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THE ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC PRESENTS

Abigail Kellogg, Saxophone

and

Danna Swearingen, Clarinet

in a

Junior Recital

with

Marc Sanders, Piano



March 19, 2015

7:30 pm

Williams Performing Arts center

Recital Hall

Program

Six Studies in English Folk Song

R. Vaughan Williams

(1872-1958)

- I. Adagio
- II. Andante sostenuto
- III. Larghetto
- IV. Lento
- V. Andante tranquillo
- VI. Allegro vivace

Danna Swearingen

Concertino da Camera

Jacques Ibert (1890-1962)

- I. Allegro con moto
- II. Larghetto, Poi Animato Molto Abigail Kellogg

Aria

Jacques Ibert (1890-1962)

I. Larghetto

Danna Swearingen

Larghetto & Polonaise K487

Mozart (1756-1791)

Abigail Kellogg & Danna Swearingen

Intermission (Pause for combo set up)

Au Privave

Charlie Parker (1920-1955)

Abigail Kellogg and The Frosted Flakes with special guest Danna Swearingen

Abigail is a student of Dr. Ed George Danna is a student of Kristin Ward

Reception to follow

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Six Studies in English Folksong

This piece was originally composed for cello and piano in 1926, with additional versions for violin, viola, clarinet, and more. Each movement is based on a folksong specifically written for cello player May Mukle. Vaughan Williams requested that the movements be "treated with love." As an early ethnomusicologist, Vaughan Willaims traveled through the English countryside and collected folksongs, which had a great impact on his compositions. He incorporated them into many of his pieces and developed the "very English" style that he was known for.

Concertino da Camera

Ibert dedicated and wrote this piece for his friend, saxophonist Sigurd Rascher. The work is two movements and it is known for its large range and use of the saxophone altissimo. The piece was written in 1935. Ibert, much like the saxophone, is French and born in Paris. Ibert wrote operas, ballets & music for the theatre, cinema, and radio, vocal and instrumental works; he is known for being eclectic, as he didn't focus on one specific genre.

Aria

A musician from a young age, Jacques Ibert found a successful career in composing that led him to win the Prix de Rome on his first attempt. Ibert composed many different operas,

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orchestras, concertos, cinemas, and more. His belief that all ways of composing were valid led to his wide variety of music. When writing this piece in 1930, Jacques Ibert originally intended for it to be sung by medium voice, accompanied by piano. The vocal range worked well for instrumentalists and the piece was transposed by Ibert, as well as other composers. Though the original is rarely heard, the many instrumental arrangements are common in today's recital repertoire.

Larghetto & Polonaise K487

These duets were originally written as horn duo studies by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Our arrangement is written for two clarinets, and we are making it even more unusual by performing this piece with a clarinet and soprano saxophone (soprano saxophone is not characteristic of the Classical time period). Mozart was born in Salzburg, Austria and composed in all musical genres of his day and excelled in all of them. Mozart is known as one of the greatest composers in the history of Western music as he completes the Viennese Classical School along with Haydn and Beethoven.

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Au Privave

Au Privave is a bebop jazz standard that debuted on Charlie Parker's album *Swedish Schnapps*. Parker, also known as "Yardbird" or "Bird" for short, was born in Kansas City, Kansas. Parker was given this nickname either because he was as free as a bird or because he accidentally hit a chicken. The Bird is known for his dizzying improvisational style characterized by long, complex, melodic lines at breakneck speeds.

Special Thanks

Abigail

I'd like to thank my parents for loving and supporting me, but most importantly for showing me what it means to follow Christ. You guys have been my friend, my mentor, my role model, and the funniest people I know. I feel so blessed to call you mom and dad. I love you!

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Special Thanks

Danna

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