



Evening Concert Series

Sara M. Snell Music Theater

2012-2013 Season

Tuesday, April 23, 7:30 PM

janus trio
Amanda Baker, Flute
Elizabeth Meyers, Viola
Nuiko Wadden, Harp

Sonata for Flute, Viola and Harp

Claude Debussy

Prelude

(1862-1918)

Interlude

Finale

Brief Pause

Corridors

Gregory Wanamaker

(b. 1968)

Brief Pause

Book of Memory

Paul Lansky

Prelude

(b.1944)

Antique Cadences

Bransle

Interlude 2

Pastorale Counterpoint

Interlude 3

Scriabinade

Interlude 4

Lied

Interlude 5

Scherzo

Interlude 6

Lament

NOTES

Claude Debussy

Sonata pour flute, alto et harpe (1915)

The foundation upon which the library of fl/vla/hp repertoire is built, Debussy was the first composer to conceive of this unique combination of something blown, something bowed and something plucked. His three-movement Sonata was written in tribute to his homeland and explores a full range of landscapes and sonorities. This landmark piece is a favorite among musicians and music-lovers alike.

Gregory Wanamaker

Corridors (2007)

Corridors is a continuous set of free developing variations based on a few simple musical ideas. The word corridor has many specific meanings, but it generally refers to connecting passages and areas. For musicians, corridor may further bring to mind the word transition. While there is no specific programmatic intent in Corridors, the work is initially inspired by several photographs I have taken of dark stone passageways in various locations in the Caribbean and Europe. The material, however, seemed to develop by itself in a manner fitting a set of continuous variations.

Paul Lansky

Book of Memory (2012)

Book of Memory is a composer's conversation with older music: medieval, renaissance, baroque, classical, romantic, early-modern, modern, post-modern. These dialogues will sometimes be obvious, but often not. Commissioned by Chamber Music America for the janus trio, it consists of seven movements preceded and connected by short interludes that comprise a setting of a poem by William Blke about memory and employ janus' flexibility in adding voices and small percussion instruments to their instrumental toolkit.

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About janus trio

Praised by Time Out NY as "gorgeously subtle" **janus** formed in 2002 to create and present adventurous repertoire for the trio. Named after the Roman god whose double-faced image peers into the past and future, *janus* (Amanda Baker, flutes; Beth Meyers, viola; Nuiko Wadden, harp) maintains the established tradition for the instrumentation while breaking new ground into unexplored sonic frontiers. Since Debussy and including Toru Takemitsu, André Jolivet, Sophia Gubaidulina and Kaija Saariaho, this intriguing combination of something bowed, something blown and something plucked allures composers from a broad cross-section of genres. *janus'* debut release, "i am not" (New Amsterdam Records) ranks among Time Out Chicago's and NPR's Top 10 Classical Albums for 2010. David Krasnow of Studio 360 raves that *janus* "proves we are in the golden age of chamber music".

Adding more than thirty pieces to the flute/viola/harp repertoire through commissions and collaborations, the roster of composers who have written for *janus* include Caleb Burhans, Anna Clyne, Andrew McKenna-Lee, Angélica Negrón, Jason Treuting, Dan Trueman, Dmitri Tymoczko, Barbara White and Nick Zammuto. From its inception to the present, *janus* has collaborated with the composition departments of Princeton, Colgate, NYU, Cleveland State, Columbia and Cornell. *janus* also presents outreach programs to a wide variety of grade school institutions; most recently, a multi-year residency with the Aspen Music Festival and School.

Performances within New York City include (le) Poisson Rouge, Symphony Space, Joe's Pub, WNYC's Greene Space, The Tank, Roulette, BAM Café, The Stone, Weill Recital Hall, the Look and Listen Festival, Merkin Hall and the Ecstatic Music Festival. National performances include appearances at the Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage, the Cleveland Museum of Art, the Spark Festival (Minneapolis), Bowling Green State University (OH), the Glenwood Springs Center for the Arts (CO), the Columbus Art Museum and the Dame Myra Hess Recital Series (Chicago).

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