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Ouachita Baptist University School of Fine Arts Division of Music

Presents

John Brian Ashburn Saxophone

Susan Monroe, Piano

In a Senior Saxophone Recital

W. Francis McBeth Recital Hall Mabee Fine Arts Center April 29, 2010 11:00 AM

Recital Program

Introduction et Danse

Henri Tomasi (1901-1971)

*I Never Saw Another Butterfly The Butterfly Lori Laitman (b. 1955)

Assisted by Elisabeth Hipp

Prelude, Cadence, et Finale

Alfred Desenclos (1912-1971)

*Program Notes:

The text for *The Butterfly*, from Lori Laitman's cycle of six songs entitled <u>I Never Saw Another Butterfly</u>, is based on 6 poems written by children from the Terezin concentration camp. Ms. Laitman wrote, "One cannot help but be touched by the hope and innocence these children put in their poetry despite their terrible surroundings."

The Butterfly

The last, the very last,
So richly, brightly, dazzlingly yellow.
Perhaps if the sun's tears would sing
against a white stone. . . .

Such, such a yellow
Is carried lightly 'way up high.
It went away I'm sure because it wished to
kiss the world good-bye.

For seven weeks I've lived in here,
Penned up inside this ghetto.
But I have found what I love here.
The dandelions call to me
And the white chestnut branches in the court.
Only I never saw another butterfly.

That butterfly was the last one.

Butterflies don't live in here,
in the ghetto.

