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CHRISTINE DONAHUE, soprano David Glaze, pianist

PROGRAM

Ohimé ch'io cado Eri già tutta mia

Oh, quand je dors

Les Filles de Cadiz

Vier Letzte Lieder Frühling September

Aller au bois

Claudio Monteverdi

Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov

Franz Liszt

Leo Delibes

Richard Strauss

INTERMISSION

The Hermit Songs At Saint Patrick's Purgatory Church Bell at Night Saint Ita's Vision The Heavenly Banquet The Crucifixion Sea-Snatch Promiscuity The Monk and His Cat The Praises of God The Desire for Hermitage

Beim Schlafengehn Im Abendrot

La Rondine La Canzona di Doretta

La Boheme Musetta's Waltz

Tosca

Vissi d'Arte

Samuel Barber

Giacomo Puccini

The audience is cordially invited to a reception in the gallery immediately following the recital.

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Translations

Ohimé ch'io cado

Alas, I fall, alas my foot stumbles again as before, and now I must again bathe my withered, fallen hope in fresh tears.

Oh, immortal champion (Cupid), how such feeble disdain now is put to flight. Oh faithless, fickle charmer you have pitted me, clad only in a glass armour, against a cruel sword of solid diamond.

Oh lovely eyes, if virtue was ever beautiful and pity just, pray do not deny me a glance and a smile so that prison for the sake of such a fair charmer become my Paradise.

Eri già tutta mia

You were my all, that spirit and that heart you captured in a snare of love. Oh beauty, oh valor, oh wonderful constancy where are you? You used to be mine but no more. Ah, you are mine no more. Only for me those lovely eyes turned smiling, for me that hair of gold spread itself to the winds. Oh fleeting happiness, oh firmness of heart where are you?.... The joy in my face ah, that no more reflects my song, my laughter is changed to tears. Oh despairing sighs, oh fading pity where are you?....

Aller au bois

Going to the woods to gather berries, answering the joyous voices of my companions - Hallooo!- singing in chorus, repeating after Lel the joyous songs celebrating spring - Hi! Lado, my Lel! - that is my dream and my happiness. I cannot live without songs.

Give your consent, my father, and when you return with the winter to the great dense woods, in the evening I will sing. I will sing to brighten the solitude with my ever merrier refrains.

Good Lel will teach them to me and I will quickly learn them. Oh, father! to sing is my only happiness, my joy!

Oh, quand je dors

Oh, when I slumber come close to my couch like to Petrarch appeared Laura. And when in passing your breath touches me, then my lips will suddenly open.... on my mournful forehead, where perhaps is ending a dark dream, which lasted too long, let your glance like a star arise; suddenly my dream will become radiant! Then on my lips , where a flame is fluttering lightning of love, by God himself made pure, place a kiss and change from angel into woman, and suddenly my soul will be awakened! Oh come, as to Petrarch appeared Laura!

Les Filles de Cadix

They have come from seeing the bull, three boys and three girls. On the lawn it is pleasant and we dance a bolero to the sound of the castanets: "Tell me, neighbor, do I have a pleasing appearance? Is my skirt attractive this morning? Do I cut a fine figure?" The girls from Cadiz love to hear that. And we danced a bolero, one evening - it was Sunday - there came towards us a hidalgo - the plume of his hat stitched with gold and his hand on his hip: "If you wish it of me, sweet - smiling dark girl, you have only to say it and this gold is yours." "Be on your way, good sir! The girls of Cadiz don't understand such things!"

Four Last Songs

Spring

In dusky hollows I long dreamed of your trees and blue skies, of your fragrance and bird song. Now you stand revealed in glitter and glory, flooded with light, like a miracle. You recognize me, and gently beckon; my whole body trembles with your holy presence.

September

The garden is in mourning; the rain falls cool among the flowers. Summer shivers quietly on its way toward its end. Golden leaf after leaf falls from the tall acacia. Summer smiles, astonished, feeble, in this dying dream of a garden. For a long while yet in the roses, she will linger on, yearning for peace, and slowly close her weary eyes.

Going to Sleep

Now that day wearies me, my yearning desire will receive more kindly, like a tired child, the starry night. Hands, leave off your deeds, mind, forget all thoughts; all of my forces yearn only to sink into sleep. And my soul, unguarded, would soar on widespread wings, to live in night's magical sphere more profoundly, more variously.

In the Glow of Evening

Through sorrow and joy we have walked hand in hand; let us rest now from wandering in this quiet country. Mountains slope all around us and the sky already darkens; only two larks climb in the sky, dreaming in the night. Come in; let them flutter, for it is already time to sleep; let us not lose our way in this loneliness. Come nearer, gentle peace, profound in the glow of evening! How weary we are of wandering; is this perhaps - death?