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Ouachita Baptist University School of Fine Arts Division of Music Presents

Josiah Wheeler

Lyric Baritone

and

Carrie Brown Piano

In a Senior Voice Recital

11:00 a.m. November 19, 2010 W. Francis McBeth Recital Hall Mabee Fine Arts Center I'll sail upon the Dog-star

Luke Havergal

Aurore

Henry Purcell 1659-1695

> John Duke 1899-1984

Gabriel Fauré 1845-1924

L'Attente

Don Pasquale Bella siccome un angelo Camille Saint-Saëns 1835-1921

Gaetano Donizetti 1797-1848

Tannhäuser O! du mein holder Abendstern Richard Wagner 1813-1883

Captain Stratton's Fancy

Oliver

My Name!

Deems Taylor 1885-1966

> Lionel Bart 1930-1999

AURORE

From the gardens of the night the stars take flight, golden bees drawn toward an invisible honey, and the dawn, in the distance, spreading the brilliance of its canvas, weaves with threads of silver the blue cloak of the sky.

From the gardens of my heart, intoxicated by a lulling dream, my desires fly away with the coming of the morning, like a swift swarm of bees toward the coppery horizon, beckoned by a plaintive song, ever present and distant.

They fly to your feet, stars chased from the clouds, exiled from the golden sky where your beauty reigns supreme, and treading uncharted paths to find you, they mingle their fading light with the dawning day.

L'ATTENTE

Climb, squirrel, climb the big oak tree,

To the branch next to the sky, That bends and trembles like a reed.

Stork, faithful to the ole towers, Oh! Fly! And ascend with full speed

From the church to the citadel, From the high steeple to the grand turret.

Old eagle, rise from your eyrie To the mountain that has seen

hundreds of years, Which is whitened by eternal winter;

And you, on your restless bed, You, whom the dawn never saw mute,

Rise, rise lively lark,

Lively lark, rise to the sky! And now, from the top of the tree,

From the spire of the marble tower,

From the grand mountain, from the flaming sky,

On the horizon, in the mist, Do you see a plume fluttering And a steaming horse racing And my beloved returning?

BELLA SICCOME UN ANGELO

Beautiful as an angel on a pilgrimage to earth, fresh as the lily that opens upon morning, eyes that speak and laugh, a glance that conquers hearts, hair that transcends ebony. an enchanting smile... that opens upon morning, eyes that speak and laugh, a glance that conquers hearts, hair that transcends ebony, an enchanting smile... An innocent, ingenuous soul that disregards itself. incomparable modesty, goodness that makes you fall in love... Merciful to the poor, gentle, sweet, affectionate... Heaven made her be born in order to make a heart happy. From the heart which she never betraved greet her, when she passes by you when she hovers over the valley of earth, to become, yonder, a blessed angel.

O! DU MEIN HOLDER ABENDSTERN

Like foreboding death, dusk veils the land; it covers the valley with swarthy raiments. The soul, which aspires to lofty heights, is made uneasy in the face of its flight through darkness and horror. There you shine, oh loveliest of stars; you send forth your gentle light from afar. Your dear ray parts the gloomy dusk; and kindheartly, you point the way out of the valley. Oh you, my lovely evening star, I have always greeted you so gladly.

This recital is presented in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree Bachelor of Music Education.

Mr. Wheeler is a student of Dr. Stephen Garner.