Steel Band & Percussion Ensemble

Friday, November 19, 2021 at 8pm
Lagerquist Concert Hall, Mary Baker Russell Music Center
Pacific Lutheran University
School of Arts and Communication / Department of Music presents

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Miho Takekawa, *director*

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Welcome to Lagerquist Concert Hall.

**Masks must be worn at all times while indoors and for the duration of the performance.**

Please disable the audible signal on all watches and cellular phones for the duration of the concert.

Use of cameras, recording equipment and all digital devices is not permitted in the concert hall.

**PROGRAM**

**PLU Percussion Ensemble**

TJ Wheeler • Quinn Rasmussen • Kyle Gough • Ben Helgeson
Cole Strichertz • Joel Barkman • Haley Miguel • Gabriela Vera-Kavanaugh

Amidst .....................................................................................................................................................................John Ling

Tangled in the Web ............................................................................................................................................... Zae Munn

Irish Tune from County Derry ............................................................................................... Percy Grainger (1882-1961)
  arr. Chalon L. Ragsdale
  Quinn Rasmussen, *student conductor*

Xerosis .................................................................................................................................................. Josh Gottry (b. 1974)

Nagoya Marimbas ............................................................................................................................................. Steve Reich (b. 1936)

Rhyme or Reason ..................................................................................................................... Nathan Daughtrey (b. 1975)

**PLU Steel Band**

**Group Soca**

Carson Fujisaki • Joshua Green • Kaila Harris • Aiden Hille
Anika Hille • Henry Hossner • JT Ignaco • Izabella Zimmerman
Darek Solomon • TJ Wheeler • Donovan Klega
Josh Hansel, *drum set*

Mary Ann ................................................................................................................................................. Caribbean Folk Song/Roaring Lion (1908-1999)
  arr. Cal Stewart

The Sound of Silence .......................................................................................................................... Paul Simon (b. 1941) and Art Garfunkel (b. 1941)
  arr. Donovan Klega
J'ouvert Barrio ................................................................................................................................................. Roaring Lion
                        arr. Josh Quillen

Group Calypso
Josh Hansel • Darek Solomon • TJ Wheeler • Claire Calderon
Quinn Rasmussen • Cole Strichertz • Rui-An Tseng • Ashley Neufeld
Elizabeth Larios • Donovan Klega • Jordan Bluhm
Kyle Gough, drum set

Something ................................................................................................................................................. George Harrison (1943-2001)
                        arr. Josh Hansel

Maple Leaf Rag .............................................................................................................................................. Scott Joplin (1868-1917)
                        arr. Steve Popermack

Three Little Birds ........................................................................................................................................ Bob Marley (1945-1981)
                        arr. Darek Solomon

Culture in the Ghetto ................................................................................................................................. The Soul Rebels
                        arr. Donovan Klega
Program Notes

Amidst arises from the Aristotelian notion that “the whole is greater than the sum of its part” – a concept known as emergence. Rather than operating within the dichotomy of melody and accompaniment, every voice in the ensemble carries equal importance. The sparse moving lines convey little individually but, heard together, create context and purpose for one another.

John Ling

Xerosis is the medical term for abnormally dry skin. In this work, three friction percussion instruments are explored, with all sounds generated from a rubbing or scratching stroke. As a small chamber work for handheld percussion, this is an excellent change of pace piece for percussion ensembles. Appropriate for run-out concerts, tour performances, or for a “front of curtain” selection to open your percussion ensemble concert, this creative exploration of friction sound possibilities is entertaining and engaging for audiences and performers alike.

Josh Gottry

Nagoya Marimbas is somewhat similar to my pieces from the 1960s and ‘70s in that there are repeating patterns played on both marimbas, one or more beats out of phase, creating a series of two part unison canons. However, these patterns are more melodically developed, change frequently and each is usually repeated no more than three times, similar to my more recent work. The piece is also considerably more difficult to play than my earlier ones and requires two virtuosic performers.

Steve Reich

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