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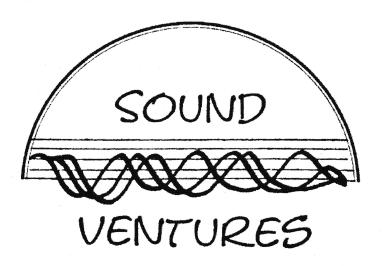
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Mandeville Auditorium, UCSD March 21, 1998, 8 P.M. March 22, 1998, 2 P.M.

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Fanfare for Two Trumpets Igor Stravinsky *Jeff Nevin and David Bithell, trumpets*

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C.P.E. Bach

Serenade for Oboe and Strings

William Rice

Carol Rothrock, oboe

Edifice (West Coast premiere) Arlan N. Schultz text: Tean E. Schultz

Martha Renner and Philip Larson, soloists

Intermission

Mandeville Auditorium Saturday, March 21, 1998, 8 p.m. Sunday, March 22, 1998, 2 p.m.

Part II The Mysteries of Night and Day

Hide me from Day's Garish Eye George Fredic Handel (from L'Allegro) text: Milton Susan Lynn Dixon, soloist

Gesang der Geister Uber den Wassern (Song of the Spirits Over the Water) Franz Schubert text: Goethe

Two Scenes from Midsummer Night's Dream

Scherzo

Fairies' Scene

Connie Venti and Susan Lynn Dixon, soloists

Night Speech

Nicolas Roussakis

Felix Mendelssohn

Intimations of Dawn Light

Eric Stokes

(Harbor Nocturne)

The Sun

R. Murray Schafer

The Glorious Morning Dawns at Last Franz Joseph Haydn Final Chorus from *The Seasons*

Susan Lynn Dixon, Max Chodos, Philip Larson

Conductor's Notes

David Chase

The seed for this program was sown when a friend, speaking in terms of theatrical presentation, said that to keep an audience from responding to live performance as they do to television (that is with lobotomized passivity!) "You've got to break the procenium." By this he meant that the performance has to project physically beyond that large "frame" around the stage, which to modern audiences too often looks like a television screen.

Well, the La Jolla Symphony and Chorus has done that many times, most notably when we commissioned Henry Brant to compose "Western Springs" for two orchestras, two choruses and two jazz bands, placed in all corners of the room. And other spatial music (music that uses placement in space as an formal element) has long been a part of the consciousness of composers. In fact, the choral repertory has included multiple-chorus works since before the Monteverdi work included on this program: consider Thomas Tallis' 1575 "Spem in alium" for eight 5-part choruses! So, "there's nothing new under the sun," including the spatial approach to engaging the audience's imagination.

But the seed was sown, and from it came a flood of pieces that we seldom get a chance to program in our normal season in La Jolla; pieces that contrast, complement and contradict each other. From this seed came a program of works that use all the space around the auditorium and every combination of musical forces, yocal and instrumental.

Most of the spatial effects are in the first half, titled "Sound in Space"; the second half, called "The Mysteries of Night and Day," uses the conceit of a journey from close of day, through the night to daybreak in order to juxtapose a number of very disparate nocturnes. In an attempt to keep the audience from getting buried in their programs - which happens especially in choral concerts - we have arranged a kind of limited "supertitles" projection that will tell you where we are in the program and will give brief synopses of foreign language texts. Because the supertitles are not intended to translate everything in detail, we recommend that you read the poems before the concert begins and use the supertitles only for reference. There are too many pieces on the program to discuss in detail, but the following will suffice to introduce the most recent composers and their music.

In order of appearance in program:

William Rice (1922-87 was a composition student of Paul Hindemith at Yale. Early in his career he was program annotator for the Houston Symphony which performed several of his orchestral works. Between 1960-87 many of his compositions were written for the New Hampshire Music Festival, Thomas Nee, Music Director. His last composition was a piano concerto written for and performed by Cecil Lytle of the UCSD music faculty. The present work is a lyric "serenade" in which the singing oboe is supported with a string accompaniment of the greatest simplicity.

Arlan Schultz is currently completing his Ph. D. in composition, working with Brian Ferneyhough at UCSD. He was born in St. Boniface, Manitoba, Canada, and has degrees from the University of Manitoba and McGill University, "Edifice was begun in 1989 and finished in 1995. The first two movements have been performed by the McGill Concert Choir, Iwan Edwards, director, but this is the premiere of the work as a whole.

"Edifice" is a logical choice for a concert that emphasizes spatial music. Not only are two 24-part choruses intended to surround the audience, but the fifteen winds (modelled after the instrumentation of Bruckner's "E Minor Mass") are positioned in a unique configuration so that spatial location of their sounds became a structural part of the music: they stand in a pair of concentric circles, the woodwinds inside (a "soft" inner core), the brass outside (the "Shell"). The two soloists mediate between choruses and winds, and provide the audience with a focus of identification amidst the constantly-changing soundscape.

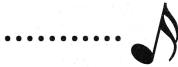
The next of "Edifice" was written by Arlan's brother Tean. Its three stanzas are mirrored by the music's three contiguous segments, each about four minutes long. The dense texture of much of the score provides, in places, what Schultz calls "quasi-resonance," a kind of modern version of what Monteverdi found so fascinating about his spatial configurations in St. Mark's Basillica. Appropriate to this image, a fragment of a hymn-tune harmonized in triads cuts through the harmonic cluster and micro-tonal glissandi in both the first and last segments of the piece.

Nicolas Roussakis was born in Athens Greece, came to the U.S. at age 15, lived mostly in New York, and died there recently. He studied with Boulez, Stockhausen, Ligeti and Berio, and his music is highly controlled but at times programmatic. In "Night Speech" (1967), delicate layers of sound from voices and unusual percussion instruments depict the image evoked by the phrase, "the night speech of plant and stone" in Tolkien's "The Lord of the Rings."

Eric Stokes is a native of New Jersey but a longtime resident of Minnineapolis. He has composed for the Minnesota Orchestra, the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, and the Minnesota Opera Company and recorded on the CRI Label. "Harbor Nocturne" is a movement from "Symphonies V" (1991). It slowly unfolds a foggy

maritime picture; the percussion part is marked "Seaswell, Bell Buoy Tide-step" and the rest of the orchestra in marked "Wave Step: Beach Flood Tempo."

R. Murry Schafer is something of a cult figure in his native Canada, but is also a bit of a recluse. Now nearly 65, he has been known as composer, philosopher, writer, literary and linguistic scholar, graphic artist, acoustician, theatrical impresario . . . and one of the most creative music educators of the century. Typical of Schafer's works, the score of "The Sun" is a graphic masterpiece and its concept grows from a pannationalism represented by the choice of "text" (or more properly, "sound resource"). It consists of "words traveling, via Asia, Europe and Africa to the Americas."



David Chase



David Chase has been conductor of the La Jolla Symphony and Chorus since 1974 and serves as a Lecturer in the UCSD Music Department. Under his leadership, the 120-voice ensemble performs a mixture of musical styles that combine standard repertory with new or unusual works. Major projects have included the world premiere and CRI recording of Henry Brant's *Western Springs*; KPBS-TV broadcast of Bach's *B-Minor Mass*, and the American premiere of the musical-theatre piece *Boojum!* by Australian composer Martin Wesley-Smith. Dr. Chase and members of the chorus traveled to Europe in 1988, where they gave performances in Germany, Austria, and Italy. In 1992 the ensemble was the only adult choir chosen to represent the United States in the International Choral Kathaumixw held in Canada. In July 1996, he led Musiques des Ameriques in concerts throughout Southern France. David Chase is a graduate of Ohio State University and received his doctorate at the University of Michigan. Since 1975, he has been a member of the faculty of Palomar College, where he teaches theory and literature courses, conducts choral ensembles, and has served as department chairman.



Edifice

by Tean E. Schultz

Whistling endlessly over The rocks of despair The passionate winds Of wandering; Smooth the sharp Edges, Crack the black Stones, and make Paths of loneliness Through which the Living statues of This world now

Roam: Blows with it Storms.

Violent, churning with

Sorrow:

Whose rain rakes Against the earth,

Whose hand Blocks out the

Whistling endlessly...

I hear a calling, But feel nothing; No sanctuary for Any fear I might Have, A cry for mercy To a statue, I wait for Its reply

-But there is nothing,

Alone now I stay silent. All is quiet In this light. I can see them in the

Statue now,

So many tears within its

Eves.

(Then) I ask what is the

Matter

-and it tells me lies

III Hunger Blackness Temper Hard Colder I will not listen, My self is pouring Outside me; Like a cast of metal

Covers me

I make you listen



Heilig

by C.P.E. Bach

Introduction:

Herr, wert, dass Scharen der Engel dir dieren Lord, who art worthy that angels shall serve Thee, und dass dich der Glaube der Völker verehrt, and that all the faithful shall worship Thy name, ich danke dir, Herr!

I thank Thee, Lord!

Sei mir gepreisen unter Ihren!

I sing Thy praise among Thine angels!

Ich jauchze dir!

I praise Thee, God!

Und jauchzend lobsingen dir Engels und Völker mit mir! And with me the angels and the Nations joyfully sing praises!

The Angels Sing: Holy, The Nations: Holy, The Angels: Holy is God the Lord of Sabbaoth! All (in fugue and chorale tune): Alle Lande sind seiner Ehre voll. All the lands are full of His glory



Heilig

by Felix Mendelssohn

Heilig ist Gott der Herr Zebaoth. Holy is God the Lord of Sabbaoth. Alle Lande sind seiner Ehre voll. All the lands are full of His glory. Gelobt sei der da kommt im Namen des Herrn! Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord! Hosianna in der Höh! Hosanna in the Highest!



Song of the Spirits over the Waters (Gesang der Geister uber den Wassern)

by Franz Schubert

The soul of man is like the water: From heaven it comes, To heaven it climbs, And again down To earth it must come, Eternally changing.

The pure beam Streams from the high Precipice towards the rocks, Then it sprays delightfully In billows of spray To the smooth rocks, And gently received, It flows like a veil, Lightly rushing, Down to the depths.

Tumbling against Towering cliffs, It foams angrily Stepwise Into the chasm.

In level beds It creeps along the meadow valley. All the stars Feast their eyes upon Their own reflected image.

Wind is the waves' Loving wooer; Wind stirs up foaming waves From the (ocean) depths.

Soul of man, How you are like the water! Fate of man, How you are like the wind!

Des Menschen Seele gleicht dem wasser, vom Himmel kommt es, zum Himmel steight es, und wieder nieder zur Erde muss es, ewig wechselnd.

Stromt von der hohen steilen Felswand der reine Strahl dann stäubter lieblich in Wolkenwellen zum glaten Fels, Und leicht empfangen wallt er verschleiernd, leisrauschend zur Tiefe nieder.

Ragen Klippen dem Sturz entgegen, schäunt er unmutig, stufenweise, zum Abgrund.

Im flachen Bette schleicht er das Wiesentalhin. undin dem glatten See weiden ihr Antlitz alle Gestirne.

Wind it der Welle lieblicher Buhle, Wind mischt vom Grund auf schäumende Wellen

Seele des Menschen. wie gleichst du dem Wasser! Schicksal des Menschen, wie gleichst due dem Wind!



Midsummer Night's Dream

by Felix Mendelssohn

Titania:

Come, now a roundel and a fairy song! ...Sing me now asleep! Then to your offices and let me rest

First Fairy:

You spotted snakes...come not near our fairy queen. hence away!

Fairies:

Philomel, with melody...so good night with la lullabye.

Second Fairy:

Weaving spiders, come not here...you long-legg'd spinners, hence:

Fairies:

Repeat chorus.

First Fairy:

Hence, away! now all is well: One, aloof, stand sentinel.

Artist Profiles



Susan Lynn Dixon

Soprano Susan Lynn Dixon has performed oratorio and sacred works with music series sponsored by the First Methodist Church in the Valley, St. James-by -the-Sea Episcopal Church and the San Diego Youth Symphony, to name a few. She was most recently heard with the San Diego Master Chorale in Mendelsohn's Elijah and the Mozart Requiem. A frequent recitalist, Miss Dixon has performed locally in programs sponsored by both the Musical Merit Foundation and the Granger Series.

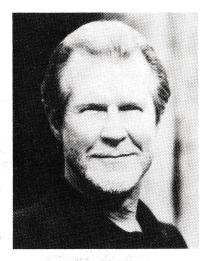
Miss Dixon was a Musical Merit Award recipient two consecutive years and won first place in the La Jolla Symphony Young Artist competition. She has since performed regularly with that organization in such works as the Mozart C Minor Mass, Orff's Camina Burana, and the companion work, Catulli Carmina, in conjunction with the California Ballet.

The soprano is a graduate of UCLA and studied with Kathleen Darraugh and Jack Metz, both of Los Angeles. Miss Dixon has received Metropolitan Opera Awards in

both San Diego and Orange County and, as a member of the San Diego Opera Center, sang the role of the Celestial Voice in Verdi's Don Carlo. Currently Miss Dixon in soprano soloist at Church of the Nativity in Rancho Santa Fe.

Philip Larson

Philip Larson, bass baritone, received his graduate degree from the University of Illinois in 1970. He came to UCSD in 1972 as one of the original Rockerfeller Fellows at the Center for Music Experiment. He has been a member of the New Music Choral Ensemble, Group for New Music, Pomerium Musicae, The Bach Aria Group and the Extended Vocal Techniques Ensemble, as well as frequent soloist with SONOR, the contemporary music ensemble of UCSD. Larson tours Europe each summer with Early Music Ensemble and frequently performs with the San Diego Opera. He is a member of the music theatre, composer/performer duo (THE) which has been the recipient of several grants (including an NEA grant to compose a collaborative composition with John Cage and Toru Takemitsu, as well as with Anthony Braxton). Larson has been recording since 1968; his latest recordings include Voicespace by Roger Reynolds on Lovely Records and Sierra by Robert Erickson on CRI. He is an Associate Professor in the Department of Music at the University of California, San Diego.





Martha Renner

Martha Renner was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In November of 1994, Ms. Renner took first place in the 3rd annual Franz Lizst Competition in Los Angeles, California.

Her recent engagements include soloist for the Soiree Musicale concert series, University of California, San Diego; soloist for the San Diego Civic Chorale's performance of G.F. Handel's "Messiah," a performance of Harvey Sollberger's "Life Study," for soprano, flute, and harp; and most recently as a soprano soloist in the La Jolla Symphony & Chorus' performance of Gustav Mahler's "Resurrection Symphony."

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