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THE UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

Presents

NATHAN RIEHL, tenor SENIOR RECITAL

Assisted by

Dr. Joanne Kong, *piano*Dr. Jeffrey Riehl, *tenor*Ms. Suzanne Riehl, *harpsichord*Ms. Emily Riehl, *alto*



February 11, 2012 4:00 p.m. PERKINSON RECITAL HALL



Nathan is a senior Biology major and has studied voice with Dr. Jennifer Cable and coached with Dr. Joanne Kong for all four years of his career at the University of Richmond. He is a member of Schola Cantorum and the Octāves, is a recipient of the Quincy Cole Memorial Scholarship for Voice, and has performed scenes from W. A. Mozart's Così fan tutte with fellow students. Passionate about a variety of musical styles, he is excited to perform

repertoire from the German Lieder and French chanson traditions, and is most thrilled to perform works of Monteverdi with his family. Hobbies include serenading lovely ladies with his guitar, songwriting, StumbleUpon, and spending time with his friends and apartment mates. Nathan will spend the summer doing research and hopes to pursue music professionally postgraduation.

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Maurice Ravel

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Gira il nemico insidioso amore Eccomi pronta ai baci Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643)



MAURICE RAVEL (1875-1937)

The son of a Basque mother and Swiss father, Ravel was encouraged in music from a young age by his father, an amateur pianist and engineer. In 1889 he gained admission to the Paris Conservatoire, and in 1891 won first prize in a piano competition. He began studying composition with Gabriel Fauré in 1897, whose work exerted a significant influence on his technique and musicianship. Over the next several years Ravel encountered many failures, including five failed attempts to win the prestigious Prix de Rome. The charming *Cinq Mélodies populaires grecques* were composed around this time and represent a style that is purely Ravel, with a hint of Mediterranean flavor.

Le réveil de la mariée ("The awaking of the bride")

Wake up, wake up, pretty partridge.
Open your wings to the morning.
Three beauty spots have set my heart
on fire.

See the ribbon, the golden ribbon I bring you
To tie round your hair.
If you want, my beauty, come let's

be married: In our two families, all are kindred.

Là-bas, vers l'église ("Over there, near the church")

Over there, near the church,
Near the church of Saint Sideros
The church, O Holy Virgin,
The church of Saint Constantine
They are gathered, assembled in
infinite number,
In the world, O Holy Virgin,
All the bravest in the world!

Quel galant m'est comparable? ("What gallant can compare with me?")

What gallant can compare with me? Among those seen passing by? Tell me, Lady Vassiliki? See, hung on my belt, Pistols and a sharp sword... And it is you whom I love!

Chanson des cueilleuses de lentisques ("Song of the girls collecting mastic")

O joy of my soul, Joy of my heart, treasure so dear to me; Joy of the soul and of the heart,

You whom I love passionately You are lovelier than an angel. O when you appear, angel so sweet

Before our eyes, Like a beautiful blonde angel, In the bright sunlight Alas! all our poor hearts sigh!

Tout gai! ("All merry!")

All merry,
Ha! all merry;
Beautiful legs, tireli that dance
Beautiful legs, the pottery dances,
Tra-la-la.

CLAUDIO MONTEVERDI (1567-1643)

Arguably the most important musician in late 16th- and early 17th-century Italy, Claudio Monteverdi was instrumental in ushering in the transition of musical style from that of the Renaissance to the Baroque period. Monteverdi published his first collection, the three-voice *Sacrae cantiunculae*, at the tender age of 15 and would continue to produce both sacred and secular works. His musical prowess as a composer, singer, and instrumentalist would lead to appointments in Mantua and Venice. Book VIII of his madrigals, including "Gira il nemico insidioso Amore," was completed late in his career (1638) and written over a 30-year period. The dramatic "Eccomi pronta ai baci" came earlier in his Venetian career (1619).

Gira il nemico insidioso Amore ("The enemy insidious Love")

The enemy, insidious Love, is encircling the citadel of my heart.

Take action quickly, for he is not far from here,

Weapons in hand!

Let us not allow him to approach, lest he climb the weak wall, but let us sally forth boldly; saddle your horses!

These are no fictitious weapons, for he is coming near the curtain wall with the main part of his army.

Take action quickly, for he is not distant from here; everyone at his post!

He intends to attack the bulwark of my eyes with a daring charge. Take action quickly, for he is here, and no mistake; everyone mount!

There is no more time, alas, for all at once he has captured my heart.

Take to your heels, escape as you can escape by running!

My heart, there is no use fleeing, you are dead and the slave of an arrogant tyrant, for the conqueror, who is already within the gates, shouts: "Burn and kill!"

Eccomi pronta ai baci ("Here I am, ready for kisses")

Here I am, ready for kisses; Kiss me, my Ergasto, But kiss in such a way That of your biting teeth No trace will remain on my face; So that others will not point me out, and See in it my naughtiness and your kisses. Ah! you bite and do not kiss, You have marked me, Ah! Ah! May I die if ever I kiss you again!

—Program notes by Nathan Riehl

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