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School of Music

presents

Schubertiade: Selected Songs of Franz Schubert

Kevin McMillan, baritone
Stephanie Weiss, mezzo-soprano
Gabriel Dobner, piano

Thursday, February 1, 2024 7 pm Recital Hall



There is no intermission.

Program

Licht und Liebe D.352 (Duet)

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

Kevin McMillan, baritone & Stephanie Weiss, mezzo-soprano

Im Freien *D.880 no.3*Das Zügenglöcklein *D.871 no.2*Bei dir allein *D.866 no.2*

Kevin McMillan, baritone

Vor meiner Wiege *D.927 no.3* Vom Mitleiden Mariä *D.632* Die Sterne *D.939 no.1*

Stephanie Weiss, mezzo-soprano

Am Fenster *D.878 no.3* Im Abendroth *D.799* Sehnsucht *D.636*

Kevin McMillan, baritone

Romanze aus Rosamunde D.797 no.3b Der Zwerg D.771 no.1

Stephanie Weiss, mezzo-soprano

Mignon und der Harfner D.877 no.4 (Duet) Kevin McMillan, baritone & Stephanie Weiss, mezzo-soprano

Fischerweise D.881 no.4 An mein Herz D.860

Stephanie Weiss, mezzo-soprano

Der Einsame *D.800* Die Taubenpost *D.965A*

Kevin McMillan, baritone

An die Musik D.547 no.4 (Duet)

Kevin McMillan, baritone & Stephanie Weiss, mezzo-soprano

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Biographies

Stephanie Weiss has performed at Deutsche Oper Berlin, Staatsoper Unter den Linden, Berlin Philharmonic, Oper Frankfurt, Oper Köln, Oper Leipzig, Opera Orchestra of New York, and San Diego Opera. Her roles include Komponist, Zweite Dame, Grimgerde, Leitmetzerin, Marcellina, Suzuki, Santuzza, and Venus. Concert appearances include Mozart Requiem, Beethoven Symphony 9, Wesendonck Lieder, Mahler Symphony 4, and Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen.

An avid performer of art song and new music, Dr. Weiss has performed recitals in the US, France, Germany, Switzerland, and Australia. With her 'duo au courant' partner, pianist Dr. Christina Wright-Ivanova, she has premiered several song cycles and in 2019, released their debut CD of the songs of Daron Hagen on Albany Records. Dr. Weiss is currently an Associate Professor of Voice at Arizona State University and serves on the faculty at AIMS in Graz (Austria).

Kevin McMillan's performing career has spanned over 25 years with more than 750 concerts, 15 commercial recordings, a Grammy award, a Gramophone award and numerous Juno award nominations. Critics have praised his "elegant lyric baritone voice" and "singularly remarkable interpretive skills" in appearances with virtually every major North American orchestra, including the New York Philharmonic, the Boston Symphony, the Cleveland Orchestra, the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Los Angeles Philharmonic and the San Francisco Symphony. He has also established a presence in Europe, with appearances in centers such as London, Berlin, Barcelona, Paris, and Prague. He has worked with such conductors as Herbert Blomstedt, Pierre Boulez, Raphael Frühbeck de Burgos, Sir Andrew Davis, Charles Dutoit, Neeme Jarvi, Jesus Lopez-Cobos, Kurt Masur, Sir Roger Norrington, Hellmuth Rilling and the late Robert Shaw and Sergiu Commissiona.

Professor McMillan joined the faculty of the James Madison University School of Music in 2009.

Gabriel Dobner has recorded for the Ottavo and MDG labels. His recording of songs by Liszt, Dvorák and Mahler with Cornelia Kallisch, won high praise from BBC Magazine and the West German Radio in Cologne, referring to him as a "master among Lieder pianists". Radio recordings include the Bayrischer Rundfunk, Südwestfunk, Westdeutscher Rundfunk, Mitteldeutscher Rundfunk, Chubo-Nippon Broadcasting Company (Japan) and Saint Paul Sunday. Upon receiving a German scholarship to study Lied accompanying in Munich with Helmut Deutsch, Gabriel Dobner moved to Augsburg. After winning the pianist's prize in the International Hans Pfitzner Lieder Competition in Munich, he established himself as a successful collaborative pianist and began appearing with such notable singers as René Kollo, Cornelia Kallisch and Kevin McMillan. He has since performed in many of Europe's most prestigious concert venues.

Previous teaching engagements include Indiana University and the Nürnberg/Augsburg Hochschule für Musik . A native of Chicago, Gabriel Dobner holds degrees from Roosevelt University and Indiana University . His teachers include Ludmila Lazar, James Tocco and Leonard Hokanson.

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- The prominent presence of musicians in society can challenge inequities and encourage alternatives.

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