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PNC Recital Hall

Duquesne University

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ABSTRACT

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This graduate recital in voice presents a wide scope of the soprano recital repertoire and explores the relationship between music and literature throughout the centuries. Mozart's "Bella mia fiamma... Resta, o cara," K. 528 represents the Italian Classical period; the text is based on the Roman myth of the goddess Ceres. Strauss' *Drei Lieder der Ophelia*, Op. 67 represents German Lieder from the late-Romantic period; the set presents a German translation of Ophelia's mad scene from Shakespeare's *Hamlet*. Argento's *Six Elizabethan Songs* represent 20th-century music, but Argento draws the text from various poets of the Elizabethan era. Selected songs by Franz Liszt are representative of the French *mélodie* from the Romantic period; they set the text of the Romantic poet Victor Hugo. Rachmaninoff's *Six Songs*, Op. 38 represent the post-Romantic (nearly Impressionist) period and explore Russian Symbolist poetry.

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PROGRAM

Bella mia fiamma... Resta, o cara, K. 528

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
(1756-1791)

Drei Lieder der Ophelia, Op. 67

Wie erkenn ich mein Treulieb vor andern nun
Guten Morgen, 's Sankt Valentinstag
Sie trugen ihn auf der Bahre bloss

Richard Strauss
(1864-1949)

Six Elizabethan Songs

Spring
Sleep
Winter
Dirge
Diaphenia
Hymn

Dominick Argento
(b. 1927)

INTERMISSION

Selected Songs

S'il est un charmant gazon
Oh! quand je dors
Comment, disaient-ils

Franz Liszt
(1811-1886)

Six Songs, Op. 38

In My Garden at Night
To Her
Daisies
The Pied Piper
Dreams
A-Oo

Sergei Rachmaninoff
(1873-1943)