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A Faculty Recital by

Brian Levy
tenor saxophone

with

Mikan Zlatkovich, piano
Cecil Alexander, guitar
James Heazlewood Dale, bass
Charles Weller, drums
and
Ken Schaphorst, trumpet
Zack Bacak, bass clarinet
Jerry Leake, percussion
Emmy Guo, voice

Friday, April 21, 2023

7:30 p.m.

NEC's Jordan Hall

Dedication

I am dedicating this performance to Jennifer Lin Levy, my dancing star, my guiding light through this chaotic world.

Acknowledgements

Tonight's concert is something of a farewell to the NEC community. Starting next year, I'll be the Director of Jazz Studies at San Diego State University. Thank you for being here, as I am honored to share this music with you in this magnificent space.

I also want to thank my colleagues at NEC, particularly those in Jazz Studies and Music History. It has been an honor and great inspiration to work and collaborate with you for the past ten years.

Thank you, President Andrea Kalyn and Provost Ben Sosland, for your generous support in making this recital happen.

I specifically wanted to acknowledge Jerry Bergonzi, my dear friend and colleague, who *is* the reason I wanted to attend NEC as a student. His musicianship, his original ideas, and his seemingly endless support continue to inspire me as a player and teacher. When I was a student at NEC, Jerry gave me my first real teaching opportunities; he entrusted me to teach his classes and ensembles. I aim to emulate Jerry's positive spirit.

Richard Rodgers, Lorenz Hart *It's Easy to Remember
(and so Hard to Forget)*

Ken Schaphorst, trumpet
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"It dwells in us, not in the underworld, not in the heavenly stars: All this is brought to pass by the living spirit in us."

Intermission

Brian Levy

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"What, if some day or night a demon were to steal after you into your loneliest loneliness and say to you: 'This life as you now live it and have lived it, you will have to live once more and innumerable times more; and there will be nothing new in it, but every pain and every joy and every thought and sigh and everything unutterably small or great in your life will have to return to you, all in the same succession and sequence – even this spider and this moonlight between the trees, and even this moment and I myself. The eternal hourglass of existence is turned upside down again and again, and you with it, speck of dust!'"

Would you not throw yourself down and gnash your teeth and curse the demon who spoke thus? Or have you once experienced a tremendous moment when you would have answered him: 'You are a god and never have I heard anything more divine.' If this thought gained possession of you, it would change you as you are or perhaps crush you. The question in each and every thing, 'Do you desire this once more and innumerable times more?' would lie upon your actions as the greatest weight. Or how well disposed would you have to become to yourself and to life to crave nothing more fervently than this ultimate eternal confirmation and seal?"

(Nietzsche, Aphorism 341 in The Gay Science)

Brian Levy (PhD, DMA) is the incoming Director of Jazz Studies at San Diego State University. Since 2013, he has served a joint appointment at New England Conservatory in the Department of Jazz Studies and the Department Music History and Musicology. Levy was the 2021 recipient of the Louis and Adrienne Krasner Teaching Excellence Award.

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MARION RUBIN BERMAN '31 PIANO HONORS CONCERT

Ligeti *Etudes*

Monday, April 24, 2023, 2022 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

JAZZ COMPOSERS' WORKSHOP ORCHESTRA, Frank Carlberg, director

Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

NEC PHILHARMONIA & SYMPHONIC CHOIR, Hugh Wolff, conductor

Brahms *Tragic Overture*; Gabriela Lena Frank *Conquest Requiem*;

Yeonjae Cho, soprano, Libang Wang, baritone; Lutoslawski *Concerto for Orchestra*

Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 7:30 p.m., Symphony Hall (tickets required)

SONATA NIGHT 46, Pei-Shan Lee, director

Music for Piano Four Hands by Franz Schubert

Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 8:00 p.m., Brown Hall

HONORS ENSEMBLE: ZEPHYR WIND QUINTET

Yechan Min, flute; Sojeong Kim, oboe; Hyunwoo Chun, clarinet; Andrew Brooks, bassoon; Yeonjo Oh, French horn

Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

NEC CHAMBER SINGERS, Erica J. Washburn, conductor

"Something Old: An Origin Story"

works by Aleotti, Byrd, des Prez, Dowland, Lotti, Morley, Ockeghem, Palestrina, Pearsall, Weelkes, de Wert

Friday, April 28, 2023 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

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Friday, April 28, 2023 at 8:00 p.m., Williams Hall

NEC CHAMBER SINGERS, Erica J. Washburn, conductor

"Something New: The Line Between"

Improvisational electronic dance music, recycling selected Renaissance works from the 7:30 concert, guest artist, DJ Lenox

Friday, April 28, 2023 at 10:00 p.m., Jordan Hall

FIRST MONDAY IN JORDAN HALL, Laurence Lesser, artistic director

Kurtág *Hommage à Schumann*; Ligeti *Quartet No. 2*; Schumann *Quintet in E-flat Major*

Monday, May 1, 2023 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

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TUESDAY NIGHT NEW MUSIC

New music by NEC student composers, performed by their peers

Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

HONORS ENSEMBLE: QUARTET LUMINERA

Masha Lakisova and Kristy Chen, violin; Njord Fossnes, viola; Davis You, cello

Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

PRATT RESIDENCY CONCERT

Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 8:00 p.m., Brown Hall

CHAMBER MUSIC GALA

Friday, May 5, 2023 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

CMA CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

Sunday, May 7, 2023, 10:00 am -10:00 pm, Eben Jordan

ARTIST DIPLOMA RECITAL: Changyong Shin, piano

Changyong Shin '24 AD studies with Wha Kyung Byun

Monday, May 8, 2023 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

HONORS ENSEMBLE 7

Joshua Brown and Thompson Wang, violin; Cara Pogossian, viola; Claire Park, cello

Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

FACULTY RECITAL: STEPHEN DRURY, piano

Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

HONORS ENSEMBLE 8

Yun Janice Lu, piano; Yiliang Eric Jiang, violin; Jeffrey Ho, cello

Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

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