



**BOB JONES UNIVERSITY**  
Division of Music

presents

**KARA ALEXIS SEYMOUR, soprano**

**Rebecca Ong, piano**

in Senior Recital

War Memorial Chapel  
Saturday, December 7, 2024  
1:00 P.M.

I.

Ständchen ..... Franz Schubert  
(1797–1828)

Dr. Isaac Greene, guitar

Myrthen, Op. 25 ..... Robert Schumann  
Du bist wie eine Blume (1810–1856)  
Widmung

II.

A Chloris ..... Reynaldo Hahn  
(1874–1947)

Les nuit d'été, Op. 7 ..... Hector Berlioz  
Villanelle (1803–1869)

III.

Lascia ch'io pianga from *Rinaldo*, HWV 7 ..... G. F. Handel  
(1685–1759)

Kate Watson, Laura Roland, violin  
Julia Probus, viola  
Benjamin Hyink, cello

IV.

A Piper ..... John Duke  
(1899–1984)

Six Songs from A Shropshire Lad ..... George Butterworth  
When I Was One-and-Twenty (1885–1916)

Witness..... arr. Hall Johnson  
(1888–1970)

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

From the studio of Dr. Megan Stapleton

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String Chamber Group Recitals, December 7, 2:00 & 4:00 p.m., War Memorial Chapel  
Musical Theatre Workshop Performance, December 7, 7:00 p.m., War Memorial Chapel  
Lyric Choir, December 11, 5:30 p.m., War Memorial Chapel  
Handel's *Messiah*, December 12,13, 7:30 p.m., Rodeheaver Auditorium

#### **Ständchen (Serenade)**

Softly my songs beckon to you  
Through the night;  
In the quiet grove below,  
Sweetheart, come to me.  
The slender, whispering treetops  
Rustle in the moonlight;  
Do not fear betrayal,  
My lovely one.

Do you hear the nightingales call?  
Ah! They are imploring you;  
With tones of sweet lamentation  
They plead to you for me.  
They understand my heart's longing,  
They know the pain of love,  
They calm every tender heart  
With their silver tones

Allow your soul to be moved as well,  
Sweetheart, hear me!  
Trembling I await you here,  
Come, make me happy!

#### **Du bist wie eine Blume (You are like a flower)**

You are like a flower,  
So sweet and fair and pure;  
I look at you, and sadness  
Steals into my heart.

I feel as if I should lay  
My hands upon your head,  
Praying that God preserve you  
So pure and fair and sweet.

**Widmung (Dedication)**

You my soul, you my heart,  
 You my rapture, O you my pain,  
 You my world in which I live,  
 My heaven you, to which I aspire,  
 O you my grave, into which  
 My grief forever I've consigned!  
 You are repose, you are peace,  
 You are bestowed on me from heaven.  
 Your love for me gives me my worth,  
 Your eyes transfigure me in mine,  
 You raise me lovingly above myself,  
 My guardian angel, my better self!

**A Chloris (To Chloris)**

If it is true, Chloris, that you love me,  
 (And I am told that you love me well)  
 I do not believe that the kings themselves  
 Could have a happiness equal to mine.

How death would be unwelcome  
 To come exchange my fortune  
 For the joy of heaven!

Some may desire divine ambrosia,  
 But that does not inspire my imagination  
 Nearly as do the graces of your eyes.

**Villanelle**

When the new season comes,  
 When the cold has gone,  
 We two will go, my sweet,  
 To gather lilies-of-the-valley in the  
 woods;  
 Scattering as we tread the pearls of dew  
 We see quivering each morn,  
 We'll go and hear the blackbirds  
 Sing!

Spring has come, my sweet;  
 It is the season lovers bless,  
 And the birds, preening their wings,  
 Sing songs from the edge of their nests.  
 Ah! Come, then, to this mossy bank  
 To talk of our beautiful love,  
 And tell me in your gentle voice:  
 Forever!  
 Far, far away we'll stray from our path,  
 Startling the rabbit from his hiding-place  
 And the deer reflected in the spring,  
 Admiring his great lowered antlers;  
 Then home we'll go, serene and at ease,  
 And entwining our fingers basket-like,  
 We'll bring back home wild  
 Strawberries!

**Lascia ch'io pianga (Let me weep)**

Let me weep  
 Over my cruel fate  
 And let me sigh  
 For my lost freedom  
 May the pain shatter  
 These shackles  
 Of my torments  
 Only for pity's sake

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