

**Evening Recital Series** 

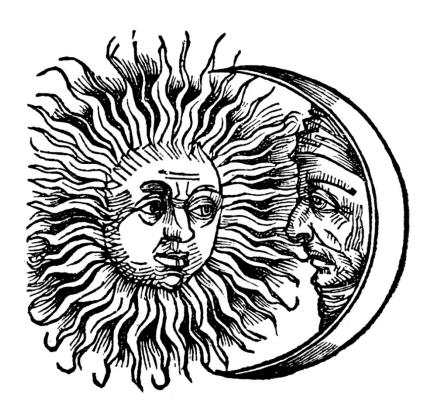
**2018–2019 Season** 

Helen M. Hosmer Hall

Thursday, October 25, 7:30 PM

# **Dusk to Dawn**

# Phoenix Club & Hosmer Choir Nils Klykken, conductor



#### Welcome

On behalf of Phoenix Club and Hosmer Choir, please allow me to welcome you to our concert "Dusk to Dawn."

As an audience member, you will experience two full cycles of dusk descending into night and night breaking into morning. In order to better understand the connections and patterns between these pieces, we invite you to read the program notes before tonight's concert, which can be found on page four.

Enjoy,

-Nils Klykken, conductor

## **PERSONNEL**

#### Phoenix Club

Rebecca Farrell, student conductor Margaret Rempe, rehearsal piano

Abigail McCann
Gabrielle McCormack
Demetrious McMullen
Cara Navaretta
Elizabeth O'Byrne
Alanna Pinard-Brace
Brianna Ridler
Abigail Ryan
Shannon Stoddard
Elizabeth Tetlak
Anna Ziolkowski

# **Hosmer Choir**

Gianna Tucci, student conductor Margaret Rempe, rehearsal piano

Cary Abramson	Jazmín Duran García	Emma Matusovich
Dea Ahlgrim	Ryan Ellingsworth	Kayla Mauk
Emily Allen	Ava Fisher	Elizabeth McFarland
Tyler Allen	Darius Fuller	Porter
Olivia Avery	Brianna Gerhardt	Crystal Miller
Matthew Bahr	Matthew Goetz	Ethan Moore
Ashlyn Barnes	Sara Goldman	Sydney Mulloy
Amanda Bink	Ryan Gordona	Yannis Ng
Jake Bradford	Haven Gotham	Thomas Nguyen
Allison Budd	Hannah Grabowski	Mariah Nissen
Kathryn Burke	Gianna Grigalonis	Christina Pace
Olivia Capozzi	Peter Gruner	William Paddock
Halie Carden	Jacob Hernandez	Caitlin Pendleton
Christian Castro	Maggie Hess	Allison Perham
Madonna Champagne	Ryan Horncastle	Jason Perregaux
Collin Cook	Rachel Howard	Kathryn Pierce
Connor Cook	Danielle Hughes	Cooper Pokrentowsk
Emily Cooke	Ben Johnson	Keaton Poore
Alexandra Cuomo	Fiona Lambert	Rishi Ramsingh
Peter Curtis	Matthew Lampel	Elizabeth Reese
Meaghan Deasey	Patricia Leuschen	Phoebe Reuther
Brittany DeLuca	Erin Logan	Andrew Richardson
Amanda DiBartolo	Kathryn Lyubomirsky	Amanda Rizzo
Jillian DiBennardo	Ryan MacCarthy	Steven Rodriguez
Grace Donofrio	James Malone	Nicholas Rondinelli
Paul Dougall	Seth Marshall	Anna Rosen

Rebecca Matte

Alex Salazar Salvatore Sanfilippo Geoffrey Schermerhorn Matthew Schlicht Christian Serrecchia Ryanne Solinsky Alyssa Sposato Ronald St John Naomi Steele Samantha Stern Kristina Strang Maura Sullivan Elyssa Thompson Monica Trummer Gianna Tucci Matthew Varden Jasmin Villatoro Jesse Viteri Emma Vos Leandra Wahlen Emily West Justin Wheeler Maurice Williams Brett Worden Liam Zaffora-Reeder

# Éjszaka (Sándor Weöres)

Rengeteg tövis: csönd. Én csöndem: szívem dobogása... A lot of thorns: silence. I'm silent: my heart beating...

Éjszaka.

Night.

# My Lord, what a mornin' (Negro Spiritual/Burleigh)

My Lord, what a mornin', My Lord, what a mornin', Oh, my Lord what a mornin' When de stars begin to fall, When de stars begin to fall.

Done quit all my worl'ly ways Jine dat hebbenly ban', Done quit all my worl'ly ways Jine dat hebbenly ban'.

Oh! My Lord what a mornin', My Lord, what a mornin', Oh, my Lord what a mornin' When de stars begin to fall, When de stars begin to fall.

## **Phoenix Club**

Please refrain from applause until intermission

Magnificat a 8

Giovanni Gabrieli (1554/1557–1612)

Daniel O'Herien, trombone Justin Laurenceau, trombone Shea Callahan, trombone Joshua Mantegna, bass trombone Rebecca Farrell, conductor

Ave maris stella

Guillaume DuFay (c. 1397–1474)

Joshua Chien, trombone Joshua Mantegna, bass trombone

"Suite" de Lorca

Einojuhani Rautavaara (1928–2016)

I. Canción del jinete II. El Grito

III. La luna asoma

IV. Malagueña

Jazmín Duran García, speaker

Morning

Meredith Monk (b. 1942)

Kayla Kovacs, Gabrielle McCormack, Demetrious McMullen, Emily Petralia, and Shannon Stoddard, voice Deanna DiMartino, wineglass

In the morning

Free improvisation inspired by recordings of the Davis Sisters & Sweet Honey in the Rock

#### Intermission

## **Hosmer Choir**

Please refrain from applause until the end of the program

from All-Night Vigil

Bogoróditse Devo

Sergei Rachmaninoff

(1873–1943)

My love dwelt in a Northern land Edward Elgar (1857–1934)

Gianna Tucci, conductor

Night György Ligeti (1923–2006)

North Country Dawn Christopher Gainey (b. 1981)

World Premiere

My Lord, what a mornin'
Negro Spiritual
arr. H.T. Burleigh
(1866–1949)

Pasan caballos negros y gente siniestra por los hondos caminos de la guitarra.

Y hay un olor a sal y a sangre de hembra, en los nardos febriles de la marina.

La muerte entra y sale y sale y entra la muerte de la taberna. Black horses and sinister people travel the deep roads of the guitar.

And there's a smell of salt and of female blood in the fevered tuberoses of the shore.

Death
enters and leaves,
and leaves and enters
the death
of the tayern.

# Bogoróditse Devo (Slavonic Hail Mary)

Богородице Дево, радуйся, благодатная Марие, Господь с тобою. Благословена ты в женах, и благословен плод чрева твоего, яко Спаса родила еси душ наших. Rejoice, virgin mother of God, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, for you have borne the Savior of our souls. Translation by Barry Johnston

### My love dwelt in a Northern land (Andrew Lang and Edward Elgar)

My love dwelt in a Northern land.
A dim tower in a forest green
Was his and far away the sand
And gray wash of the waves were seen
The woven forest boughs between:

And through the Northern summer night The sunset slowly died away, And herds of strange deer, silverwhite, Came gleaming through the forest gray, And fled like ghosts before the day.

And oft that month we watched the moon Wax great and white o'er wood and lawn And wane, with waning of the June, Till, like a brand for battle drawn, She fell, and flamed in a wild dawn.

I know not if the forest green Still girdles round that castle gray. I know not if, the boughs between, The white deer vanish ere the day: The grass above my love is green, His heart is colder than the clay.

#### II. EL GRITO

La elipse de un grito, va de monte a monte.

Desde los olivos, será un arco iris negro sobre la noche azul.

jAy!

Como un arco de viola, el grito ha hecho vibrar largas cuerdas del viento.

jAy!

(Las gentes de las cuevas asoman sus velones)

jAy!

#### III. LA LUNA ASOMA

Cuando sale la luna se pierden las campanas y aparecen las sendas impenetrables.

Cuando sale la luna, el mar cubre la tierra y el corazón se siente isla en el infinito.

Nadie come naranjas bajo la luna llena. Es preciso comer fruta verde y helada.

Cuando sale la luna de cien rostros iguales, la moneda de plata solloza en el bolsillo.

#### IV. MALAGUEÑA

La muerte entra y sale de la taberna.

#### II. THE SCREAM (THE CRY)

The ellipse of a cry sighs from hill to hill.

Rising from the olive trees, it appears as a black rainbow upon the azure night.

Ay!

Like the bow of a viol, the cry causes the long strings of the wind to vibrate.

Ay!

(The people of the caves hold out their oil lamps.)

Ay!

#### III. THE MOON RISES

When the moon comes out the bells fade away and impenetrable paths appear.

When the moon comes out, the ocean covers the earth and the heart feels itself island in the infinite.

No one eats oranges under the full moon. Better to eat fruit green and icy.

When the moon of a hundred equal faces comes out, the silver coins weep in the pocket.

#### IV. MALAGUEÑA

Death enters, and leaves, the tavern.

## **Program Notes**

#### Dusk:

The compositions that open both halves of the program were composed for Catholic and Orthodox Vespers (evening prayer) services. With the coming of darkness, these pieces depict assurances of safety and salvation. The *Magnificat* (also known as the Canticle of Mary) captures the words attested to Mary after she became aware of her pregnancy of Jesus and the promise of redemption. Both Dufay and Rachmaninoff's settings of *Ave maris stella* and *Bogoróditse Devo* are prayers that ask Mary to protect the souls of the faithful.

### Night:

That which was unimaginable under the waking sun becomes manifest in moonlight. The four poems Rautavaara selects in "Suite" de Lorca depict four terrifying scenes of death and horror under a blood-red Spanish moon. Conversely, Elgar and Lang's text depicts a fleeting romance that occurs over a month of moonrises and moonsets.

Ligeti's setting of Sándor Weöres's poem *Éjszaka* (Night), begins with a layering of voices on the text *rengeteg tövis* (a lot of thorns) using only the white notes on a piano in order to create tonal clusters and rising musical tension. Suddenly, the music pivots on the word *csönd!* (silence!), leaving behind the cluster of white keys for the pentatonic collection of black. The soprano narrator oscillates between these two worlds of white and black notes, as she finally gives way to sleep and consonance in the depth of night.

#### Dawn:

Meredith Monk's *Morning* and Christopher Gainey's *North Country Dawn* both depict the natural world at dawn. The repetitive yet varied nature of the voices in Monk's piece evoke a singular bird's song over the drone of the wineglass. In *North Country Dawn*, Gainey takes the red-winged blackbird's call and transposes it down three octaves, which serves as the harmonic basis for the composition. The birdcalls Gainey sourced for this composition are field recordings from the North Country.

#### Morning:

Our morning pieces stem from the African-American tradition. *In the morning when I rise* is a traditional gospel piece. Tonight's performance is freely improvised based off of recordings of Sweet Honey in the Rock and the Davis Sisters' performances. *My Lord, what a mornin*' is an early arrangement of the Negro Spiritual melody of the same name. Both of these pieces develop complexity in meaning when examined from their aural roots. Removed from its written form the sound of the word "morning" becomes a homophone: it can express the idea of "morning," as in the time of day, "mourning" as in (grief), or "mourning" as the practice of seeking the "mourner's bench" for mercy, as found in various Christian traditions.

-Program notes by Rebecca Farrell, Nils Klykken, and Gianna Tucci

#### **Texts and Translations**

## Magnificat (Luke 1:46–55)

- 1 Magnificat, anima mea, Dominum 2 et exultavit spiritus meus in Deo, salutari
- 3 Quia respexit humilitatem ancillæ suæ: ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent omnes
- generationes.
  4 Quia fecit mihi magna, qui potens est, et sanctum nomen eius,
- 5 et misericordia eius a progenie in progenies timentibus eum.
- progenies timentibus eum.
  6 Fecit potentiam in brachio suo,
  dispersit superbos mente cordis sui.
- 7 Deposuit potentes de sede et exaltavit humiles:
- 8 esurientes implevit bonis et divites dimisit inanes.
- 9 Suscepit Israel puerum suum recordatus misericordiæ suæ,
- 10 sicut locutus est ad patres nostros, Abraham et semini eius in sæcula.
- 11 Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto: 12 Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

- 1 My soul doth magnify the Lord, 2 and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
- 3 For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden:
- for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
- 4 For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name.
- 5 And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.
- 6 He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
- 7 He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree. 8 He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.
- 9 He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy;
- 10 As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.
- 11 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
- 12 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

King James Bible (1611)

# Ave maris stella (plainsong Marian hymn)

Ave, maris stella, Dei Mater alma, Atque semper Virgo, Felix caeli porta.

Sumens illud Ave Gabrielis ore, Funda nos in pace, Mutans Evae nomen.

Solve vincla reis, Profer lumen caecis, Mala nostra pelle, Bona cuncta posce Hail, star of the sea, loving Mother of God, and also always a virgin, Happy gate of heaven.

Receiving that Ave from Gabriel's mouth confirm us in peace, Reversing Eva's name.

Break the chains of sinners, Bring light to the blind, Drive away our evils, Ask for all good. Monstra te esse matrem Sumat per te preces, Qui pro nobis natus Tulit esse tuus.

Virgo singularis, Inter omnes mitis, Nos culpis solutos, Mites fac et castos.

Vitam praesta puram, Iter para tutum, Ut videntes Jesum,

Semper collaetemur.

Sit laus Deo Patri, Summo Christo decus Spiritui Sancto,

Tribus honor unus. Amen.

Show yourself to be a mother, May he accept prayers through you,

he who, born for us, Chose to be yours.

O unique virgin, Meek above all,

Make us, absolved from sin,

Gentle and chaste.

Keep life pure, Make the journey safe, So that, seeing Jesus,

We may always rejoice together.

Let there be praise to God the Father, Glory to Christ in the highest,

To the Holy Spirit,

One honor to all three. Amen.

Translation by Allen H. Simon

## "Suite" de Lorca (Frederico García Lorca)

#### I. CANCION DEL JINETE

Córdoba. Lejana y sola.

Jaca negra, luna grande, y aceitunas en mi alforja. Aunque sepa los caminos yo nunca llegaré a Córdoba.

Por el llano, por el viento, jaca negra, luna roja. La muerte me está mirando desde las torres de Córdoba.

¡Ay qué camino tan largo! ¡Ay mi jaca valerosa! ¡Ay, que la muerte me espera, antes de llegar a Córdoba!

Córdoba. Lejana y sola.

#### I. SONG OF THE HORSEMAN

Cordoba.

Far off and solitary.

A black horse, a round moon, there are olives in my pack.
Although I know the roads
I will never get to Cordoba.

Across the plain, into the wind, a black horse, a red moon. Death is staring at me from the towers of Cordoba.

Oh, how long is the road! Oh, how brave is my horse! Oh, see how death is waiting for me,

before I get to Cordoba!

Cordoba.

Far off and solitary.