THE F. LAMMOT BELIN CONCERTS

National Gallery of Art

Twenty-eighth American Music Festival



Under The Direction of Richard Bales

Sunday Evenings, April 18 through May 23, 1971 at Seven in the East Garden Court

THOMAS BEVERIDGE, Bass - Baritone MARTIN KATZ, Pianist

Songs by Thomas Beveridge

Ι

"Prometheus": Six Pieces for Bass Voice and Piano (1970)

In ancient Greek mythology Prometheus was the god who created man from earth and water. When Zeus sought to destroy the race of men, Prometheus rescued them by stealing the sacred fire of the gods and teaching them to be self-sufficient, no longer dependent upon the gods—the fire being the symbol of scientific and artistic achievement. Zeus punished Prometheus by having him chained to a rock and causing a vulture to eat his liver every day—and every night the liver would grow back. Prometheus endured this torment for thousands of years without submitting to Zeus, even though he was in possession of secrets which would have toppled Zeus from his throne. He was finally rescued by Hercules.

1. Prologue: "Do not go gentle into that good night"

(Dylan Thomas)

An invocation to the god who brought light to mankind.

2. Prometheus, The Creator of Man

(Goethe) Translated by Manheim

Goethe's poem depicts a cunning and defiant Prometheus shaping man from a piece of clay. He mocks Zeus and the rest of the gods for being heartless and selfish.

3. All Mortal Arts Come From Prometheus (Fugue for Piano)

A "song" for piano without voice-this fugue symbolizes all of the technical skill which man acquired from Prometheus. It is also a portrait of this many-sided god.

4. Prometheus, The Defiant (Shelley and Lowell)

Chained to the rock, Prometheus is utterly defiant. He curses Zeus and refuses to submit.

5. Prometheus, The Sufferer (Aeschylus) Translated by Gerard M. Hopkins

This is Prometheus' opening "aria" from Aeschylus' "Prometheus Bound." It is an attempt to recreate the operatic style of Aeschylean drama and to depict the utter loneliness of the Crucified god. The piano epilogue symbolizes Prometheus' eternal suffering.

6. Hymn to Prometheus

(Byron)

Byron's famous poem is used here as tribute to the god who-in the words of Bulfinch-was a "symbol of magnanimous endurance of unmerited suffering and strength of will resisting oppression."

(First Performance)

INTERMISSION

II

Three Serious Songs

(From the Book of Koheleth, "Ecclesiastes") (1970)

- 1. Vanity
- 2. For everything there is a season
- 3. Advice to a young man

(First Performance)

III

Five Songs on Poems by Theodore Roethke (1967)

- 1. The Shy Man
- 2. Wind and Calm
- 3. Dancing Soul
- 4. No Bird Awakens Her (Elegy)
- 5. The Serpent

(First Performance)

Thomas Beveridge was born in 1938.

1229th CONCERT – APRIL 25

HELEN BOATWRIGHT, Soprano STUART RALEIGH, Pianist

A Singer's Survey of American Songs

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BENJAMIN CARRAve Maria (1769 - 1831)

Arranged by NORMAND LOCKWOODYankee Doodle (1906 -) (The Lexington March)

STEPHEN FOSTERI cannot sing tonight (1826 - 64)

CHARLES T. GRIFFESBy a lonely forest pathway (1884 - 1920) (1909 - 10)

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CHARLES IVESEarly Songs (1874-1954)

Feldeinsamkeit (1898) Slow March (1887) The Side Show (from an 1896 sketch) Berceuse (1900) Judge's Walk (1898)

III

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ERNST BACON The Imperial Heart (1939) (1898 -)

HOWARD BOATWRIGHTCradle Song (1966) (1918 -)

ROGER SESSIONSOn the Beach at Fontana (1935) (1896 -)

(First Performance)

V

CHARLES IVESLater Songs The New River (1906) Down East (1919) The Greatest Man (1921) "1, 2, 3" (1921, from a 1906 sketch) Serenity (1919) A Sea Dirge (1925)

Helen Boatwright appears through arrangement with Arthur Judson Management of New York City.

1230th CONCERT - MAY 2

THE FELDMAN STRING QUARTET of

Norfolk, Virginia

Dora Marshall Short, First Violin Lawrence Mednick, Second Violin Ronald Marshall, Viola Janet McCarron Kriner, Cello

ERNEST GOLDString Quartet No. 1 (1948) (1921 -)

Con moto Adagio Allegro (First Washington Performance)

(1941 -)

In One Movement (First Washington Performance)

INTERMISSION

(1933 -)

(1970)

Passacaglia

Fugue Chaconne Toccata

(First Washington Performance)

1231st CONCERT – MAY 9

MADISON MADRIGAL SINGERS

Robert Shafer, Conductor

(1922 -)(1968)Deus in adjutorium

> Hymn: Jam Lucis orto sidere Antiphon: Dominus regit me Psalm 22 (King James: 23) Blessing

(1939 -)

Texts from the Requiem Mass and e. e. cummings (First Performance)

INTERMISSION

RUSSELL WOOLLEN La Corona (1971) (1923 -)

A cycle of seven Holy Sonnets by John Donne

La Corona Annunciation Nativitie Temple Crucyfying Resurrection Ascension

(First Performance)

THE SINGERS

SOPRANO: Elizabeth Donohoe **Jeanne Evans** Sheri Graham Peggy Grant **TENOR:** Shelton Gay David Reese Jeffrey Rink

ALTO: Kathy Gillies Mindy Liebermann Nikki McDowell Karen Shihda **BARITONE:** Steve Briggs Fred Gilbert **Richard Harrell**

1232nd CONCERT - MAY 16

FRANCIS BRANCALEONE, Pianist

SAMUEL BARBERSonata for Piano, Opus 26 (1949) (1910 -)

Allegro energico Allegro vivace e leggero Adagio mesto Fuga: Allegro con spirito

LUDMILA ULEHLAHarlequinade (1971) (1923 -)

(First Performance)

ELLIOTT SCHWARTZMusic for Prince Albert (on his (1936 -) 150th birthday) for Piano, two Tape Recorders, and Assistant (1969) (First Washington Performance)

INTERMISSION

- CECIL EFFINGER Prelude and Fugue, Opus 28 (1914 -) (1944) (First Washington Performance)
- PAUL EARLSCoronach (for K, K, K.) (1968) 1934 -)
 - (First Washington Performance)
- ROBERT KEYS CLARKSonatina for Piano (1956) (1925)

Frolic - Fragment of a Nocturne - Romp (First Washington Performance)

THOMAS BRICCETTI From "Four Franciscan (1936-) Fantasies"/ for F. F. (1969)

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IV Piano and Tape Recorder

(First Washington Performance)

EMERSON MEYERS, at the Tape Recorder

Audio Equipment from The Electronic Music Laboratory of The Catholic University of America

1233rd CONCERT - MAY 23

NATIONAL GALLERY ORCHESTRA Richard Bales, Conductor

Allegro Andante sostenuto - Vivace

WILLIAM SKIDMORE, Soloist

INTERMISSION

DAVID DIAMONDSymphony No. 3 (1945) (1915 -)

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- Allegro deciso Andante Allegro vivo

Adagio assai

(First Washington Performance)

JOHN PHILIP SOUSA The Stars and Stripes Forever (1854 - 1932) (1896) Orchestrated by LEOPOLD STOKOWSKI (1971, Alexander Broude Edition)

(First Washington Performance)

Mr. Bales will conduct the march using the baton presented to Mr. Sousa by the members of the United States Marine Band at his last concert with them as leader on July 29, 1892. The National Gallery is grateful to the United States Marine Band for loan of the baton for this occasion.

NATIONAL GALLERY ORCHESTRA

Richard Bales, Conductor

VIOLINS:

Mark Ellsworth Nancy Ellsworth Isadore Glazer Judith Parkinson Benjamin Ritter Patricia Cochran Cynthia Marlowe Lawrence Wallace Eugene Dreyer Maurice Myers Elliot Siegel Jane Flowers Albert Pargament Genevieve Fritter

VIOLAS:

Leon Feldman Donna Feldman Chester Petranek Grace Powell

CELLOS:

Ervin Klinkon Benjamin Levenson Jean Robbins Helen Coffman

BASSES:

Joseph Willens John Ricketts

FLUTES: William Montgomery William Fuhrman Bruce Brown

OBOES: Gene Montooth Michelle Foley

ENGLISH HORN: Greg Steinke CLARINETS: William Huntington George Dietz

BASS CLARINET: Herman Olefsky

BASSOONS: Donald Charnock Richard Seidler

CONTRA-BASSOON: Walter Maciejewicz

HORNS:

Orrin Olson Samuel Ramsay George Randall Olivia Marcellus Ronald Friedman

TRUMPETS:

Richard Smith Morton Gutoff Edward Cooper Robert Brimmer

TROMBONES:

Edward Kiehl Donald King Orville Braymer

TUBA: Robert Eliason

TIMPANI: Douglas Jones

PERCUSSION: Ronald Barnett Tommy Wardlow Albert Merz

HARP: Jeanne Chalifoux

PERSONNEL MANAGER: Eugene Dreyer

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