

AN EVENING OF ART SONG

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KATZIN CONCERT HALL Saturday, March 24, 2001 • 7:30 p.m.



PROGRAM

Die frühen GräberFanny Mendelssohn Hensel(Friedrich Gottlieb Klopstock)1805-1847Warum sind denn die Rosen so blass (Heinrich Heine)Italien (Franz Grillparzer)

Fussreise (Eduard Mörike) **Verschwiegene Liebe** (Joseph von Eichendorff) **In dem Schatten meiner Locken** (Paul Heyse) **Verborgenheit** (Eduard Mörike) Hugo Wolf 1860-1903

Rêves (Textes anonymes du XX Siècle) Marronniers Toi Confidence Le Mistral "Long Distance" Jeunesse Darius Milhaud 1982-1974

There will be a 10-minute intermission

Cinco Canciones Populares Argentinas (Sobre Textos Del Cancionero Popular) Chacarera Triste Zamba Arrorró Gato

I Shall Not Live in Vain (Emily Dickinson)

Ricky Ian Gordon

Alberto Ginastera

Once I Was (Ricky Ian Gordon) **Afternoon on a Hill** (Edna St. Vincent Millay)

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In respect for the performers and those audience members around you, please turn all beepers, cell phones, watches to their silent mode. Thank you.

Jake Heggie

b. 1916

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The Early Graves

Welcome, oh silver moon,

Lovely, calm companion of the night. You flee? Do not hurry but stay, friend in thought.

See, she remains, the cloud only passed by.

The dawn of May is only

More beautiful than the summer night When dew, bright as light, drips from his curls

And up the hill, reddish he comes.

You more noble ones, oh, somber moss already

Grows over your memorials.

Oh how happy I was when once with you I saw the day redden, and the night shimmer.

Why Are the Roses So Pale

Why are the roses so pale Oh tell me, my love, why? Why, in the green grass, Are the blue violets so silent?

Why does it sing such a mournful song The lark in the sky? Why does there rise from the balsam A scent of wilted blooms?

Why does the sun shine down on the meadow So coldly and morosely? Why is the earth so gray And desolate as a grave?

Why am I myself so ill and so gloomy, My dear darling, tell me? Oh tell me, my most heart-beloved love, Why have you left me?

Italy

Lovelier and lovelier the plain bedecks itself,

Flattering breezes caress me. Away from the burdens and troubles Of prose,

I move to the land of poetry.

The sun is more golden, the sky is bluer, And greener the greenery, more tangy the fragrance.

There in the cornstalks, swelling with sap, The aloe bristles with stubborn force. Olive tree, cypress, you blond, you brown, Do you nod like dainty ladies greeting? What shines among the foliage, glittering like gold?

Ah! pomegranate, are you hiding sweetly?

Obstinate Poseidon, was it you Who joked and murmured so sweetly below?

And this, seeming half meadow, half ether,

Was it the fearful terror of the sea? Here I want to live!

Divine you, Parthenope, do you bring calm to the waves?

Now then, attempt it, Eden of desire,

Smooth the waves,

The waves of this breast, too.

Fussreise/Walking Trip

When with my new-cut walking staff I saunter forth early over hill and valley, through woods lies my path: then, like birds in their arbor sing with secret thrill, or as grapes of golden color wondrous rapture feel, when the morning sun appeareth: thus my inmost soul doth waken, is with feverish longing shaken, in the springtime, in the autumn, strains of paradise he heareth.

So art thou not quite so bad, oh soul called sinful, as the stern teachers would have it; still dost love and still dost sing, and with praise thy voice doth ring; as when first the great world was created, for thy dear creator and thy keeper.

If He would but grant me, that my whole life might be, full of effort gently tiring, such a perfect morning wandering!

Verschwiegene Liebe/Silent Love

Through the glamor of evening, over each wooded height, who'll tell us their meaning, or stay their swift flight? Fond lovethoughts concealing, to night all revealing, sweet fancy must roam! And one maid would share them, read those thoughts aright ye breezes, oh, bear them, nor stay their swift flight! Be ye clouds their alliant, my love is as silent and fair as the night.

In dem Schatten meiner Locken/In the shadow of my tresses

In the shadow of my tresses, fast asleep my loved one lies. Shall I wake my love? Ah, no! With such care I comb my curling tresses early in the morning, but in vain is all my trouble, by the wind they're soon entangled! Tangled tresses, blown by soft winds, they have lulled my love to sleep. Shall I wake my love? Ah, no! I must listen, as he chides me, that his grief is past enduring, that he lives and dies each moment, gazing on my charms alluring. "Vixen," he has often called me, yet he sleeps here at my side. Shall I wake my love? Ah, no!

Verborgenheit/Secrecy

Peace, O World, O grant me peace! Lure me not with love's sweet bounties. Let my heart, untrammeled, cherish all its rapture, all its pain! Ah, I know not why I grieve, 'tis an unknown, poignant sadness. Every dawn, through tears that blind me, I behold the light of day.

Oft I feel my senses wane, then a ray of hope enthralls me, through the darkness, closely holds me. Joy divine then fills my breast.

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RÉVES/DREAMS

I. Marronniers/Chestnut Trees

Candlestick of mystery, Incandescent flame, Flower which lifts itself toward God, Render sweeter to my soul The memory of the dream, Of the incandescent dream, Like that flower itself Which rises from my dream, Candlestick of my soul.

II. Toi/You

Poor in joy, Rich in sorrow, All the days, alas, Increase my misfortune. The madwoman hope Flees from me without respite. Only your tender affection Appeases my heart.

III. Confidence/Confidence

The silence is a feather of an angel And floats over the high branches of the holm oak and of the laurel tree. The bird hidden in the night Surrenders its blessed secret to it. Oh! Isn't it the silence which sings.

IV. Le Mistral/The North Wind

He wakes up singing.
He goes to sleep whistling.
He plays with the trees, the flowers, the birds.
He chases the clouds, the dust, the stars.
The earth shivers; the wheat curls.
He is the rhythm; he is the life.
Pretty Mistral, dream of the earth.

V. "Long Distance"

Your voice, resonance so sweet to my ear, Traverse in a sigh the towns, the mountains, the flowers, the fields, the rivers. Nothing stops your momentum, my bewitching echo, For striking and disturbing the transparence of my heart.

VI. Jeunesse/Youth

An invisible mast wreathed with sky delivers its flashes of lightning to the four corners of the world. A silent river reflects your face in the deep mirror of the old, gray houses. Slate of the streets shining with rain, Fragrant earth, dust of Paris. Shower, wind, sun. Coolness of the dusk. Stagnation of golden evenings. Memories of love, of youth, of always.

CINCO CANCIONES POPULARES ARGENTINAS

I. Chacarera

I like the ñatas and one ñata has touched me. The ñato will be the marriage and more ñatas will come.

When I sing the chacarera, I want to cry because it reminds me of Catamarca and Tucuman.

II. Zamba

Until the rocks of the mountains and the sands of the sea tell me that I cannot love you and I am not able to forget you.

If you have stolen my heart, then you have to give me yours. He that takes a thing from another, with his he has to pay.

III. Arrorró

Hush my baby, hush my sunshine, hush piece of my heart. This beautiful baby wants to sleep, and the roguish dream will not want to come. Hush piece of my heart.

IV. Triste

Under a green lemon tree, where the water does not run, I gave my heart to someone who does not deserve it. Sad is the day without sun. Sad is the night without the moon. But sadder still is to love without any hope.

V. El Gato

My cat at home is very much like a cowboy. My cat at home is very much like a cowboy. But when they dance the little Spanish dance, Little pine guitar with wire strings, I love the young girls, I say, As much as I do the ladies.

That maiden that dances, I love a lot. That maiden that dances, I love a lot. But not like a sister, because a sister I have, A sister I have, yes! Get in front. Although I don't own you, I say, I like to look at you.