director of the Charles and Reta Ralph Opera Center at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado.



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