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8:00 P.M.
In The West Garden Court

## CHARLOTTE BATIGNE, MEZZO-SOPRANO

Assisted by Anthony Chanaka, Pianist

## GABRIEL FAURÉ RECITAL

En prière

Let the voice of a child praise You, O Lord.

Dans les ruines d'une abbaye

The fluttering birds among the trees and the old ruins; their life and their love

Le secret

I want his name to be a secret to the morning; I shall tell it to the bright day, but I want the eve to forget it.

Sérénade Toscane

Wake up my love and hear my voice imploring ...

Au bord de l'eau

Let everything pass by, as the water does, but if love comes your way, do not let it pass.

La fée aux chansons

A fairy in the forest teaches the birds their songs, composes new melodies each Winter for the coming Spring.

Automne

Why do the melancholic impressions of Autumn call forth such nostalgic memories?

Hymne

Hail the immortality of Love:

Aria, "Ulysse, fier epoux viens!", from "Pénélope", act I, Scene I

In this aria, Penelope, cornered by the persistance of her suitors to make a choice among them, becomes angered, then, in her mind relives her past with her supposedly-lost husband, Ulysses. At the end of the aria she cries out in desperation for him.

Sylvie

Might I tell you, lovely Sylvia, why life on this earth without you is unthinkable?

Tristesse

Nothing, not the first rose of April, Not the festive music, nor the beautiful maidens in the mocnlight, can expunge the deep sorrow in my heart.

Chanson d'amour

Everything about you is endearing.

Fleur jetée

Neglected love withers as a flower cast away.

Après un rêve

Come back, o mysterious night, with my wonderful dream of love.

Aurore

Myriad images of the awakening dawn, enhance my soul.

Les berceaux

Only upon setting sail do the adventurous sailors feel the heart rending images of the cradles at home.

Notre amour

Our love is ethereal, charming, sacred, infinite, eternal!

(Translations by Madame Batigne)

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