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THE ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

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Lauren Powell
piano

in a

Sophomore Recital



May 2, 2015

2 pm

Williams Performing Arts Center

Recital Hall

Program

Prelude and Fugue in D Minor, WTC I

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Sonata in D Major, Op. 10, No. 3

Ludwig Van Beethoven
(1770-1827)

- I. Presto
- II. Largo e mesto
- III. Minuetto and Trio
- IV. Rondo: Allegro

Intermission

Waltz in A-flat Major, Op. 69, No. 1

Frederic Chopin
(1810-1849)

Nocturne in C Minor, Op. 48, No.1

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Lauren Powell is a student of Dr. Pauline Bjorem

Reception to follow

Program Notes

Prelude and Fugue in D Minor, WTC 1

J.S. Bach

Bach is one of the most well-known composers of polyphonic music in the Baroque era. The Well-Tempered Clavier (WTC) is a two-volume collection of 48 preludes and fugues, one in every major and minor key. This prelude has a constant rhythmic line that drives the flow of the piece. A fugue is a contrapuntal work that contains multiple "voices" or themes. This fugue contains three voices. A theme is stated at the beginning and recurs throughout the piece; it may be heard in the soprano, alto, or bass voice.

Sonata in D Major, Op. 10, No. 3

Ludwig Van Beethoven

Known as a fiery composer, Beethoven is considered a transitional composer between the Classical and Romantic eras. He took the traditional forms of the Classical era to new lengths with innovations that led to the more free forms of the Romantic era. This sonata is the seventh of 32 he wrote for piano and was dedicated to Countess Browne, the wife of a wealthy patron. The first movement begins with an exciting, spirited theme. Marked *Largo e mesto*, the second movement is literally to be played slow and melancholy. In contrast, the third movement *Minuetto* brings the listener out of the darkness and has a dance-like feel that alternates with the active *Trio*. Finally, the sonata ends with a lively, playful movement, *Allegro*.

Waltz in A-flat Major, Op. 69, No. 1

Frederic Chopin

Although he lived in Paris for most of his life, Chopin was of Polish descent. He was fond of composing dance pieces for his home country of Poland such as mazurkas, waltzes, and other dance pieces of that time period. This waltz was published after Chopin's death. While living in Paris, Chopin was very homesick for his homeland. He met Maria Wodzinska who was a beautiful, Polish lady from a wealthy family. Chopin asked for her hand in marriage, and they became engaged, but due to her parent's disapproval, never married. This waltz is often called the "Farewell Waltz" because he wrote it for Maria Wodzinska.

A Nocturne is a Romantic work typically inspired by the evening and is typically known as a ‘night piece.’ Written in 1841, this nocturne was dedicated to Laura Duperre, a student of Chopin. Within this nocturne are three sections, the first marked *Lento* begins with a slow, yearning line which transitions to a chorale sound of the second section. In the final section, we hear the recurring melody line of the beginning with richer harmonies and agitated texture that leads the listener breathlessly to the compelling ending.

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