Loyola University New Orleans School of Music and Theatre Professions Presents

Music Education Recital Yanissa Amadis & Madelyn Loyacano, clarinet

from the studio of John Reeks

with Jesse Reeks, piano Marrero Middle Mustang Band

and Guest Artists Banjo Bergfeld, piano Kaitlyn Crawford, clarinet Jack Li, clarinet Liam Mahoney, clarinet Matt Perrone, trumpet Abby Reinhart, bass clarinet Noah Vicknair, guitar Will Weber, drumset Joey Zweig, bass



Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. Nunemaker Auditorium

Program

Konzertstück No.2, Op.114 (1833)

Felix Mendelssohn (1800-1847)

Bohuslav Martinu (1800-1959)

Sonatina for Clarinet and Piano, H.365 (1956)

Yanissa Amadis, clarinet Jesse Reeks, piano

Hommage a J.S. Bach

Béla Kovacs (1937-2021)

Madelyn Loyacano, clarinet

Chignon Quartet (2010)

Satoshi Yagisawa (1975-)

Madelyn Loyacano, clarinet Yanissa Amadis, clarinet Kaitlyn Crawford, clarinet Abby Reinhart, bass clarinet

Intermission

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We Wish You a Funky Christmas

arr. Bob Turner

The Nutcracker March

Marrero Middle Mustang Band

Duo No. 2

Bernhard Henrik Crusell (1775-1838)

Jack Li and Liam Mahoney, clarinet

Beijinhos from Title Kansas Smitty's arr. Dakota Wilburn

Madelyn Loyacano, clarinet Yanissa Amadis, clarinet Matt Perrone, trumpet Noah Vicknair, guitar Banjo Bergfeld, piano Joey Zweig, bass Will Weber, drumset

Marrero Middle School Mustang Band

Flute:

D'Nyla Hills – 7th Enrysha Johnson – 7th Tina Truong – 8th

Clarinet:

Sydney Davis – 8th Devin Dominic – 6th Anabella Duhon – 6th Jennifer Hoang – 8th Alice Trang – 7th

Alto Saxophone: Destani Dassau – 8th Shawn Spencer – 8th

Tenor Sax: Jason Tran – 8th

Trumpet:

Connor Coolidge – 7th Elisa Dejean – 8th Jayme Fountain – 7th William Irving – 8th Derek Lewis – 6th Nyla Mercadel – 7th Carsyn Rivers – 7th

Trombone: Tommy Conaway – 8th Avileisis Perez – 8th Charles Williams – 6th

Baritone: Trymond Powell – 6th

Tuba: Payton Guy – 6th

Willow School Band

Jack Li – 12th Liam Mahoney – 12th

Notes

Konzertstück No.2, Op.114

This clarinet duet is one of two that Mendelssohn wrote for Heinrich and Carl Baermann, two important clarinetists, during his trip to Munich in 1831. Mendelssohn was inspired by his arrangement of Beethoven's String Quartet in F, which featured 2 clarinets, a basset horn, and a bassoon. The duet presents three movements played continuously, almost like one entire movement with different themes. The first movement features an energetic and swift opening that highlights the clarinet's range in articulation and emotion, cadencing with a race to the end between the two clarinets. The second movement slows down but still holds onto the forward motion with broken chords in the lower clarinet, all while the upper clarinet soars above with a beautiful melody. The third movement brings the chaotic energy back with a fast-paced introduction in the piano before the clarinet appears with a cheerful, nostalgic melody, in which the second clarinet answers later; this movement, similar to the first, ends in a grand race between the two clarinets, highlighting the instrument's immaculate range and sonority.

Hommage à J.S. Bach

Béla Kovács, a Hungarian clarinet player and college professor, wrote nine short pieces which explore a variety of music genres through technical and unaccompanied clarinet etudes. This piece, in particular, is written to mimic the writing style of J.S. Bach hence its title. It begins with a lyrical Adagio section and moves to an Allegro section which develops one primary theme. While most of the writing in this piece is true to what Bach would have done in his own writing, there are touches of Kovács throughout the development section of the Allegro. Because this piece is one that would have originally been played by a string player, there are some string literature motifs in the opening section such as double stop pickups and large intervals. While metronomic playing and terraced dynamics may have been of the utmost importance in Bach's day, there is liberty taken in both the tempo and phrasing in this Kovács classical spinoff.

Sonatina for Clarinet and Piano

Written in 1956 during his time in New York, Martinu's *Sonatina for Clarinet and Piano* exudes the composer's nostalgia for his time in Paris during the 1920s. Martinu's writing is known to go against standard form, for he repeats the beginning section of the first movement entirely but presents different material after each time. He also uses various types of ornamentation like trills and arpeggios that highlight the clarinet's melodic abilities. An important feature in this sonatina is the heavy use of syncopation that adds to the dance-like character of the melodies, whether it be in the clarinet or piano; this often causes the clarinet to appear as if arriving early to points or the piano to resemble an echo of the clarinet.

Chignon

"While judging ensemble contests in recent years, I noticed many clarinet players wearing hair buns. When all eight high school students appeared on stage with a chignon hairdo, playing *Pater Noster*, I forgot about the contest for a moment! So I came up with the idea of writing a clarinet work with the title *Chignon*. Haruhiko Okamatsu, president of the Kochi Clarinet Society who I met when I visited Kochi Prefecture, had the strong desire to present a great clarinet ensemble from the region. Think of 'chignon' as a metaphor. You don't have to have 'chignon' to perform. Think of it as the nuances of positivity and fun. Mr. Okamatsu gave us a lot of advice and ideas for completing the work. I also received opinions from the director, Mr. Koji Miura, clarinetist. I thank all of you from the bottom of my heart."

-Satoshi Yagisawa

Beijinhos

Beijinhos is a Portuguese word which means kisses but is also a traditional Brazilian dessert usually served on birthdays or other special occasions. For musical purposes, Beijinos is an upbeat samba in cut time. There is a sweet, floating melody in the clarinets which will be contrasted by the rigid soundscape of the trumpet with suspenseful voicings and heavy articulations. In the end, the band comes together to finish the piece in full with a "big drive." This work was written by Kansas Smitty's, a seven-piece jazz group based in London. This band plays a wide variety of music and works to bridge the gaps between music genres. Special thanks to long time-friend Dakota Wilburn for arranging this work.

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Upcoming Events

Jazz Underground: Cindy Scott

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Loyola Opera: Die Zauberflöte

January 27 & 29 Roussel | Ticket required

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Tuesday, Jan. 31, 7:30 p.m. Nunemaker | Free admission

Jazz Underground: Amina Scott

Tuesday, Feb. 14, 7:30 p.m. Nunemaker | Ticket required

Music Educator Guest Lecture: Dr. Bryan Powell

Wednesday, Feb. 15, 5:30 p.m. Roussel | Free admission

Loyola Jazz Festival

March 3-4, 2023 Registration required

Junior Recital: Malik Miller, trombone

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Jazz Underground: Loyola Jazz Faculty Tuesday, Mar. 14, 7:30 p.m. Nunemaker | Ticket required

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