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The Carnegie Mellon Philharmonic Orchestra Juan Pablo Izquierdo, Director of Orchestral Studies

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Chansons de Ronsard

Darius Milhaud

A une Fontaine

A Cupidon

Tais-toi, Babillarde

Dieu vous gard?

(1892 - 1974)

Katy Shackleton, soprano

Chamber Symphony, Op. 9* PATRIMONIO UC

Arnold Schoenberg

(1874-1951)

Sarah O'Boyle, violin; Chizuko Matsusaka, cello; Carmen Almarza, flute; David Allen, clarinet; Luz Manríquez, piano

- INTERMISSION

Essay for Orchestra

Mark Snyder

L'Oiseau de Feu Suite, reorchestrated 1919 Igor Stravinsky (1882 - 1971)

Introduction

Ronde des princesses

Danse infernale du roi Kastcheï

Berceuse

Final

^{*}version by Anton Webern. Performed as part of the Schoenberg Seminar given by Juan Pablo Izquierdo.

About the Artists

Juan Pablo Izquierdo, Director of Orchestral Studies at Carnegie Mellon University, was a pupil of the renowned German conductor, Hermann Scherchen. Maestro Izquierdo initiated his conducting career in Chile with the National Philharmonic Orchestra. In 1966, he won first prize in the Dimitri Mitroupolos International Competition for Conductors and was named Assistant Conductor to Leonard Bernstein with the New York Philharmonic.

Maestro Izquierdo's international career includes conducting such orchestras as the Bavarian, Hamburg, Berlin, Frankfurt, Leipzig, Madrid, BBC, Glasgow, Paris, and Brussels Radio Orchestras. He has conducted the Vienna Symphony, the Dresden Philharmonic, the Jerusalem Symphony, and the Israel Chamber Orchestra, among others. In December 1990, Mr. Izquierdo inaugurated the new Claudio Arrau Symphony Orchestra in Santiago, Chile, before a stadium audience of 15,000. Instrumental in forming the new orchestra, he now serves as its music director. Mr. Izquierdo, in addition to concert tours in South America and Europe, conducted, in the 1991-92 season, a series of eleven concerts with the Radio-Television and National Symphony Orchestras of Madrid.

Katy Shackleton, a winner of the Carnegie Mellon Concerto Competition, is a senior voice major at Carnegie Mellon. She studies with Dr. Lee Cass. She has appeared in several operas at CMU, performing as Barbarina in *The Marriage of Figaro* and as Adele in *Die Fledermaus*. She also appeared in the Opera Theater of Pittsburgh's production of *The Crucible*, in the role of Mercy Lewis, under the direction of Gary Race. In addition, she has attended the Chautauqua Institute and performed there as Sister Constance in *Dialogues of the Carmelites*. She has also performed the role of Jenny Lind in *Barnum*. Ms. Shackleton has competed for the last four years in the NATS Competition and this past year won first place. Following graduation, she plans to attend graduate school

Chansons de Ronsard

A Une Fontaine

But listen, lively little fountain, Who dost my thirst so oft appease, Reclining here beneath the mountain, Idle in the refreshing breeze.

When frugal summer is reclaiming The fruit of Ceres' bared breast, With ev'ry threshing floor exclaiming Beneath the weight of her bequest.

O thus may thou remain forever, A sacred place for all those, Who, sick with life's eternal fever, Share thy discourse, thy repose.

And may the moon at midnight, glancing Upon the valley always see
The nymphs that rally here for dancing
To leap and bound in revelry.

A Cupidon

The day pursues the night, ANd evening's shades In turn put day to flight As sunlight fades,

So summer yields to fall, No sound of thunder, No rain, nor windy squall Bursts calm asunder.

But the fever of love Torments me still, A thing I can't remove, Do what I will.

It was not at me, Boy, You should have aimed Some other might enjoy Being thus maimed.

Pursue some idle beaux Whom it amuses, But neither me nor those Loved of the muses.

Tais-Toi, Babillarde

Be still you noisy little bird
Or I shall pluck your pretty wing
First chance I get,
I'll close for good that busy bill
That prattles from the window sill
And makes my morning sleep a joke.

There in my chimney make your nest, And sing all day without a rest, All evening too, I shall not chide, But in the morning please be fair And let there be no music there To steal Cassandra from my side.

Dieu Vous Gard'

God keep you, you who never fail
To herald spring, lyric nightingale,
Swallows, cuckoos, happy peewees,
You doves, wild birds now northward winging,
Who with a hundred kinds of singing
Animate the air and the trees.

Pretty roses, all fragrant flowers,
Pretty roses, all fragrant flowers,
And you, new bud, in whose soft vein
Flows the blood of Ajax and Narcissus,
And you, thyme, anis and melissa,
May you always come back again.

God keep you, pretty company
Of butterflies who in the lea
Now suck the herbs' sweet fragrant food,
And the bees invading pretty bowers
To steal the fruit of laden flowers
And store it safe within the wood.

A thousand times I greet anew, Your lovely, gentle spring debut, What lively thoughts does spring arouse With the sweet discourse of the stream, Tis worth the winter's sombre dream Which kept me shuttered in the house.

Program Notes

Chansons de Ronsard - Pierre de Ronsard, known to the French as the "Prince of Poets," was born in the Château de la Poissonniere, near the village of Couture, on September 11, 1524, and died at his priory of Saint-Cosme in Tours on December 27, 1585. After a considerable period as diplomatic attaché in Scotland, England, and Flanders, he became the leader of a group of Renaissance poets later known as "Les Sept": Ronsard, Du Bellay, Baïf, Belleau, DeTyard, Jodelle, and Daurat. Under the patronage of King Charles IX, this group, more famously known as the Pleiade, would wield a potent Neoplatonic influence over the first shaky steps opera was taking in Florence, Itay.

Darius Milhaud returned to France in 1918 after spending two years in Rio de Janeiro as diplomatic secretary to the ambassador, Paul Claudel. Two years later, he became involved with a group of Neo-classic composers soon to be referred to as "Les Six" by the critic Henri Collet: Milhaud, Poulenc, Honegger, Tailleferre, Durey, and Auric. In 1940, after the German invasion of France, Milhaud, his wife Madeleine, and their son David escaped to the U.S., where his *Quatre Chansons de Ronsard* had its premiere at the Waldorf-Astoria in December of 1941.

The first, second, and fourth songs are settings of poems from Ronsard's *Odes* from 1550, dedicated to King Henry II, father of Charles IX; the third song is from a collection entitled *Les Meslanges*, written by Ronsard in 1555.

Chamber Symphony, Op. 9 - Anton Friedrich Wilhelm von Webern was born in Vienna on December 3, 1883, and died when acidentally shot by an American soldier in Mittersill, Austria, on September 15, 1945, shortly after the end of World War II. His first music teacher was his mother, an amateur pianist; he later studied piano, cello, and theory with Edwin Komauer in Klagenfurt. In 1902 he was accepted at the University of Vienna, where he took harmony with Hermann Grädener, counterpoint with Karel Navrátil, and musicology with Guido Adler. In 1906 he received his Ph.D., having done his disseration on the Choralis Constantinus of Heinrich Isaac (c. 1450-1517).

Webern arranged Schoenberg's Opus 99 Chamber Symphony of 1906 for flute (or two violins), clarinet (or viola), violin, cello, and piano in late 1922 and early 1923. Schoenberg's original version was for fifteen solo instruments: flute, oboe, English horn, E-flat clarinet, B-flat clarinet, bass clarinet, bassoon, contrabassoon, two horns, first and second violin, viola, cello, and doublebass. Regarding this first of his two chamber symphonies, Schoenberg wrote in 1949: "If this work is a turning point of my career..., it is even more significant in that it presents a first attempt to create a chamber orchestra. The advent of radio was perhaps already to be foreseen, when a chamber orchestra would be capable of filling a living room with a sufficient amount of sound. There was perhaps the possibility in prospect, also, that one could rehearse a small group more thoroughly and at less cost, avoiding the forbidding expenses of our mammouth orchestras. History has disappointed me in this respect; the size of orchestras continued to grow, and in spite of a great number of compositions for small orchestra, I had to write again for the large orchestra."

Essay for Orchestra - was written during the Fall of 1992. It is comprised of two main thematic ideas. The first is stated in the opening clarinet line. It is made up of the intervals of a perfect fourth followed by a major sixth. The second idea enters immediately after, and is a rhythmic motive that appears throughout the work as a sort of musical cesura. During the course of the work, the first motive is developed, transformed, and incorporated into many different thematic and harmonic situations. The second motive stays almost identical to its opening statement, though, acting as a sort of bridge to the different settings of the first. The entire piece is conceived as an attempt to create different timbres and moods, while creating a feeling of stability for the listener through the use of recurrent thematic material.

-- Mark Snyder

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*Chizuko Matsusaka +Sue Ann Forbat Elizabeth Vandervennet Grace Wu Rachael Brown Jenny Kim Carolyn Segermark

Barrett Denmon

Bass

**Douglas Basye **Joel Reist Darryl Mielke Daniel Bodwell Christopher Bedford Shouw-Youn Fu

Flute

*Carmen Almarza +Damienne Fenlon Elana Hoffman Leslie Laibman (piccolo) Lida Kim (piccolo)

Oboe

*Guillermo Milla Lenny Young (also English hom) Clarinet *David Allen

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Bassoon

French Horn

*Marc Silverstein Alison Hamilton Kathy Brewster Keith Dom Powell

Trumpet

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Mellon Institute, 3:00 p.m.
Carnegie Mellon Jazz Ensembles,
Alumni Concert Hall, 6:30 p.m.
Recital: Dana Cefalo, soprano
Mellon Institute Auditorium, 8:00 p.m.

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