The Marion Rubin Berman ’31 Piano Honors Concert

Before and After Schoenberg

Bruce Brubaker, Curator of Piano Programming

Monday, April 15, 2024
7:30 p.m.,
NEC’s Jordan Hall
In celebration of the life of Marion Rubin Berman ’31 (known by her friends as “Mitzi”), her two children, Dr. Harris A. Berman and Phyllis E. Berman, and her daughter-in-law Ruth Nemzoff, have chosen to honor her memory by sponsoring NEC’s Honors Piano Competition and Concert.

Music, and piano in particular, was the driving force in Mitzi’s life. Although she married shortly after graduating from New England Conservatory at age 19, she continued her piano career by teaching – first in Lawrence, Massachusetts where, according to family legend, young Lenny Bernstein was a pupil in the synagogue children’s choir she led.

In 1937, Mitzi and her husband, Frederick P. Berman, moved to Concord, New Hampshire, where she was reunited with her NEC friend Angela Annichiarico ’32. Together they played duo piano for community events for years – Broadway Musical shows, Concord Music Club concerts, and many community programs. They were both leading piano teachers in Concord for years.

Angela tragically died at a young age in a house fire, a terrible loss for Concord, her family and for Mitzi, who continued to be active in the musical life of Concord for over 65 years, inspiring young people and new generations of piano teachers. Although she died at the age of 92 in 2004, she would have been very proud to be honored here tonight at the school that shaped her career.

NEC is grateful for the generous support of Dr. Harris A. Berman, Ruth Nemzoff, and Phyllis E. Berman in sponsoring the Annual Piano Honors Competition and Concert.

The students performing this evening were chosen through the annual NEC Piano Honors Competition. The 2024 Marion Rubin Berman Honors Concert marks the 150th anniversary of the birth of composer Arnold Schoenberg.
PROGRAM

Pierre Boulez  
Twelve Notations  
(1925–2016)  
Fantasque – Modéré  
Très vif  
Assez lent  
Rythmique  
Doux et improvisé  
Rapide  
Hiératique  
Modéré jusqu’a très vif  
Lointain – calme  
Mécanique et très sec  
Scintillant  
Lent – Puissant et âpre  

Jing Pauline Pu

Johannes Brahms  
Three Intermezzi, op. 117  
(1833–1897)  
Intermezzo in E-flat Major: Andante moderato  
Intermezzo in B-flat Minor: Andante non troppo e con molto espressione  
Intermezzo in C-sharp Minor: Andante con moto  

Truman Walker

Anton Webern  
Variations for Piano, op. 27  
(1883–1945)  
Sehr mässig  
Sehr schnell  
Ruhig fliessend  

Yunsun Shin
Nikos Skalkottas
(1904–1949) from *Thirty-two Piano Pieces*
II. Children’s Dance: Presto e ritmico
III. Short Variations:
   Mit relativem wolkigem Milieu und hüllender Eleganz

Ziang Yin

Johannes Brahms
Four Piano Pieces, op. 119
Intermezzo in B Minor: Adagio
Intermezzo in E Minor: Andantino un poco agitato
Intermezzo in C Major: Grazioso e giocoso
Rhapsody in E-flat Major: Allegro risoluto

Jin Jeong

Frederic Rzewski
(1938–2021) from *Four North American Ballads*
III. Down by the riverside

August Baik

Donald Martino
(1931–2005) *Suite in Old Form*
Allemande fantasy
Courante
Sarabande
Gavotte
Air
Gigue fantasy

Andrew Chen
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TUESDAY NIGHT NEW MUSIC
New music by NEC composers, performed by their peers
Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., Brown Hall

NEC WIND ENSEMBLE & SYMPHONIC WINDS
Carl Atkins, William Drury, Rachel Brake ‘24 MM, and Jackie Hu ‘24 MM, conductors
Atkins We Free Kings; Johnson Poem for Brass; Dello Joio Scenes from the Louvre;
Dove Figures in the Garden; Bach/Mowett Brandenburg Concerto No. 3;
Nieske Pop’s Parade; Schoenberg Theme and Variations, op. 43a
Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

CMA DEPARTMENT: “The Music of David Bowie”
Lautaro Mantilla, curator
Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

SONATA NIGHT 51: Music for Saxophone and Piano
a collaboration with the saxophone studio of Kenneth Radnofsky
Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 6:30 p.m., Burnes Hall

NEC JAZZ ORCHESTRA, Ken Schaphorst, conductor
Carl Atkins guest conductor - “The Music of Wayne Shorter”
Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

SONG AND VERSE 3, JJ Penna, curator
“Morrison + Lorca: Songs Inspired by the Writings of Toni Morrison and Federico Garcia Lorca”
Friday, April 19, 2024 at 8:30 p.m., Burnes Hall

NEC HONORS ENSEMBLE: CATEGORY FIVE WINDS
Honor Hickman, flute; Corinne Foley, oboe; Evan Chu, clarinet;
Abigail Heyrich, bassoon; Graham Lovely, French horn
Monday, April 22, 2024 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

JAZZ COMPOSERS’ WORKSHOP ORCHESTRA, Frank Carlberg, director
Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

ENCHANTED CIRCLE, Steven Drury, artistic director
Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 8:00 p.m., Brown Hall
Upcoming Concerts at NEC
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NEC CHAMBER ORCHESTRA, Donald Palma, artistic director
Shaw *Entr’acte*; Schoenberg *Verklärte Nacht*, op. 4;
Harberg *Piccolo Concerto*, Elizabeth McCormack, flute
*Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall*

LIEDERABEND LXXII
Tanya Blaich and Cameron Stowe, directors
*Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 8:00 p.m., Brown Hall*

NEC SYMPHONIC CHOIR & CHAMBER SINGERS, Erica J. Washburn, conductor
“Great Music for a Great Space: Sanctuary”
Shaw *To the Hands*; Corigliano *Fern Hill*
*Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall*

NEC LAB ORCHESTRA
*Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 8:00 p.m., Brown Hall*

ARTIST DIPLOMA RECITAL: Yeonjae Cho ‘24, soprano
*Monday, April 29, 2024 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall*

NEC SYMPHONY, David Loebel, conductor
Simon *The Block*; Mussorgsky *Pictures at an Exhibition*;
Jennings *Five Miniatures from Greenwich Village*
*Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall*

NEC PHILHARMONIA, Hugh Wolff, conductor
Mahler *Symphony No. 7*
*Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall*

CHAMBER MUSIC GALA
*Friday, May 3, 2024 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall*

NEC HONORS ENSEMBLE: TRIO SPONTE
Charles Berofsky, piano; Nicholas Hammel, violin; Yi-I Stephanie Yang, cello
*Sunday, May 5, 2023 at 8:00 p.m., Jordan Hall*
Upcoming Concerts at NEC
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**First Monday in Jordan Hall**, Laurence Lesser, artistic director
Brahms *Trio in C Minor, op. 101*; Chausson *Concerto for Violin, Piano and String Quartet, op. 21*; Miriam Fried, David McCarroll, violin; Angela Park, cello; Ieva Jacobaviciute, Marc-André Hamelin, piano; Terra String Quartet
*Monday, May 6, 2024 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall*

**Tuesday Night New Music**
New music by NEC composers, performed by their peers
*Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall*

**NEC Honors Ensemble: Kroma Quartet**
Clayton Hancock, Arun Asthagiri, violin; Nathan Emans, viola; Sophia Knappe, cello
*Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall*

**NEC CMA Honors Ensemble: Red Bird**
Karl Henry, voice, cello; Yifei Marine Zhou, voice; Adrian Chabla, voice, piano; Jacqui Armbruster, voice, viola; Evan Haskin, guitar
*Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 8:00 p.m., Brown Hall*

**NEC Commencement Concert**
*Saturday, May 18, 2024 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall*
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