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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

(1925–2016)

Twelve Notations

Fantastique – Modéré

Très vif

Assez lent

Rythmique

Doux et improvisé

Rapide

Hiératique

Modéré jusqu'à très vif

Lointain – calme

Mécanique et très sec

Scintillant

Lent – Puissant et âpre

Jing Pauline Pu

Johannes Brahms

(1833–1897)

Three Intermezzi, op. 117

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

(1883–1945)

Variations for Piano, op. 27

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 wolkegem 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

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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 Lowore*;

Dove *Figures in the Garden*; Bach/Mowett *Brandenburg Concerto No. 3*;

Nieske *Pop's Parade*; Schoenberg *Theme and Variations, op. 43a*

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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 García 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

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NEC CHAMBER ORCHESTRA, Donald Palma, artistic director
Shaw *Entr'acte*; Schoenberg *Verklärte Nacht for string orch., 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 Jacubaviciute, Marc-André Hamelin, piano; Terra String Quartet

Monday, May 6, 2024 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

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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

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Saturday, May 18, 2024 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall

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