Illinois State University

RED NOTE

new music festival

March 26th - March 29th, 2018

co-directors
CARL SCHIMMEL AND ROY MAGNUSON

WILLIAM BOLCOM, distinguished guest composer
GABRIELA LENA FRANK, distinguished guest composer
ENSEMBLE DAL NIENTE, guest performers
### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**MONDAY, MARCH 26TH**

8 pm, Center for the Performing Arts

The Festival opens with a concert featuring the Illinois State University Wind Symphony and Illinois State University choruses. Professor Anthony Marinello conducts the ISU Wind Symphony in a performance of the winning work in this year’s Composition Competition for Wind Ensemble, Patrick Lenz’s *Pillar of Fire*. The Wind Symphony also performs guest composer William Bolcom’s *Concerto for Soprano Saxophone* with ISU faculty Paul Nolen, and the world premiere of faculty composer Martha Horst’s work *Who Has Seen the Wind?* The ISU Concert Choir and Madrigal Singers, conducted by Dr. Karyl Carlson, perform the winning piece in the Composition Competition for Chorus, *Wind on the Island* by Michael D’Ambrosio, as well as William Bolcom’s *Song for Saint Cecilia’s Day*.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 27TH**

7:30 pm, Kemp Recital Hall

ISU students and faculty present a program of works by featured guest composers Gabriela Lena Frank and William Bolcom. The concert will also include the winning work in this year’s Composition Competition for Chamber Ensemble, *Downloads*, by Jack Frerer.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28TH**

7:30 pm, Kemp Recital Hall

Ensemble Dal Niente takes the stage to perform music of contemporary European composers, including Salvatore Sciarrino, Kaija Saariaho, and György Kurtag.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 29TH**

7:30 pm, Kemp Recital Hall

The Festival concludes with a concert of premieres by the participants in the RED NOTE New Music Festival Composition Workshop: James Chu, Joshua Hey, Howie Kenty, Joungmin Lee, Minzuo Lu, Mert Morali, Erik Ransom, and Mac Vinetz.
We are pleased to announce the results of the Eighth Annual RED NOTE New Music Festival Composition Competition.

This year, there were three categories: Category A (Works for Chamber Ensemble), Category B (Works for Wind Ensemble), and Category C (Works for Chorus). There were many outstanding entries in all three categories.

**CATEGORY A (Chamber Ensemble)**

There were 370 anonymous submissions from 27 nations around the world and from 39 of the United States. Initial rounds were judged by members of the Music Composition faculty at Illinois State University. The final round was judged by the esteemed composers Robert Beaser (The Juilliard School), Gabriela Lena Frank (freelance composer & recent composer-in-residence of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra), and Narong Prangcharoen (Mahidol University & composer-in-residence of the Pacific Symphony).

**WINNER**

*Downloads*, by Jack Frerer (Sydney, Australia)

**RUNNER-UP**

*Ausencias*, by Carolina Heredia (Córdoba, Argentina)

**HONORABLE MENTIONS**

*Beacon*, by Bret Bohman (Columbia, Missouri, USA)

*Sparks and Flares*, by Michael Seltenreich (Tel Aviv, Israel)

*Shimmers the Shivery Moon*, by Kai-Young Chan (Hong Kong)

Jack Frerer will receive the $1000 prize, and his winning work will be performed by faculty at the Illinois State University School of Music on March 27, 2018, on the second concert of the 2018 RED NOTE New Music Festival in Normal, IL.

**CATEGORY B (Wind Ensemble)**

There were 73 anonymous submissions in the Wind Ensemble category. Initial rounds were judged by the Music Composition faculty at Illinois State University. The final round was judged by Anthony Marinello, Director of Bands at ISU.

**WINNER**

*Pillar of Fire*, by Patrick Lenz (Eastman, WI)

**RUNNER-UP**

*Boogie and Blues*, by Roger Briggs (Asheville, NC)

**HONORABLE MENTIONS**

*Cyclotron*, by David Biedenbender (East Lansing, MI)

*Hivemind*, by Peter Van Zandt Lane (Athens, GA)

Patrick Lenz will receive the $750 prize, and his winning work will be performed by the Illinois State University Wind Ensemble at the Illinois State University School of Music on March 26, 2018, on the opening concert of the 2018 RED NOTE New Music Festival in Normal, IL.

**CATEGORY C (Chorus)**

In the Choral category, there were 107 anonymous works submitted from around the world. Initial rounds were judged by the Music Composition faculty at Illinois State University. The final round was judged by Dr. Karyl Carlson, Director of Choral Activities at the Illinois State University School of Music.

**WINNER**

*Wind on the Island*, by Michael D’Ambrosio (Murray, KY)

**RUNNER-UP**

*Snow*, by Alona Epshtein (Ramat-Gan, Israel)

**HONORABLE MENTIONS**

*The Cloak of Sorrow*, by Paul Sidney Richards (Gainesville, FL)

Michael D’Ambrosio will receive the $750 prize, and his winning work will be performed by the Illinois State University Concert Choir at the Illinois State University School of Music on March 26, 2018, on the opening concert of the 2018 RED NOTE New Music Festival in Normal, IL.

This year at the RED NOTE New Music Festival we are pleased to host 8 talented student composers who are taking part in the first RED NOTE New Music Festival Composition Workshop. The students will have their new compositions rehearsed and performed by Ensemble Dal Niente, under the mentorship of guest composers William Bolcom and Gabriela Lena Frank. Rehearsals are free and open to the public. In addition, they and several esteemed visiting composers will give presentations on their music.

**OPEN REHEARSALS**

Tuesday, March 27th, Kemp Recital Hall
(12:20 pm – 1:50 pm, and 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm)

Wednesday, March 28th, Kemp Recital Hall
(9:00 am – 12:00 pm)

Thursday, March 29th, Kemp Recital Hall
(throughout the day, TBD)
GUEST COMPOSERS

William Bolcom
National Medal of Arts, Pulitzer Prize, and Grammy Award-winner William Bolcom (born May 26, 1938) is an American composer of keyboard, chamber, operatic, vocal, choral, and symphonic music. Born in Seattle, Washington, he began composition studies at the age of 11 with George Frederick McKay and John Verrall at the University of Washington while continuing piano lessons with Madame Berthe Poncy Jacobson. He later studied with Darius Milhaud at Mills College while working on his Master of Arts degree, with Leland Smith at Stanford University while working on his D.M.A., and with Olivier Messiaen and Milhaud at the Paris Conservatoire, where he received the 2ème Prix de Composition. He joined the faculty of the University of Michigan’s School of Music in 1973, was named the Ross Lee Finney Distinguished University Professor of Composition in 1994, and retired in 2008 after 35 years. Bolcom won the Pulitzer Prize for music in 1988 for 12 New Etudes for Piano, and his setting of William Blake’s Songs of Innocence and Songs of Experience on the Naxos label won four Grammy Awards in 2005: Best Choral Performance, Best Classical Contemporary Composition, Best Classical Album, and Producer of the Year, Classical. As a pianist Bolcom has performed and recorded his own work frequently in collaboration with his wife and musical partner, mezzo-soprano Joan Morris. Their primary specialties in both concerts and recordings are cabaret songs, show tunes, and American popular songs of the 20th-century. They have recorded 25 albums together – Autumn Leaves was released in 2015. As a composer, Bolcom has written four violin sonatas; nine symphonies; four operas (McTeague, A View from the Bridge, A Wedding, and Dinner at Eight), plus several musical theater operas; twelve string quartets; two film scores (Hester Street and Illuminata); incidental music for stage plays, including Arthur Miller’s Broken Glass; fanfares and occasional pieces; and an extensive catalogue of chamber, choral, and vocal works. Dinner at Eight premiered at Minnesota Opera in March 2017 to great acclaim. The University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre and Dance Opera Department mounted four performances of it in November 2017 in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and Wexford Festival Opera will mount the European premiere with six performances in October and November 2018 in Wexford, Ireland. 2018 marks the occasion of Mr. Bolcom’s 80th birthday, and his work will be celebrated by performances both in the United States and abroad.

Gabriela Lena Frank
Included in the Washington Post’s list of the 35 most significant women composers in history (August 2017), identity has always been at the center of composer/pianist Gabriela Lena Frank’s music. Born in Berkeley, California (September 1972), to a mother of mixed Peruvian/Chinese ancestry and a father of Lithuanian/Jewish descent, Frank explores her multicultural heritage most ardently through her compositions. Inspired by the works of Bela Bartók and Alberto Ginastera, Frank is something of a musical anthropologist. Winner of a Latin Grammy and nominated for Grammys as both composer and pianist, Gabriela also holds a Guggenheim Fellowship and a USA Artist Fellowship given each year to fifty of the country’s finest artists. Her work has been described as “crafted with unself-conscious mastery” (Washington Post), “brilliantly effective” (New York Times), “a knockout” (Chicago Tribune) and “glorious” (Los Angeles Times). Gabriela Lena Frank is regularly commissioned by luminaries such as cellist Yo Yo Ma, soprano Dawn Upshaw, the King’s Singers, and the Kronos Quartet. She has received orchestral commissions and performances from leading American orchestras including the Chicago Symphony, the Boston Symphony, the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Atlanta Symphony, the Cleveland Orchestra, the San Francisco Symphony, the Detroit Symphony, and the Houston Symphony. Frank’s first opera, The Last Dream of Frida, will be performed by Fort Worth Opera and San Diego Opera in upcoming seasons. Frank has been the subject of several PBS documentaries as well as several scholarly books including the W.W. Norton Anthology: The Musics of Latin America. She has volunteered extensively in hospitals and prisons, with a recent project working with deaf African-American high school students in Detroit who rap in sign language. In 2017, Frank founded the Gabriela Lena Frank Creative Academy of Music, a non-profit training institution that offers emerging composers short-term retreats at Gabriela’s two farms in Mendocino County, CA. Frank attended Rice University (B.A. and M.A.) and the University of Michigan (D.M.A.), studying with Sam Jones, William Albright, William Bolcom, Leslie Bassett, and Michael Daugherty. Gabriela Lena Frank’s music is published exclusively by G. Schirmer, Inc.

GUEST ENSEMBLE

Dal Niente
Noted for its presentation of “bracing sonic adventures” (Chicago Tribune), Ensemble Dal Niente, “a superb contemporary-music collective” (The New York Times), aims to drive musical discourse with adventurous projects that exhibit an ambitious range of aesthetic values tied to contemporary life and culture. The ensemble performs music written for large ensemble, chamber music, and solo works, each with relentless attention to interpretation. Dal Niente works with a range of composers, from emerging and established living artists to the post-World War II avant-garde generation. Recent projects include a collaboration with Deerhoof and Marcos Balter; a tour of Latin American countries; performances and recordings of works by George Lewis; an East Coast tour of German music; the Hard Music, Hard Liquor concert series and its annual Party. With each project, programs are curated and presented in ways that highlight the music’s relationship with our culture and society. The ensemble’s introduction to the international music community was expedited by their acclaimed performances at the Darmstadt Summer Courses for New Music in 2010 and 2012; in 2012, Dal Niente became the first-ever ensemble recipient of the coveted Kranichstein Music Prize and was invited to give the 2014 festival’s culminating performance in Darmstadt, Germany. Recordings of Dal Niente’s performances of new and recent repertoire have been released on the New Amsterdam, New Focus, Navona, Parlour Tapes+, and Carrier labels. The ensemble also shares performance videos and discussions with their audience through YouTube and other social media. Dal Niente’s outreach includes educational activities of all kinds, exhibited most commonly in university settings with composition workshops, masterclasses, discussions, and performances. The ensemble’s residencies have included work with faculty and students at various universities including Northwestern, Chicago, Harvard, Stanford, Indiana, Illinois, and Western Michigan, among others. The ensemble’s name, Dal Niente (“from nothing” in Italian), is a tribute to Helmut Lachenmann’s Dal niente (Intérieur III), the revolutionary style of which serves as an inspiration for its musicians. The name also references its humble beginnings – founded in 2004 by a group of student composers at Northwestern University, the ensemble has risen from obscurity to a position as one of North America’s most prominent new music groups.
CONCERT I
8 pm, March 26, 2018, Center for the Performing Arts

ISU WIND SYMPHONY AND CONCERT CHOIR

Wind on the Island (2007)  
Michael D’Ambrosio (b. 1974)  
Winner, RED NOTE New Music Festival Composition Competition — Choral Category  
ISU Madrigal Singers  
Karyl Carlson, conductor

A Song for Saint Cecilia’s Day (2011)  
William Bolcom (b. 1938)  
ISU Concert Choir  
Samuel Fleming and Dennis Gotkowski, organ  
Karyl Carlson, conductor

-INTERMISSION-

Pillar of Fire (2016)  
Patrick Lenz (b. 1994)  
Winner, RED NOTE New Music Festival Composition Competition — Wind Ensemble Category  
Who Has Seen the Wind? (2016)  
Martha Horst (b. 1967)  
ISU Wind Symphony  
Anthony Marinello, conductor  
Concerto for Soprano Saxophone and Band (2015)  
William Bolcom  
Paul Nolen, soprano saxophone  
ISU Wind Symphony  
Anthony Marinello, conductor

Thank you for joining us for today’s performance of the Illinois State University Wind Symphony. We hope that you will enjoy our concert, and that you might consider joining us again for future performances here at the ISU School of Music. Please visit www.bands.illinoisstate.edu for more information. Thank you for your support!

PROGRAM NOTES

Wind on the Island—please see lyrics on page 7.

Mike D’Ambrosio  
Mike D’Ambrosio is Associate Professor of Theory and Composition at Murray State University in Kentucky and has been there since fall 2008. He has held previous teaching positions at Jacksonville State University (AL), Oklahoma State University, University of Dayton, and Cincinnati’s College-Conservatory of Music (CCM). He received his D.M.A. and M.M. degrees in music composition from CCM where he studied with Joel Hoffman and Ricardo Zohn-Muldoon (now at Eastman). Originally from Long Island, New York, Mike did his undergraduate work at Lehigh University where he double-majored in music and accounting. Recent commissions include the Luther College Trumpet Ensemble, Celeste Johnson Frehner (University of Missouri-Kansas City), the Murray State University Wind Ensemble, Kentucky Center’s Governor School for the Arts Faculty Quintet, and Larry Wyatt (Director of Choral Studies at the University of South Carolina). Mike’s music has been performed by the Muncie Symphony, Philadelphia Brass, Monarch Brass, Shepherd School Brass Choir (Rice University), Indiana University Brass Choir, Cincinnati Symphony Youth Orchestra, the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music (CCM) Wind Ensemble, and by soloists and chamber musicians throughout the United States. Mike’s music is published with C. Alan Publications, Potenza Music, Triplet Press, and Dorn Publications.

A Song for Saint Cecilia’s Day—Commissioned by the University of Chicago for the rededication of its E. M. Skinner organ in Rockefeller Chapel in 2008, William Bolcom’s setting of the same famous text set by Handel in the 18th century explores the many sounds of the organ and responds to the musical esprit found in Dryden’s poem.

The biography for William Bolcom is on page 3.

Pillar of Fire was composed in the spring of 2016 and was named the winner of the 2016 Baylor University Composition Contest. The piece is approximately 7 minutes in duration, ternary in form, and features a neo-tonal language that emphasizes the division of the octave into 3 equal parts. The namesake and inspiration of the piece comes from a passage in Exodus: “By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night.” (Exodus 13:21, NIV) The image of a pillar of fire that begins on the ground and reaches endlessly into the sky, burns so brightly that it is painful to look at and so hot that nothing can approach it, and is the manifestation of the God of Israel, inspired the harmonic and melodic ideas. At the root of these ideas is the division of the octave into 3 equal parts. This concept serves to invoke images of the Holy Trinity and is the forefront symbolism in the piece. This composition is an exploration of the guidance that God gives to His people. The above verse from Exodus may seem like a simple narrative passage; however, upon deeper reading, it becomes evident that the passage still applies to God’s people today. During the day, when the path is clear and free of ob-
struction, God protects and gently guides His people; but during the night, when the path is dark and losing your way is much easier than staying on the path, God is a Pillar of Fire to show the Way and fill His people with His light. This imagery inspired the larger sections and the emotional arc of the composition.--PL

Who Has Seen the Wind?—While living in Helsinki, Finland, I visited the Sibelius Monument, an abstract sculpture by Eila Hiltunen dedicated to Finland’s most famous composer. This sculpture uses a cluster of 600 stainless steel pipes to represent Sibelius’ music. The air in the pipes, like his music, is ethereal; it cannot be seen—only heard via motion of something like an air column of an organ pipe or wind instrument such as a clarinet.

Patrick Lenz (b.1994) is a M.M. Composition student at Rice University from Eastman, Wisconsin. Patrick completed his Bachelor of Music degree at Baylor University. Patrick has studied with Dr. Anthony Brandt, Dr. Scott McAllister, and Dr. Edward Taylor. He has written numerous works for chamber groups and soloists, as well as for large ensembles. Recently, Patrick’s composition for Wind Ensemble, Pillar of Fire, was named the winner of the 2016 Baylor University Composition Contest and the 2018 RED NOTE New Music Festival Composition Competition. Notable commissions are Dr. Jun Qian, Assistant Professor of Clarinet at Baylor University, 15.19 Ensemble, and Morpheme Saxophone Quartet. Notable performances include 2016 Baylor University Wind Ensemble under the direction of Dr. J. Eric Wilson, 2018 Illinois State University Wind Symphony at the 2018 RED NOTE New Music Festival, Oregon State University Wind Ensemble at 2017 Western International Band Clinic, the 2015 International Clarinet Association conference. As a saxophonist, Patrick was a member of the Baylor University Wind Ensemble and Baylor University Jazz Ensemble for 4 years, has played as a concerto grosso soloist with the Baylor University Wind Ensemble at their 2016 TMEA Performance, and won the 2016 and 2017 Sempre Pro Musica chamber music competition with Morpheme Saxophone Quartet. Patrick was a student of Dr. Michael Jacobson (Professor of Saxophone, Baylor University) and has studied with Dr. J. Eric Wilson (Director of Bands, Baylor University). Patrick now teaches privately in the Houston Area.

The impalpable nature of air is also the subject of Christina Rossetti’s poem “Who Has Seen the Wind?”

Who has seen the wind?  
Neither I nor you.  
But when the leaves hang trembling,  
The wind is passing through.  
Who has seen the wind?  
Neither you nor I.  
But when the trees bow down their heads,  
The wind is passing by.  

(1872) Christina Rossetti, 1830-1894

As I read this poem to my young daughter while in Finland, I attempted to write music that represented through sound what Rossetti was trying to describe through words. The resulting work for woodwind ensemble, Who Has Seen the Wind?, is approximately seventeen and a half minutes long and falls into two movements performed attaca. The first movement, inspired by Hiltunen’s sculpture, is reminiscent of air passing through a giant pipe organ. The relationship between air, sound, breath and music is captured in the sound of the opening contrabass clarinet tone emerging from the sound of breath from the player. A subsequent E flat chord is passed through the woodwind ensemble for nine minutes. After an introductory passage in the second movement, running sixteenth note passages occur; these are meant to evoke the rustling motion of wind and air discussed in Rossetti’s poem. This rustling motion moves through the ensemble and rises to a climactic passage that then dissipates into the upper register of the ensemble. After an extensive vibraphone solo, pitch and rhythm fade away. At the end, all that is left is the sound of a single clarinet—the timbre of a single air column that opened the work.—MCH

Martha Callison Horst is a composer who has devoted herself to the performance, creation, and instruction of classical music. Her music has also been performed by performers and groups such as the Fromm Players, CUBE, Earplay, Alea III, Empyrean Ensemble, Chicago Composers Orchestra, Susan Narucki, Left Coast Ensemble, Dal Niente, The Women’s Philharmonic, Composers, Inc., members of the Scottish Chamber Orchestra, Eric Mandat, and Amy Briggs. Ms. Horst has won the Copland Award, the Symphony Number One Commissioning Prize, the 2005 Aea III International Composition Competition for her work Threads, and the Rebecca Clarke International Composition Competition for her work Cloister Songs, based on 18th century utopian poetry. She has held fellowships at the MacDowell Colony, Atlantic Center for the Arts, Wellesley Conference, Norfolk Chamber Music Festival and Darlington International School in the UK. Her work Piano Sonata No. 1, recorded by acclaimed pianist Lara Downes, was released nationally by Crossover Media, and a recording of her wind ensemble work Straussian Landscapes has been released by the Symphony Number One label. Dr. Horst currently teaches composition and theory at Illinois State University and has also taught at the University of California, Davis, East Carolina University, and San Francisco State University.

Concerto for Soprano Saxophone and Band—The soprano saxophone had far fewer proponents in jazz’s classical era than either the alto or tenor, and the only name that comes to mind quickly is Sidney Bechet. This has changed a great deal in the last few decades, and it helps that newer saxophones are considered better in tune and general construction than the old ones. I’ve also found the soprano saxophone to be sensitive and expressive enough to play for instance my Aubade, which was written for the oboe. It can cross the divide between classical and other music easily when asked. I felt this concerto to be in a celebratory mood, as
I feel I'm beginning to understand the band in a way I didn't when only writing for orchestra. In the last years I've been exploring the possibilities inherent in the band and can say with certainty that this whole concerto would have been far different had it been first conceived for orchestra, as were my Saxophone Concerto Grosso and Clarinet Concerto before their band versions appeared. In an orchestral milieu, even with its growing credibility in the classical world, a soprano saxophone might feel a little like an ugly duckling (which after all will present itself at the end as a swan) as soloist; the meeting might thus be somewhat confrontational and dramatic in dialogue with the orchestra, opening its own wealth of musical possibilities. In the band the soprano saxophone is totally at home and can converse with colleagues like the friendly discourse between piano and orchestra as in a Mozart concerto, and this pushes the dialogue into a more collegial direction and a very different mood. Though I can conceive that a later orchestral version could be fine, I wanted this concerto to feel right now totally like a band piece. There are three movements in this Concerto. Lively, with humor contrasts the opening material featuring the high register of the saxophone with a more bluesy second theme in the lower part. Serenade follows with a sort of South Seas rhythm-and-blues atmosphere. Charade tosses itself between a jazz-type “head” with what customarily follows versus a 1960s early-rockstyle hymn with 1930s echoes. These two things together grow into an apotheosis, ending the concerto.—WB

PERFORMER NOTES

Karyl Carlson is now in her thirteenth year as Director of Choral Activities at Illinois State University where she conducts the Concert Choir, Madrigal Singers, and teaches graduate conducting. Her graduate students have gone on to successful teaching careers and further study at major university graduate programs. Carlson came to central Illinois after serving as Director of Choral Activities and Associate Chair of the music department of Central Washington University in Ellensburg, Washington where she conducted the Chamber Choir, taught graduate conducting, and undergraduate music education courses. She earned music education degrees from the University of Michigan and the University of Illinois. Karyl earned her Doctor of Musical Arts degree from Michigan State University, where she studied with Charles K. Smith. Prior to earning her doctorate she taught in the public schools for twelve years in Miami, Florida, including the famed New World School of the Arts in Miami, FL. While at CWU and ISU, Dr. Carlson has conducted many major choral/orchestral works, including Benjamin Britten’s War Requiem as the inaugural event of the international Benjamin Britten at 100: An American Centenary Symposium (2013). Carlson has also conducted numerous operas and musicals, including the Illinois State University’s recent productions of Cabaret and Kurt Weill’s Street Scene. For many years, Carlson sang and recorded in ensembles with Robert Shaw in France and at the Professional Training Workshops at Carnegie Hall. She has also performed a wide variety of piano and vocal solo repertoire, but has particular fondness for playing and conducting chamber music. Carlson regularly works with contemporary composers and enthusiastically supports the commissioning of new choral compositions. Equally, student works are frequently given readings and performances on major concerts. Carlson is an active choral adjudicator and honor choir conductor. Her choirs have been featured at state and regional festivals, and have toured nationally and internationally. The Illinois State University Concert Choir, and the Madrigal Singers, have enjoyed collaborating with professional local and regional symphony orchestras. Under her direction she has toured internationally with her ensembles to Italy, Spain, England and France, and performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City. Karyl resides in Normal, IL, and enjoys spending time with family and friends. She has a wide variety of non-musical interests, including video production, constant rehabbing of her 1890’s home, and caring for her rescue dogs, KoKo and KiefKief.

Anthony C. Marinello, III serves as Director of Bands at Illinois State University where he is the conductor and music director of the Illinois State University Wind Symphony and Symphonic Winds. In addition to his conducting responsibilities, he leads the graduate wind conducting program and teaches courses in instrumental conducting. He joins the faculty at Illinois State University from The University of Texas at Austin, where he is currently completing the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in wind conducting. Before pursuing his graduate studies at The University of Texas, he served on the faculty of in Butler School of Music as Assistant Director of the Longhorn Band, Director of the Longhorn Pep Band, and Assistant to the Director of Bands. Prior to his appointment at The University of Texas, Marinello served on the faculty of Virginia Tech as Assistant Director of Athletic Bands. Marinello has previously taught in the public schools of Ohio, and Texas. Marinello received invitations to the National Band Association’s 2006 Young Conductor Mentor Project and 2006 International Conductors Symposium in Rome, Italy where he conducted La Banda dell’Esercito (Italian Army Band). In 2019, he received an invitation to the West Point Conducting Workshop where he conducted the West Point Band. Marinello holds the Bachelor of Music Education degree from Louisiana State University and the Master of Music Degree from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music.

Paul Nolen currently serves as Associate Professor of Saxophone at Illinois State University. He has appeared as soloist, chamber musician, and jazz artist throughout the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom. Paul performed as euphonium soloist at the 2012 World Saxophone Congress in St. Andrews, Scotland, and the 2015 World Association of Symphonic Bands and Ensembles in Sacramento, CA. His recording of David Maslanka’s Concerto for Alto Saxophone and Wind Ensemble on Albany Records has received critical praise, and an upcoming Albany release will feature new recordings of concerti by David Maslanka and Roy Magnuson. As soprano saxophonist with the acclaimed Iridium Quartet, Paul has toured and performed throughout the U.S. and Puerto Rico since 2010, giving numerous concerts in over ten states. He has been a featured artist at Festival of New American Music (FeNAM) in Sacramento, the John Donald Robb Composers’ Symposium in Albuquerque, and Texas A&M University Artist Series. Individually and with Iridium Quartet, he has been a champion of new music, commissioning works by composers Shih-Hui Chen, David Kirkland Garner, Peter Gilbert, Peter Lieuwen, Roy Magnuson, Marcus Maroney, Karola Obermüller, David Rakowski, and Carl Schimmel. Regionally, Paul performs with the Illinois Symphony Orchestra, Peoria Symphony Orchestra, and the Heartland Festival Orchestras. He has given master classes at numerous universities and festivals, including classes at the Brevard Music Festival, and has twice led an International Saxophone Course at the Aberystwyth MusicFest in Wales, UK. He received his Doctorate of Musical Arts and Master of Music degrees from Michigan State University, and his undergraduate degree in saxophone performance from the UMKC Conservatory of Music. His teachers and mentors have included Prof. Joseph Lulloff, Prof. Tim Timmons, Dr. Jackie Lamar, Mr. Gary Foster, Mr. Hal Melia, and Mr. Bob Martin.
ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY CONCERT CHOIR AND MADRIGAL SINGERS
Madrigal Singers are marked with an asterisk


ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY WIND SYMPHONY
Section leaders are denoted with an asterisk

FLUTE
Elizabeth Briney  Alexandra Clay*  Brianne Steif  Ben Wyland

OBOE
John D’Andria  Elizabeth Okrzesik  Kevin Rahtjen*

CLARINET
Tyler DeVault  Samuel Frosch  Taeyeoung Jung  Peyton Kerley  Marykate Kuhne*  Michele Manuk  Madeline Renken  Thomas Shermulis  Brian Zielinski

BASSOON
Katelyn Fix  Bradley Sarmiento  Adriana Sosa*

SAXOPHONE
Devin Cano  Riley Carter  Charles Kilmer  Brett Thole*  Rachel Wolz

HORN
Jordyn Shultz  Tom Wade  Emily Wolski*  Kristin Wooldridge  Leah Young

TRUMPET
Eric Caldwell  Clinton Linkmeyer*  Amber Hozey  Brendan Korak  Zach Taylor

TROMBONE
Jordan Harvey*  Zachary Lew  Mason Riedel  Johnathan Sabin

EUPHONIUM
Bryce Bovlin*  Sean Breast  Andrew McGowan

TUBA
Sam Tedeschi  Derek Zimmerman*

PERCUSSION
Baryl Brandt  Miles Bohlmann  Jarrett DeFields  Matt James*  Katie Klipstein  Kyle Waselewski

STRING BASS
Regan Berkshier

PIANO
Alexa Sowers

LYRICS

“Wind on the Island,” by Pablo Neruda

El Viento En La Isla
El viento es un caballo:
óyelo cómo corre
por el mar, por el cielo.
Quiere llevarme: escucha
cómo recorre el mundo
para llevarme lejos.
Escóndeme en tus brazos
por esta noche sola,
while la lluvia rompe
contra el mar y la tierra
su boca innumerable.

Con tu frente en mi frente,
con tu boca en mi boca,
atados nuestros cuerpos
al amor que nos quema,
deja que el viento pase
sin que pueda llevarme.

Deja que el viento corra
crowned with foam,
que me llame y me busque
galloping in the shadow,
mientras yo, sumergido
bajo tus grades ojos,
por esta noche sola
descansaré, amor mío.

Wind On The Island
The wind is a horse:
hear how he runs
through the sea, through the sky.
He wants to take me: listen
how he roves the world
for me to far away.

With your brow on my brow,
with your mouth on my mouth,
our bodies tied
to the love that consumes us,
let the wind pass
and not take me away.

Let the wind rush
crowned with foam,
let it call to me and seek me
galloping in the shadow,
while I, sunk
beneath your big eyes,
just for this night
shall rest, my love.

English translation by Donald D. Walsh

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“A Song for Saint Cecilia’s Day,” by John Dryden

Stanza 1
From harmony, from Heav’nly harmony
This universal frame began.
When Nature underneath a heap
Of jarring atoms lay,
And could not heave her head,
The tuneful voice was heard from high,
Arise ye more than dead.
Then cold, and hot, and moist, and dry,
In order to their stations leap,
And music’s pow’r obey.
From harmony, from Heav’nly harmony
This universal frame began:
From harmony to harmony
Through all the compass of the notes it ran,
The diapason closing full in man.

Stanza 2
What passion cannot music raise and quell!
When Jubal struck the corded shell,
His list’ning brethren stood around
And wond’ring, on their faces fell
To worship that celestial sound:
Less than a god they thought there could not dwell
Within the hollow of that shell
That spoke so sweetly and so well.
What passion cannot music raise and quell!

Stanza 3
The trumpet’s loud clangor
Excites us to arms
With shrill notes of anger
And mortal alarms.
The double double double beat
Of the thund’ring drum
Cries, hark the foes come;
Charge, charge, ’tis too late to retreat.

Stanza 4
The soft complaining flute
In dying notes discovers
The woes of hopeless lovers,
Whose dirge is whisper’d by the warbling lute.

Stanza 5
Sharp violins proclaim
Their jealous pangs, and desperation,
Fury, frantic indignation,
Depth of pains and height of passion,
For the fair, disdainful dame.

Stanza 6
But oh! what art can teach
What human voice can reach
The sacred organ’s praise?
Notes inspiring holy love,
Notes that wing their Heav’nly ways
To mend the choirs above.

Stanza 7
Orpheus could lead the savage race;
And trees unrooted left their place;
Sequacious of the lyre:
But bright Cecilia rais’d the wonder high’r;
When to her organ, vocal breath was giv’n,
An angel heard, and straight appear’d
Mistaking earth for Heav’n.

GRAND CHORUS
As from the pow’r of sacred lays
The spheres began to move,
And sung the great Creator’s praise
To all the bless’d above;
So when the last and dreadful hour
This crumbling pageant shall devour,
The trumpet shall be heard on high,
The dead shall live, the living die,
And music shall untune the sky.
CONCERT II
7:30 pm, March 27, 2018, Kemp Recital Hall

MUSIC OF WILLIAM BOLCOM & GABRIELA LENA FRANK

ISU Madrigal Singers  
Karyl Carlson, conductor

I. Prelude
II. Arioso 1
III. Badinerie
IV. Arioso 2
V. Alla Sarabanda
Adriana La Rosa Ransom, cello

1. .zip – 1mb
2. pirated.mov – 732mb
3. result.pdf – 0.1mb (slow internet)
4. virus - 128kb
4.5 antivirus.dmg – 32mb
5. oldphotos.jpg – 7mb
1.5 .zip (contents) – 1gb

Winner, RED NOTE New Music Festival Composition Competition – Chamber Ensemble Category
Kimberly McCoul Risinger, flute  David Gresham, clarinet  Sarah Gentry, violin  
Adriana La Rosa Ransom, cello  Tuyen Tonnu, piano

-INTERMISSION-

I. Toyos
II. Tarqueada
III. Himno de Zampofias
IV. Chasqui
V. Canto de Velorio
VI. Coqueteos

ISU Faculty String Quartet
Sarah Gentry & Kelsey Klopfenstein, violins  Katherine Lewis, viola  Adriana La Rosa Ransom, cello

At the Last Lousy Moments of Love, from Cabaret Songs, Vol. 4 (1997)  
William Bolcom

Lime Jello Marshmallow Cottage Cheese Surprise (1980)  
William Bolcom

Jennifer Hilbish Schuetz, soprano  Andrew Voelker, piano

from MINICABS (2010)  William Bolcom
1. I Feel Good
2. People Change
3. Those
4. Food Song #1
5. Food Song #2


Waitin’
Song of Black Max (As Told by the De Kooning Boys)  
Joan Morris, mezzo-soprano  William Bolcom, piano
**Program Notes**

The biographies for William Bolcom and Gabriela Lena Frank are on page 3.

**Jakaklito**—“The Andean people have always been a singing, a poetically disposed, race...” So writes translator Ruth Stephan in her introduction to *The Singing Mountaineers*, a collection of Peruvian poems and tales collected by the folklorist, José María Arguedas. These poems form the basis for the choral work *Hombre Errante* (“Wandering Man”), which attempts to convey a sense of Andean cultures that have endured for thousands of years. The poetry has been freely adapted and rearranged to craft a loose plot—that of the *hombre errante*, or wandering man of the Andes, home to current-day descendants of the Incas. “Jakaklito” is the lively second movement, inspired by the Peruvian coastal “romancero” style where men sing of conquests, love, and a good drink.—GF

Presented in five movements, William Bolcom’s *Suite No. 1 in C Minor* for solo violoncello is adapted from the score for the Arthur Miller play *Broken Glass*, used in part in the Long Wharf (New Haven, CT) and Booth (New York City) Theaters, in the Spring of 1994.

Downloads is a set of miniatures that find interest in the mundane, hyperbolizing the emotional process one goes through when downloading different file types. All of the miniatures combine in the final movement after the first miniature, a small .zip file, is opened.—JF

Jack Frerer is an Australian composer of music for concert, film and dance, as well as an instrumentalist, producer and filmmaker based in Manhattan, currently studying composition with John Corigliano at The Juilliard School with the help of the Adrian Weller Scholarship and the Steuermann Memorial Prize. Jack has written pieces and arrangements for a variety of ensembles and performers, and has had works performed around Australia, Europe and the US. In 2018, Jack won the Illinois State RED NOTE Chamber Music composition competition, and was a winner of the Juilliard Orchestra Competition. In 2016, his trio *Last In, First Out* was given both first prize and the audience prize in the Alba Rosa Viilòtor Composition Competition in Utrecht, and was a winner of the Indiana State University Music Now competition. In 2014 Jack won the inaugural Matt Withers Young Australian Music Composition Competition open to all Australian music majors under 30, became the youngest ever finalist in APRA and Tropfest’s Tropscore, and was one of three composers selected to partake in the Ku-ring-gai Philharmonic’s Emerging Composers Workshop. Jack has also been the recipient of a Charles Ives Scholarship from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, and has been an ASCAP Morton Gould award finalist. As a filmmaker, Jack has created films for dancers Franco Gulli and Julie Kent, institutions including the Juilliard School and Quest Magazine, as well as music videos for bands and ensembles. Jack is also a co-director and producer of The Roof, a collaborative film series he created with dancer Liana Kleinman which features New York based choreographers and composers.

“Tarqueada” is a forceful and fast number featuring the *tarka*, a heavy wooden duct flute that is blown harshly in order to split the tone. Tarka ensembles typically also play in fourths and fifths.

“Himno de Zampoñas” features a particular type of panpipe ensemble that divides up melodies through a technique known as hocketing. The characteristic sound of the *zampoña* panpipe is that of a fundamental tone blown flatly so that overtones ring out on top, hence the unusual scoring of double stops in this movement.

“Chasqui” depicts a legendary figure from the Inca period, the *chasqui* runner, who sprinted great distances to deliver messages between towns separated from one another by the Andean peaks. The *chasqui* needed to travel light. Hence, I take artistic license to imagine his choice of instruments to be the *charango*, a high-pitched cousin of the guitar, and the light-weight bamboo *quena* flute, both of which are featured in this movement.

“Canto de Velorio” portrays another well-known Andean personality, a professional crying woman known as the *llorona*. Hired to render funeral rituals even sadder, the *llorona* is accompanied here by a second *llorona* and an additional chorus of mourning women (coro de mujeres). The chant *Dies Irae* is quoted as a reflection of the comfortable mix of Quechua Indian religious rites with those from Catholicism.

“Coqueteos” is a flirtatious love song sung by gallant men known as *romanceros*. As such, it is direct in its harmonic expression, bold, and festive. The romanceros sing in harmony with one another against a backdrop of guitars which I think of as a *vendaval de guitarras* (“storm of guitars”).—GF

William Bolcom’s monumental, four-volume collection of *Cabaret Songs*, setting the lyrics of Arnold Weinstein, were complete in 1996. The first two volumes were composed from 1977 to 1985, and the third and fourth volumes were composed from 1993 to 1996.

*Lime Jello Marshmallow Cottage Cheese Surprise* — William Bolcom wrote this novelty song for his wife, mezzo-soprano Joan Morris. It was inspired by his childhood playing the piano for local women’s clubs, which would serve bland, processed food that was in vogue in America during the post-World War II era. The song, which is entirely spoken over a piano playing alternating chords, makes fun not only of the unappetizing food but also the genteel manners that prevail at such social gatherings.

Inspired in part by Carrie Jacobs-Bond’s *Half-Minute Songs* (1911), the *Minicabs* — mini-cabaret songs — are fashioned from sometimes one-line sketches in Arnold Weinstein’s papers, at other times certain phrases that had been successfully kited from show to opera to play without ever previously finding homes.

**Performer Notes**

Karyl Carlson — see bio page 6.

Sarah Gentry is Professor of Violin at Illinois State University. She currently performs as Concertmaster of the Heartland Festival Orchestra. She has also held Concertmaster positions with Opera Illinois, Baroque Artists of Champaign-Urbana, Sugar Creek Music Festival, and served as Associate Concertmaster for the Peoria Symphony Orchestra from 1992-2000. A Louisiana native, Gentry began playing the violin as a Suzuki student at age 6. After receiving a Violin Performance degree from Louisiana State University, she earned a Master of Music degree from Yale University and the Doctor of Music degree from Indiana University in 1995. Her principal teachers include Franco Gulli, Sally O’Reilly, Sidney Harth, Henryk Kowalski, and...
Clarinetist Dr. David Gresham, a United States Information Agency Artistic Ambassador Fellow and a recipient of the Lincoln Center Martin E. Segal Award, has performed recitals, concerts, and chamber concerts in over 30 countries and across the U.S. He has recorded the Mozart concerto with the Kiev Camerata (Ukraine), the Maslanka Desert Roads concerto with the ISU Wind Symphony, and multiple modern music CDs with the New York based contemporary chamber group, Continuum. Dr. Gresham performs with the Heartland Festival Orchestra, the Peoria Symphony, the ISU faculty woodwind quintet Sonneries, and the new music clarinet and piano duo Intersecting Lines. Dr. Gresham holds a B.A. from the Univ. of South Carolina, a master’s degree from the Manhattan School of Music, and a doctorate from The Juilliard School.

Expressed as having finesse and a lyrical tone, Kelsey Klopfenstein is an emerging chamber violinist and soloist. Ms. Klopfenstein currently holds the Graduate Violin Assistantship at Illinois State University and studies with Dr. Sarah Gentry. In addition to studying with award winning violinists such as Dr. Scott Conklin (University of Iowa), Marcia Henry Liebenow (Bradley University), and Elizabeth Rust (formerly of the Western Illinois University), Ms. Klopfenstein studied conducting privately as an undergraduate. She began her conducting under the tutelage of Brian Dollinger (Muscatine Symphony Orchestra) and studied at summer festivals with pedagogues such as Donald Portnoy (University of South Carolina) and Apo Hsu (Bard College). Currently in pursuit of a Masters in Performance, Ms. Klopfenstein holds a Bachelor of Music in Performance from Bradley University (2012), where she was rewarded as the Presser Scholar (2011-2012). Ms. Klopfenstein, a dedicated teacher, volunteered for a year at L’École Musique Sainte Trinité in Port-au-Prince, Haiti as a violin teacher, orchestra conductor and theory tutor. This year marks her eleventh year of private violin teaching.

Violist Katherine Lewis enjoys a multi-faceted career as a teacher, and as a chamber, solo, and orchestral musician. Since 2006 she has taught courses on viola performance and technique, viola pedagogy, string pedagogy, and chamber music at Illinois State University where she is Associate Professor of Viola and Master Teacher for the ISU String Project. As a performer, she is a member of the ISU Faculty String Quartet and principal viola in the Peoria Symphony and Peoria Bach Festival Orchestras and gives numerous solo performances each year throughout the U.S. During the summer she is an Artist-Faculty member at the Sewanee Summer Music Festival in Sewanee, Tennessee. Dr. Lewis is active in the viola community at both a local and national level. As an elected member of the American Viola Society Executive Board, she serves as chair of the Education Committee, working to broaden educational offerings through media and programming. She also hosts annual Viola Days at Illinois State in order to provide students of all ages with opportunities to work with nationally recognized artists and teachers. Additionally, Dr. Lewis is in her second term as Secretary of the Illinois chapter of the American String Teacher’s Association. As a performer, Dr. Lewis has recently appeared as soloist with the Peoria Symphony, the Peoria Bach Festival Orchestra, and the ISU Symphony Orchestra. She premiered Libby Larsen’s viola duo In Such a Night, written for her and violist James Dunham for a performance at the 38th International Viola Congress. She has also recorded chamber music by composers Karim Al-Zand and John Allemeier for recordings on the Naxos Record Label. As an orchestral musician, her previous orchestral experience includes appointments in the River Oaks Chamber Orchestra in Houston, TX and the Civic Orchestra of Chicago as well as frequent work with the Houston and New World Symphonies. Dr. Lewis is a recipient of several awards and grants for her teaching, research, and service including the ISU College of Fine Arts Outstanding Teaching Award, the ISU College of Fine Arts Research Initiative Award, and the ISU University Service Initiative Award. She has given recitals, presentations, and master classes at venues throughout the country. She has presented sessions at several conferences including the Primrose International Viola Festival, the International Double Reed Society Conference, the American String Teacher’s Association National Conference, the College Music Society Great Lakes Conference, and the Chicago Viola Festival. Recent recital and master class highlights include appearances at the University of Tennessee Viola Celebration, Indiana University, Oberlin Conservatory, Kansas State University, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Lawrence University, and Valdosta State University. Dr. Lewis earned the Doctor of Musical Arts degree from Rice University’s Sheperd School of Music, where she was a Brown Foundation Scholar. She holds a Bachelor degree from Lawrence University and a Master’s degree from The Cleveland Institute of Music. Her principal teachers include Jeffrey Irvine, James Dunham, Karen Ritscher, and Matthew Michelic.

Madrigal Singers member list on page 7.

Since 1973 mezzo-soprano Joan Morris has concertized with her husband and accompanist, William Bolcom, singing popular songs from the late 19th-century through the 1920s and ‘30s, the latest songs by Leiber and Stoller, and cabaret songs by Bolcom and poet-lyricist Arnold Weinstein. In the words of the Chicago Tribune, “Her voice is notable for ease, flexibility, expressiveness; you understand every word she sings, and in these songs the words deserve to be heard. She projects not just a song, but the character singing it, and gives that character her own irresistibly funny and winning personality.” The first of the 25 Bolcom and Morris recordings garnered a Grammy nomination for her in 1973. From 1981-2009 Ms. Morris taught a cabaret class at the School of Music, University of Michigan, where she also wrote, produced, and directed several musicals. She has performed with the BBC Symphony Orchestra, the Pacific Symphony, the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra, the Seattle Symphony, and the Boston Symphony Chamber Players. The Naxos recording of Bolcom’s Songs of Innocence and of Experience, in which she was a featured soloist, won four Grammy Awards. On their travels throughout the United States, Canada, and abroad, Joan Morris and William Bolcom frequently give master classes focusing on “classic American popular songs.” Recent residencies have been at College Conservatory of Music in Cincinnati, Northwestern University, Rice University (Houston, TX),
Adriana La Rosa Ransom is Professor of Cello and Director of String Project and the Community School for the Arts at Illinois State University. She received a Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Missouri where she studied with Nina Gordon. She earned Master and Doctorate degrees from the University of Minnesota where she studied with Tanya Remenikova. As a soloist, Ms. Ransom has recently appeared with the Peoria Symphony Orchestra, the Illinois State Wind Symphony, and the Illinois State Symphony Orchestra. She has also appeared as a guest artist on notable solo and chamber music recital series, including the Dame Myra Hess Memorial Concert Series in Chicago, Chicago Cello Society concerts, Trinity Lutheran Candelight Concert Series, and at universities throughout the Midwest. Currently Principal Cellist of the Peoria Symphony Orchestra, she formerly was a member of the Minnesota Opera Orchestra, the St. Cloud Symphony, the European Musical Festival Orchestra, and Sinfonia da Camera. Ms. Ransom has served on the faculty at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Cloud State University, the MacPhail Center for Music in Minneapolis, and the Grumo (Italy) Music Festival. She is the recipient of the College of Fine Arts Outstanding Teacher Award and the University Service Initiative Award at Illinois State. She is an invited presenter at the American String Teacher National Conference, covering topics such as David Popper’s character pieces, supplementary études for intermediate level cello concertos, and the use of visual color as a means towards musical expression.

Flutist Kimberly McCoul Risinger has been an active soloist, chamber and orchestral musician. She is principal flutist in the Heartland Festival Orchestra and the Illinois Symphony and Chamber Orchestras and is a member of the Linden Flute and Guitar Duo, the Sonneries Woodwind Quintet, and the ensemble Difference Tones. Risinger has also performed with the Chicago Jazz Symphony, the Ohio Light Opera, the Sugar Creek Symphony and Song Opera Orchestra and the Washington Bach Sinfonia. An advocate of contemporary music, Risinger has played concerts throughout the US, Europe and Canada, often presenting world premieres of new works written for and dedicated to her. She has soloed in most of the major concert halls in New York City, including Alice Tully Hall in Lincoln Center and Merkin Recital Hall, and performed her Carnegie Hall debut in June 2003. She also made her Chicago solo debut as part of the Dame Myra Hess Concert Series in Preston Bradley Hall at the Chicago Cultural Center. Risinger has recorded for the Vienna Modern Masters, BWE Classics, Albany and Americana Records labels. Her solo CD, Sonata Fantasy, of contemporary American pieces for flute and piano is available on the Albany Records label. She is currently recording all of David Maslanka’s works for flute. She has been published in the Flutist Quarterly and has performed at several National Flute Conventions. Her primary teachers have been William Montgomery, Max Schoenfeld, Diedre McGuire and George Pope. Risinger is Professor of Flute at Illinois State University.

Jennifer Hilbish Schuetz has a DMA from University of Michigan and teaches voice at Illinois Wesleyan. Previously, she was Assistant Professor of Voice and Opera at Heidelberg University, Eastern Michigan University, Bowling Green State University, University of Michigan at Flint, and Appalachian State University. She taught at the Interlochen Arts Camp. Dr. Schuetz has performed major roles with Ohio Light Opera, University of Michigan Opera Theater, Toledo Opera, Mid-Michigan Opera, and University of Michigan Gilbert & Sullivan Society. Her recent directing experience includes: The Marriage of Figaro, Orpheus in the Underworld, Annie Get Your Gun. Into the Woods, Pirates of Penzance, iolanthe, Gianni Schicchi, and Trouble in Tahiti! Jennifer will direct Amahl and the Night Visitors and Trial by Jury for Illinois Wesleyan. She is thrilled to be able to sing for the Bolcoms again.

Known for her sensitive command of timbral color, her singing lyricism and striking style, pianist Tuyen Tonnu has graced the world’s stages with solo and chamber music concerts from the US to Asia and Europe. As a champion of new music, Tonnu’s performances have garnered praise for their powerful and insightful interpretations. Her collaborations have included premieres and works by Tristan Murail, Hans Otte, Sheilla Silver, Libby Larsen, Jeffrey Mumford, Martha Horst, Lukas Ligeti, and Steven Rosenhaus, among others. For the past two decades, she has been the foremost interpreter of the music by Egyptian-American composer Haim El-Dabh, Professor Emeritus at Kent State University. El-Dabh’s first piano concerto which was composed for and dedicated to her in 2001, was the first of many great collaborations to follow. As a consummate chamber musician, Tonnu has shared the stage with the Escher String Quartet at the Emerson String Quartet International Chamber Music Festival and has collaborated with members of the Argento Chamber Ensemble, the Talujon Percussion Ensemble, and the Bryan Park Quartet. In collaboration with the Stony Brook Contemporary Chamber Players, she has premiered works by Richard Wernick, Tristan Murail, and Lukas Ligeti under the direction of Gilbert Kalish and Eduardo Leandro. Tonnu is currently working on a project of performing and recording the complete piano works of world-renowned composer Roque Cordero. Dr. Tonnu is currently Associate Professor of Piano at Illinois State University. Her teachers have included Gilbert Kalish, Christina Dahl, Serge Babayan, James Avery, Daniel Shapiro, Thomas Hecht, Margaret Baxtresser, and Calvin Knapp.

Pianist Andrew Voelker studied collaborative piano at the Cleveland Institute of Music, where he was active as a pianist in the studios of numerous principal members of the Cleveland Orchestra, as well as with the CIM Opera Theater and the Great Lakes Light Opera company. His previous appointments include work at Case Western Reserve University, and Ursuline College. Andrew is an alumnus of Northern Illinois University. Since 2014, he has worked at the Interlochen Arts Camp as a voice and opera coach. As a tenor, he sang the role of Frederic in The Pirates of Penzance and has appeared in concert performances including Haydn’s Lord Nelson Mass, Mozart’s Coronation Mass, and Handel’s Messiah. Andrew joined the faculty at Illinois Wesleyan University in the fall of 2016.
At the Last Lousy Moments of Love
At the last lousy moments of love he wanted to tell me the truth.
At the last writhing rotten moments of love he wanted to tell me the truth—
About me, of course.
Thanks, I’ll need this.
At the last lousy moments of love, he wanted to tell me—
That I wasn’t doing too well.
I was eating and drinking and talking too much.
He wanted to tell me as a friend at the last lousy moments of love.
He wanted to tell me he was leaving, he’d waited too long—
To tell me that I was self-righteous—
Even when I wasn’t wrong,
And I spoke about friendship,
’til our friends gave me up as a friend for the season,
For which reason, he wanted to tell me this truth.
He wanted to tell me these things, as a friend,
He wanted to tell me, but he didn’t in the end.
At those last lousy moments of love—
He said it all, with his body—
To my best friend.

Lime Jello Marshmallow Cottage Cheese Surprise
Ladies, the minutes will soon be read today
The garden club and weaving class I’m sure have much to say
But next week is our culture night, our biggest, best event
And I’ve just made a dish for it you’ll all find heaven-sent
It’s my lime Jell-O marshmallow cottage cheese surprise
With slices of pimento. You won’t believe your eyes!
All topped with a pineapple ring and a dash of mayonnaise
My vanilla wafers round the edge will win your highest praise
And Mrs. Jones is making scones that are filled with peanut mousse
To be followed by a chicken mold that’s made in the shape of a goose
For ladies who must watch those pounds, we’ve found a special dish
Strawberry ice enshrined in rice with bits of tuna fish!
And my lime Jell-O marshmallow cottage cheese surprise
Truly a creation that description defies
Will go so well with Mrs. Bell’s creation of the week
Shrimp salad topped with chocolate sauce and garnished with a leek
And Mrs. Perkins’ walnut loaf that’s crowned with melted cheese
Was such a hit last Culture Night we asked, “No seconds, please.”
Now you must try our chocolate layer cake on a peanut brittle base
With slices of bananas that make a funny face
Around the edges, peppermints just swimming in peach custard
With lovely little curlicues of lovely yellow mustard
If all this is too much for you, permit me to advise
More lime Jell-O marshmallow cottage cheese surprise
I’ve made heaps!

Waitin’
Waitin’ waitin’
I’ve been waitin’
Waitin’ waitin’ all my life.
That light keeps on hiding from me,
But it someday just might bless my sight.
Waitin’ waitin’ waitin’

Song of Black Max (As Told by the De Kooning Boys)
He was always dressed in black,
Long black jacket, broad black hat,
Sometimes a cape,
And as thin, and as thin as rubber tape:
Black Max.
He would raise that big black hat
To the big shots of the town
Who raised their hats right back,
Never knew they were bowing to
Black Max.
I’m talking about night in Rotterdam
When the right night people of all the town
Would find what they could
In the night neighborhood of Black Max.
There were women in the windows
With bodies for sale
Dressed in curls like little girls
In little dollhouse jails.
When the women walked the street
With the beds upon their backs,
Who was lifting up his brim to them?
Black Max!
And there were looks for sale,
The art of the smile—
(Only certain people walked that mystery mile:
Artists, charlatans, vaudevillians,
Men of mathematics, acrobatics and civilians).
There was knitting-needle music
From a lady organ-grinder
With all her sons behind her,
Marco, Vito, Benno
(Was he strong! Though he walked like a woman)
And Carlo, who was five.
He must be still alive!
Ah, poor Marco had the syph, and if
You didn’t take the terrible cure those days
You went crazy and died
and he did.
And at the coffin
Before they closed the lid,
Who raised his lid?
Black Max!
I was climbing on the train
One day going far away
To the good old U.S.A.
When I heard some music
Underneath the tracks.
Standing there beneath the bridge,
Long black jacket, broad black hat,
Playing the harmonica, one hand free
To lift that hat to me:
Black Max,
Black Max,
Black Max.
CONCERT III
7:30 pm, March 28, 2018, Kemp Recital Hall

ENSEMBLE DAL NIENTE
Laura Cocks, flute
Katie Schoepflin, clarinet
Hanna Hurwitz, violin/viola
Audrey Snyder, cello
Mabel Kwan, piano
Ben Melsky, harp
Michael Lewanski, conductor

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Holz (1999/2004) for solo clarinet
L’addio a Trachis (1980) for solo harp
After L’Addio / Felt (2013) for solo harp
Fall (1991) for solo harp
from Signs, Games, and Messages (1961-2005) for solo viola
Postcard to Anna Keller
Doloroso
Perpetuum mobile
In memoriam Blum Tamás
Hommage à J.S.B.
Népdalféle
The Carenza Jig

-intermission-

eyam iii (if it’s living somewhere outside of you) (2013)
for bass flute, bass clarinet and violin
Shadow (2013) for solo piano
After some remarks by CW on his work (2018) for harp and clarinet
un-fini I (1996) for harp with auxiliary bass drum and tam-tam

PROGRAM NOTES
In Holz Poppe works with different tunings and microintervallic shifts that cause the system to capsize at a critical point and become messy. The equivalent in Holz to the synthetic flow of energy in Rad [wheels] is a coming to terms with quasi-natural materials and sounds. Holz is the first part of the trilogy Holz, Knochen, Öl [wood, bone, oil]. Poppe speaks in this context of “ambiguous ciphers of the organic.” Wood grows naturally, but it is also worked by hand; it is appreciated as much for its solidity as for its flexibility; the individual grains combine to form a compact body. And of course the solo instrument of the piece, the clarinet, is a woodwind. The music is highly linear; the solo line, to which the whole ensemble seems to be glued, runs through without a pause. It is constructed of small, modular cells that are lapidary and pithy. Poppe reminds us explicitly of the historical procedure of motivic-thematic work.—Rainer Pöllmann, trans. Steven Lindberg

Enno Poppe has taught composition at Hochschule für Musik Hanns Eisler in Berlin, at Darmstädter Ferienkursen für Neue Musik and at Impuls Akademie (Graz). He has received commissions from institutions such as Ensemble Intercontemporain, Musée du Louvre, and Donaueschinger Musiktage, and his music has been performed by Arditti Quartet, Pierre Boulez, Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra, BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, and many others. Among the ensembles that regularly perform his music are Ensemble Intercontemporain, Ensemble Modern, London Sinfonietta, and Klangforum Wien. His many prizes include the Boris-Blacher-Preis, the Busoni-Preis, the Förderpreis, and the Hans-Werner-Henze prize.

Salvatore Sciarrino is an Italian composer, born in Sicily and based in Milan. His works have been widely recorded and performed. He has composed for Teatro alla Scala, Amsterdam Concertgebouw, London Symphony Orchestra, Tokyo Suntory Hall, Donaueschinger Musiktage, and many others. He has been the author of most of his operas’ librettos, as well as of a book about musical form: Le figure della musica, da Beethoven a oggi. He has taught at the Music Academies of Milan, Perugia, and Florence, and has won many awards, including Prince Pierre de Monaco, the Feltrinelli International Award, and the Salzburg Music Prize.

After L’Addio / Felt—is a two movement piece composed in collaboration with Ben Melsky. The premiere of this work took place in a recital in which a performance of Salvatore Sciarrino’s Addio a Trachis preceded. After L’Addio features varying levels of referentiality and filiation with Addio..., from literal quoting to variation, to more esoteric and personal connections. Generally speaking, After is a frantic and highly tactile piece in which different levels of friction between hands and strings become syntactically relevant. Felt appears as the textual opposite of After in that the contact between performer and instrument is reduced considerably; the right hand plays with a felt pick for the entirety of the movement and the left hand features, for the most part, harmonics. — TIGS
Tomás I. Gueglio Saccone is an Argentine composer currently based in Chicago. His music has been described as “touchingly harmonic” (Chicago Classical Review) and of “an exquisite weight” (Peter Margasak - Best of Bandcamp). In his creative work, Tomás strives to devise unique and surreal sound worlds through compositions that blend a variety of musical lineages and styles. Metaphors central to his recent work are private languages, the slippery logic of dreams, and states of disorientation and intoxication. His music has been performed across the Americas and Europe by renowned ensembles and soloists like eighth blackbird, Pacifica and Spektral string quartets, Ensemble Dal Niente, Latitude 49, Marco Fusi and Ben Metsky. Recent and upcoming projects include the composition of a piece with Delfos Danza to be presented in Ensemble Dal Niente’s “Staged” series, the devising of a music theater piece based on the figure of Tango pioneer Rosendo Mendizábal, and the release of his first solo album, Duermevela, in the Winter of 2019. Tomás holds a Ph.D in composition from the University of Chicago (’16), a MMus from Syracuse University (’10) and a BMus from the Universidad Católica Argentina (’07). He has attended numerous festivals and workshops where he worked with composers such as Brian Ferneyhough, Melinda Wagner, Raphaël Cendo, and Mathias Spahlinger. Born in Buenos Aires, a major influence in his musical upbringing was Gerardo Gandini whose workshop he attended between 2003 and 2007.

Fall for solo harp and electronics is the sixth and second last part of the ballet music “Maa” (meaning land or earth in Finnish), which in its totality is instrumented for seven instruments and electronics. The whole ensemble (flute, percussion, harpsicord/keyboards, harp, violin, viola and cello) is playing together only in the last part. The ballet itself has no storyboard. One general theme is passing from one state to another; opening doors, playing together only in the last part. The ballet itself has no storyboard.

Kaija Saariaho is a Finnish composer. Her experience in computer-assisted composition and in working on tape and with live electronics influenced her approach to writing for orchestra, with its emphasis on the shaping of dense masses of sound in slow transformations. Although much of her catalogue comprises chamber works, she has turned increasingly to larger forces and broader structures, such as Orion, Latema Magica, and Circle Map. One of her most frequently performed works, Graal Théâtre for violin and orchestra, features detailed notation using harmonics, microtonality and a continuum of sound extending from pure tone to unpitched noise. Her catalogue also includes several acclaimed operas, and her works have been performed by the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the Tokyo Symphony Orchestra, the Metropolitan Opera, and many others. Saariaho has received the Grauwemer Award, Wihuri Prize, Nemmers Prize, Sonning Prize, and Polar Music Prize, and in 2015 she was the judge of the Toru Takemitsu Composition Award.

Signs, Games, and Messages is a cycle of musical aphorisms which Hungarian composer György Kurtág has been amassing for decades, a collection which he is constantly revising and adding to. These brief musical thoughts have been compared to short “diary entries” but their intensity is anything but casual. As a fervent admirer of both J. S. Bach and Irish playwright Samuel Beckett, Kurtág uses the very brevity of these emotionally raw, often playful pieces to hint at a more timeless dimension of existence. In the words of the American composer Stephen Eddins: “Each movement takes a striking, attention-grabbing idea, plays with it very briefly and then moves on before it wears out its welcome.” —Christian Tetzlaff

György Kurtág was born at Lugos (Lugoj) in Romania, and studied composition in Timișoara and Budapest before studying with Marianne Stein in Paris, where he attended the courses of Messiaen and Milhaud. As a result, he rethought his ideas on composition and marked the first work he wrote after his return to Budapest, a string quartet, as his opus 1. Kurtág worked as a vocal coach and accompanist with the Béla Bartók Music Secondary School in Budapest and with soloists of the National Philharmonia, and became professor of chamber music at the Academy of Music. He has been composer in residence with the Berlin Philharmonic, the Vienna Konzerthaus, as well as in the Netherlands and Paris. He won the prestigious 2006 Grawemeyer Award for Music Composition for his ...concertante... György Kurtág is published by Boosey & Hawkes.

eyam iii —“One day, you’re there. And then, all of a sudden, there’s less of you. And you wonder where that part went? If it’s living somewhere outside of you? And you keep thinking… maybe you’ll get it back? And then you realize: it’s just gone.”—from AMC’s Television Series Mad Men, “Meditations in an Emergency” (Feb. 2013)

Ann Cleare is an Irish composer working in the areas of concert music, opera, extended sonic environments, and hybrid instrumental design. Her work explores the static and sculptural nature of sound, probing the extremities of timbre, texture, color, and form. Her work has been commissioned and presented by major broadcasters such as the BBC, NPR, ORF, RTE, SWR, WDR for festivals such as Gaudeamus Week, International Music Institute Darmstadt, MATA Festival, and the Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival. She has worked with groups such as The International Contemporary Ensemble, The National Symphony Orchestra of Ireland, JACK Quartet, and The BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra. Ann studied at University College Cork, IRCAM, and holds a Ph.D. from Harvard University. Her scores are published by Project Schott New York. She is Associate Lecturer in Composition at the University of York in England.

Shadow —“Everyone carries a shadow, and the less it is embodied in the individual’s conscious life, the blacker and denser it is. . . . In spite of its function as a reservoir for human darkness—or perhaps because of this—the shadow is the seat of creativity . . . The dark side of his being, his sinister shadow . . . represents the true spirit of life as against the arid scholar.” —C. G. Jung, 1938

This solo, composed by Rebecca Saunders, explores the play of shadow with vertical, harmonic clouds of differing density and complexity. Clouds of color are projected into the acoustic resonance, or “shadow,” of the preceding gesture. As a study, it is a detailed exploration of the sostenuto and sustaining pedals.
After Some Remarks by CW on His Work—I recently attended a talk by Christian Wolff, the eminent elder statesman of American experimentalism and the last living link to the New York School. At 83, his unassuming wisdom and humor shine through, and the talk was a retrospective of a life marked by stylistic changes, priorities, and commitments, and a shifting relationship between art and politics, while still pointing to an unknown future. While I’m touched by the singularity of approach to sound, I’m mostly liberated by his belief in shared decision-making and breaking down the hierarchies of the creative act. This short piece, which lives morph fluidly as elements are added or subtracted, —W.L

Composer and pianist Wang Lu was born in Xi’an, the ancient capital of China. Being brought up in a musical family with strong Chinese opera and folk music traditions, her works reflect a very natural identification with those influences, through the prism of contemporary instrumental techniques and new sonic possibilities. Since 2015, Wang Lu is an Assistant Professor of Music at Brown University, where she teaches composition and theory. Winner of the Berlin Prize and a Guggenheim Fellowship, Lu has received performances and commissions from Orchestre National de Lille, IRCAM/ Ensemble Intercontemporain, Ensemble Modern, Alarm Will Sound, Minnesota Orchestra, American Composers Orchestra, Albany Symph- ony, Momenta Quartet, So Percussion, and many others. She has participated in numerous festivals such as Gaudeamus Music Week, Tanglewood Music Center, Cabrillo Music Festival, and the Beijing Modern. After graduating with highest honors from the Beijing Central Conservatory of Music, she received her doctoral degree in composition at Columbia University, where she studied with Fred Lerdahl, Tristan Murail, George Lewis, and Chou Wen-chung.

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de Mayo in Guadalajara, Mexico. Hanna also enjoys an active and varied teaching career. She is currently on the faculty at the University at Buffalo where she is adjunct violin instructor and director of the UB Composer’s Ensemble. She is also on the faculty of Buffalo String Works, a non-profit organization that provides free violin, viola, and cello lessons to children of refugee families. Previously, Hanna served as teaching assistant to Charles Castelman at the Eastman School of Music, and Academic Assistant to the Miro Quartet at the University of Texas at Austin. Hanna holds a Bachelor’s Degree and Performer’s Certificate from the Eastman School of Music, a Master’s Degree from The University of Texas at Austin, and a Doctorate of Musical Arts with a minor in Performance Psychology from the Eastman School of Music and the University of Rochester.

Chicago-based, Austin-born pianist Mabel Kwan performs with the new music collective Ensemble Dal Niente, the improvising group Restroy, and as one half of the synth duo Mega Laverne and Shirley. She has commissioned and premiered new works for piano and clavichord which can be heard on her solo albums one poetic switch and Inventions. She has performed nationally and internationally, including concerts at Ravinia, Millennium Park, the Library of Congress, and the Darmstadt Summer Courses for New Music. Mabel is a 2017 3Arts awardee.

Conductor, educator, and writer Michael Lewanski is a champion of new music and older repertoire alike. His work seeks to create deeper and more engaged connections between audiences, musicians, and the music that is part of their culture, history, and psychology. Based in Chicago, he is conductor of Ensemble Dal Niente and associate professor of instrumental ensembles at the DePaul University School of Music. His recent guest-conducting has included work with Lyric Opera of Chicago, the Civic Orchestra of Chicago, chamber ensembles from the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the Toledo Symphony, and the National Symphony Orchestra of Turkmenistan. Michael has an extensive discography as both conductor and producer with Ensemble Dal Niente, Spektral Quartet, Third Coast Percussion, Ensemble 20+, and others. A native of Savannah, Georgia, he studied piano and violin in his youth; he made his conducting debut at age 13, leading his own composition. At 16, he was the youngest-ever student in the legendary Ilya Musin’s class at the St. Petersburg Conservatory. He attended Yale University; he subsequently studied with Cliff Colnot and Lucas Vis.

Having established himself as a bold, expressive, risk-taking performer, Chicago-based harpist Ben Melsky is committed to breaking pre-conceived notions of the harp’s capabilities. Through performance, collaboration, residencies, and presentations he encourages creating new, effectual means of expression. Dedicated to engaging audiences with the music of the 21st century, Ben is Executive Director and Harpist of Ensemble Dal Niente. Additionally, he is the principal harp for the Joffrey Ballet and Ann Arbor Symphony and has played with the Lyric Opera of Chicago, Chicago Opera Theater, Grant Park Symphony, and Chicago Philharmonic among many others. He has worked closely with or premiered works by George Lewis, Augusta Reed Thomas, Anthony Cheung, Raphaël Cendo, Tomas Gueglio, Eliza Brown and Marcos Baler among others. In addition to his work as an orchestral musician, he has played in numerous Jeff-Award winning musicals including Sunday in Park with

George and Follies at Chicago Shakespeare Theater, A Little Night Music at Writer’s Theater, and Animal Crackers at the Goodman Theater. Solo and chamber highlights include appearances at the Kennedy Center, Northwestern University, Art Institute of Chicago, Latino Music Festival, Music Institute of Chicago and WFMT broadcasts. His debut recording Sommel was released in December 2013 and he can be heard on Ryan Muncy’s Hot, released in November 2013 for the New Focus Label and one of the NYTimesartbest best CD’s of 2013. He is currently pursuing his Doctoral degree at Northwestern where he has both B.M. and M.M.

Katie Schoepflin is a clarinetist, vocalist, pianist and composer who lives in Chicago and works as a freelance musician. As a member of Ensemble Dal Niente, she has had the privilege of working with and performing the works of Hans Abrahamsen, Louis Andriessen, Raphaël Cendo, Brian Ferneyhough, Lee Hyla, George Lewis, Enno Poppe and Augusta Reed Thomas. Katie has recently had the extraordinary privilege of performing Enno Poppe’s clarinet concerto, Holz. She also performed with Dal Niente at the 2014 International Summer Courses for New Music in Darmstadt, Germany. Katie earned her Bachelor of Music degree from Indiana University where she won the IU clarinet concerto competition and was awarded a Performer’s Certificate. As a participant of the 2006 Henry Mancini Institute in Los Angeles, Katie worked with many renowned artists including Tony Bennett and Jon Williams. In 2008, Katie spent a year abroad in Japan where she was principal clarinetist of the Kakogawa Philharmonic Orchestra in Hyogo prefecture. She also sang jazz sets regularly in Kobe. She earned her Master of Music degree in 2011 from McGill University where she was awarded a full Schulich School of Music scholarship. While studying at McGill, Katie was a participant in the 2011 National Youth Orchestra of Canada, touring and performing extensively throughout Canada. Her primary instructors have been John Bruce Yeh, Alain Desgagne, James Campbell, Frank Kowalski and Mary Kantor. When she is not making music, Katie is designing and creating jewelry for her etsy.com shop.

Audrey Q. Snyder is a cellist in Chicago, Illinois. As an advocate of contemporary instrumental music, she is the former cellist of Los Angeles New Music Ensemble (LANME), through which she had the opportunity to work with talented composers like Mary Kouyoumdjian, Eric V. Hachkian, and LANME’s Patrick Conlon. Currently she plays as part of the Chicago-based Zafa Collective, a new music group founded with the idea of inclusivity (both in programming and performance) at its core. As a pop and rock musician, Miss Snyder has performed several times with folk artist Emily Mure at venues including Club Passim, Rockwood Music Hall, and The Living Room, and can be heard on Emily’s 2017 album Worth. Audrey also released a selection of her own songs on Melodie EP in June 2015, and will release a second EP, Restless Lady, in November 2017. While living in Rochester, she played as a local musician on The Lion King and Mary Poppins, as well as with solo artists including Idina Menzel and Josh Groban; in 2016, she played with the national tour of The Bridges of Madison County. Most recently, Audrey has subbed on Hamilton: An American Musical in Chicago. Audrey holds a B.M. and M.M. (with an Arts Leadership Certificate) from the Eastman School, where she studied with Alan Harris.
**CONCERT IV**
7:30 pm, March 29, 2018, Kemp Recital Hall

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A Concert of World Premieres

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- Mabel Kwan, piano
- Michael Lewanski, conductor

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Tes Souvenirs (2018)
Intratextual recontextualisation (2018)
ripples (2018)

**-INTERMISSION-**

Horrorscene (2018)
Organum Etudes (2018)
render me (2018)
Abandoned (2018)

**PROGRAM NOTES**

Inspired by the music of Cuba, the opening dance of *Two Dances*, Habanera (literally translating to “Havana”), was originally imported to Cuba in the late 18th century by way of Spain. This contradanza (the Spanish version of the popular English country dance) then received a healthy dose of French influence from nearby Haiti, resulting in a blend of European and Afro-Caribbean styles. The most distinct characteristic of this dance form is undoubtedly the syncopated habanera-rhythm, which is commonly found within African and Afro-Latin music. Wildly popular in Cuba in the 19th century, the Cuban habanera was subsequently brought to Western Europe where its influence can be heard in the music of composers such as Jules Massenet, Maurice Ravel, Emmanuel Chabrier, and of course Georges Bizet in his opera, *Carmen*. Although the origin of the word rumba is unclear, it is thought possibly to be another term for “party”, as used by Cubans of African descent. This dance form originated in northern Cuba in the late 19th century, the result of the blending of African music and dance as well as the Spanish-inspired “coros de clave” singing groups. Central to this singing ensemble, in addition to the rumba, is the clave: both as a percussion instrument and, more importantly, a type of complex rhythmic pattern that gives the rumba its distinct syncopated texture.

**TES SOUVENIRS**

Translates to “your memories.” At once, it concerns both the memories that a single person may have in addition to our memories of other people. A few years ago, a friend of mine passed away from cancer while he was a high school senior. His mother still posts to his Facebook page. He continues to live, in a sense, because the collective memory of him is kept alive. His statuses are still visible, so his own memory of himself persists. I promised to myself that I would keep him alive in my memories. Before writing this piece, I couldn’t get David out of my head; everywhere I walked, images of his laughter and charisma permeated my thoughts. I wanted to bring this phenomenon into the piece itself: a constant melody that circles around itself against the passing of time, obsessively clinging onto its surrounding musical fabric.

**Max Vinetz** is a composer interested in creating emotionally immediate sounds, drawing inspiration from tradition and non-vernacular. He has received recognition and awards for performance and composition from ASCAP, BMI, Donald Sinta Quartet, Tesla Quartet, KLK New Music, Yale University, Reno Jazz Festival and CMEA Jazz Festival. At Yale, Max won the Abraham Beekman Cox Prize awarded to the “most promising and gifted composer” in the junior class, and was also awarded the Lewis P. Curtis Fellowship, the Tristan Perirot Prize, and the R.J.R. Cohen Fellowship for Musical Performance. Max’s works and have been...
is a composer and artist living in Hamburg and devoting her life to performing and composing contemporary music. In 2012, The Five Elements for string quartet was awarded the 2nd prize of the 5th Canada Montreal Molinari String Quartet composition competition. In 2014, her piano trio Light though the window of the Prison was awarded the 4th Prize of the Barlow Endowment Music Composition at Brigham Young University. In 2014, she was invited to be a composer at the San Francisco-Shanghai Chamber Music Festival with her work Recluse. Additionally, Verve of Chinese Calligraphy for string trio was equally well received on the internet of San Francisco Conservatory of Music. In 2015, her work The day is declining was awarded the 1st Audience Prize of 31st ALEA III Composition Competition in Boston, USA. In 2016, her orchestra work Nuance-Bunt was performed by the Hamburg Hamburger symphony. In 2017, her work Gegenseitig für Ensemble was awarded the 1st prize of 13th SUN RIVER PRIZE Students’ New Music Composition Competition in Chengdu, P.R. China. On The Floating Flower (Die Blüte treibt auf dem Wasser) was also chosen as an honorable mention in the 2017 FNMC Composition Competition.

Horrorscene –
A choice: which is your true head?
Yes... sometimes monsters shriek outside, but this call is coming from inside the house.
Run, fearful, to nostalgic times, heedless of the slaughters past.
But what Horror’s been awoke within?
And how long before it turns to you?
Eviscerated, let’s consider:
Who walks about with crooked speech, winks with his eyes, speaks with his feet?
Who’s always pointing his finger?
Who is it that’s become the villain?
Who is that’s become the killer?
Show us your true head.

Howie Kenty is a Brooklyn-based composer and sound designer, occasionally known by his musical alter-ego, Hwarg. His music, called “remarkable” with “astonishing poetic power” by the International Compendium Prix Ars Electronica, is stylistically diverse, encompassing ideas from contemporary classical, electronic, rock, sound art, theatre, and everything in between, occasionally with visual and theatrical elements. Throughout all of his creations runs the idea that the experience of a piece is more than listening to the music; there is a wholeness of vision and an awareness of environment that attempts to fully draw the audience into his works. Besides regularly premiersing pieces internationally, serving as an executive producer of the New York City Electroacoustic Music Festival, teaching, and working with artists like DJ Spooky and Amanda Palmer, Howie plays guitar in the progressive rock band The Benzene Ring. He is currently a graduate Council Fellow PhD student at Stony Brook University, studying with Matthew Barnson, Margaret Schedel, and Sheila Silver. Howie’s Scherzo: Dance. received an Honorary Mention in Prix Ars Electronica 2008, and his We Have Less Time Than You Think was selected as the new music/New Places Ensemble. Recent recognition includes a 2017 Copland House residency, a 2018 Virginia Center for the Creative Arts residency, first prize...
The Organum Etudes allude to popular music and medieval music. The work is entitled etude not for any particular technique explored, but rather for the study of continuation: old music within modern music.

**James Chu** is a composer and musician of acoustic and electronic music. He earned a bachelor of arts in music from Princeton University and a masters of music from the Peabody Institute. Mentored by Scott Lindroth, Stephen Jaffe, and John Supko, he is a doctoral candidate at Duke University, where he directs the Duke New Music Ensemble.

**Joshua Hey** is a composer living in Philadelphia as a PhD candidate at the University of Pennsylvania. His music has been commissioned and performed by the Daedalus Quartet, PRISM, Omaha Symphony, Quatuor Bozzini, Bearthoven, Variant 6, and Marilyn Nonken, among others. The work has been presented through MATA, Time of Music—Musikin aika, June in Buffalo, the American Conservatory in Fontainebleau, and as composer-in-residence at ICon Arts in Sibiu, Romania. In 2014-15, he was a visiting scholar at The Ohio State University with Dr. Thomas Wells. He holds degrees from New York University (M.Mus in music technology). Joungmin has studied with David Gompper, Josh Levine, Bryan Haashein, Hyunsook Choi, Dafna Naphtali, Elainie Lillios, and Per Bioland.

**Abandoned**—We are living in an abandoned world, full of dilapidated urban edifices and industrial parks, radiated soil, disconnected train stations, old vessels, food dumps and neglected companion pets, displaced families and children—and, most of all, unperformed music works. Abandonment probably has reason, probably one paining all with sadness, loneliness, frustration and despair. My work Abandoned is my attempt at capturing these feelings. It is a dedication to my own melodies and inspirations and techniques that have been abandoned.

**Joungmin Lee**'s music has been performed in North America, South America, Europe, and Asia. He is a Gold & Silver Medal-winning composer of Global Music Awards for his string quartet *Vexatious* and electro-acoustic piece *Heterogeneous*. They have been released by ABLAZE Records on Hong Kong New Music Ensemble Live from Prague Vol. 1, 31st volume of the SCI CD Series and Electronic Masters Vol. 5 disc by ABLAZE Records which includes his award-winning work. And currently his new orchestra piece *Sanctuary Tree* has been selected for the video recording project in the Sydney International Composers Concert 2018. Lee’s work has been recognized by numerous competitions and “Call for Scores”, including American Prize, Salvatore Martirano Memorial Composition Award, Soundstreams Emerging Composer Workshop, Florence String Quartet Competition, Valencia International Performance Academy & Festival, commission composition for Melbourne ensemble Rubiks Collective, IV Rieti Elettroacustica Festival, New York City Electro-acoustic Music Festival, Connecticut Summerfest, Chang-Ak Competition, SIME International Electroacoustic Music Competition, SEAMUS, Musinfo Opus-centrum, Bozzini_Lab Montreal Workshop, Florida Contemporary Music Festival, Bateau-Lavoir Electroacoustics, MAR12 Concierto1 Festival Ex Nihilo/Sonosintesis, Special invited guest to present a lecture presentation at the SCI Region IV Student conference, SPLICE, Cicada Consort, N_SEME, Radio Transmission Art Pieces (New York 90.7-FM), Busan International Modern Dance Festival, and SCI Region Conferences, among many others. Additionally, Joungmin’s music has been featured by the JAY Quartet, Mivos Quartet, PARMA Recordings LLC, Ascanio Quartet, Transient Canvas, the Midwest Composers Symposium, 2017 AGU (American Geoophysical Union) Fall Meeting, UI Dance and International Writing Program Collaboration, and Seoul Arts Center. Currently he is pursing the DMA composition at The Ohio State University with Dr. Thomas Wells. He holds degrees from New York University (M.Mus in music technology). Joungmin has studied with David Gompper, Josh Levine, Bryan Haashein, Hyunsook Choi, Dafna Naphtali, Elainie Lillios, and Per Bioland.

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