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FESTIVAL OF CONTEMPORARY ART MUSIC
THURSDAY – SATURDAY MARCH 3 – 5
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2022 FESTIVAL OF CONTEMPORARY ART MUSIC
All events are free and open to the public

THURSDAY MARCH 3
7:30 PM: CONCERT 1 in Bryan Hall Theatre

FRIDAY MARCH 4
12:10 PM: TORCH Presentation in Kimbrough 346
Lunch at the Compton Union Building (“The CUB”) Food Court
3:00 PM: CONCERT 2 in Kimbrough Concert Hall
Dinner at Porch Light Pizza (200 NE Kamiaken)
7:30 PM: CONCERT 3 in Bryan Hall Theatre

After gathering at Paradise Creek’s Trailside Taproom (505 SE Riverview St)

SATURDAY MARCH 5
9:00 AM: coffee and donuts reception in Kimbrough Hall Lobby
10:00 AM: CONCERT 4 in Kimbrough Concert Hall
Lunch at Valhalla Bar & Grill (1000 NE Colorado)
1:30 PM: César Haas Presentation: “Reharmonization Techniques for Jazz Composition and Improvisation: Explorations Based on Vincent Persichetti’s Twentieth-Century Harmony: Creative Aspects and Practice” in Kimbrough 101
3:00 PM: CONCERT 5 WSU Faculty in Kimbrough Concert Hall
Dinner at The Lumberyard (305 N Grand Ave)
7:30 PM: CONCERT 6 in Bryan Hall Theatre

After gathering at Rico's Pub (200 E. Main Street)
CONCERT 1 – THURSDAY MARCH 3, 7:30PM
BRYAN HALL THEATRE

Jazz Torch [4:00]                   Hudson Somerlott
TORCH

Vexillology Suite [10:25]          Liam Marchant
TORCH

Soliloquies of the Forlorn Mind [6:00]  James Leelayuvat
Young Composer Award
TORCH

Williwaw [3:00]                   Lindsay Greene
Christiano Rodrigues, violin

INTERMISSION

America’s Guns  [35:00]           TORCH

CONCERT 2 – FRIDAY MARCH 4, 3:00PM
KIMBROUGH CONCERT HALL

Still Shining [6:50]               Linda Antas
Fixed Media Video

Hikin’ with ‘Squatch [7:00]        PJ Kelley
Crimson Brass Trio
Martin King, Sarah Miller, and Chris Dickey

Running in Place Through Time [8:00]  Corey Gardner
Fixed Media

Galaxy Fish [5:00]                 Theo Mitchell
Flute Choir

INTERMISSION

Matt Jaskot, piano

Jackie Glazier, clarinet

A Force of Nature [6:00]           Patrick McGraw
Brian Chin, trumpet
CONCERT 3 – FRIDAY MARCH 4, 7:30PM
BRYAN HALL THEATRE

Jorge Peixinho—In Memoriam for solo guitar [12:00] Pedro Lopes Baptista
Pedro Lopes Baptista, guitar

Winter Wheat [6:00] Lindsay Greene
Molly Trindle, oboe; Lindsay Greene, piano

On the Stem of a Foxglove [4:00] Rogan Tinsley
TORCH

5,000 Miles [6:00] Joe Sferra
TORCH

INTERMISSION
Selections Announced From Stage
TORCH
TORCH

CONCERT 4 – SATURDAY MARCH 5, 10:00AM
KIMBROUGH CONCERT HALL

Video

Vio [5:00] Christian Nicoll
Christian Nicoll, saxophone

Lover’s Quarrel [4:00] America Hoxeng
America Hoxeng, voice; Sam Song, Harrison Gaal, violins; Nanette Erickson, viola; Gavin Warnick, cello

Sunset [4:00] Meg Fritz
Meg Fritz, voice; Sam Song, Harrison Gaal, violins; Nanette Erickson, viola; Gavin Warnick, cello; Ruth Boden, bass

Error File Incomplete [3:00] Corey Gardner
T.K. Dart, Katie O’Dea, violins; Hana Kildall, viola; Marjorie Jordan-Sabo, cello; Ruth Boden, bass

INTERMISSION

Storm Study [10:00] Timothy Roy
Fixed Media

Cecilia Suhr, violin

Second Piano Sonata [15:00] Anthony Donofrio
Anthony Donofrio, piano
CONCERT 5 — SATURDAY MARCH 5, 3:00PM
KIMBROUGH CONCERT HALL

Phosphene’s I [5:25]                                      Emily McPherson

Nightmusic [10:00]                                        Scott Blasco
              Keri McCarthy, oboe

Wooden Miniatures for Wind Quintet [6:30]                  Gregory W. Yasinitsky
   I. Made of Mahogany
   II. Teak elephants
   III. Fashioned From Boxwood

Solstice Wind Quintet
   Sophia Tegart, Keri McCarthy, Shawn Copeland,
   Martin King, Jacqueline Wilson

For Zitkála Šá [15:00]                                     Raven Chacon
   For Jacqueline Wilson
   For Heidi Senungetuk
   For Joy Harjo

Jacqueline Wilson, bassoon

INTERMISSION

Dance [3:50]                                               Joanna Kenyon
              Fabio Menchetti, piano

Song and Dance [3:00]                                      Rogan Tinsley
   Heterogeny [7:00]

Rogan Tinsley, Thomas Wieland, Greg Yasinitsky,
   Liam Marchant, saxophones

Aretini Fabrica [10:00]                                     PJ Kelley

Jacqueline Wilson and Ryan Morris, bassoons

CONCERT 6 — TORCH
SATURDAY MARCH 5, 7:30PM
BRYAN HALL THEATRE

Khazeri Yerazhshtutyen [5:00]                              Joseph Bohigian

TORCH

from these old roots [12:00]                               Christopher Chandler

   Bonnie White, percussion

Sunshine through the leaves [5:00]                         Theo Mitchell

TORCH

Colorful Clouds [6:00]                                     Spencer Arias

TORCH

INTERMISSION

Passages [35:00]                                           Torche
ABOUT THE GUEST ARTISTS

TORCH is a multi-arts collective of artists dedicated to the creation and performance of new socially conscious work. Embedded within the collective is a contemporary chamber music ensemble whose original compositions play with our heady intellects and our groove-craving souls. Rooted in contemporary classical composition, world music, and jazz improvisation, TORCH bridges the gaps between genres, re-imagines works from master composers of the 20th century, and demonstrates an indie-band model of self-composition. TORCH is in residence and affiliated with Common Tone Arts, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization transforming lives through artistic creation.

“Art is the sacred TORCH that must shed its merciful light into all life’s terrible depths.” –Thomas Mann

Dr. Brian Kai Chin is a musician, educator, and cultural entrepreneur. Trained in western classical, jazz, and world traditions, Brian's musical focus is only part of his larger vision as the founder and Executive Director of Common Tone Arts and the Chair of the Music Department at Seattle Pacific University.

With a wide array of musical activity, Brian moves seamlessly between soloing as a trumpeter, freelancing for world-class orchestras, composing new music, performing with the contemporary chamber ensemble TORCH, and producing socially conscious, multi-arts events.

Brian is focused on using music and imagination as a universal language to bring people together and celebrate our shared humanity. Much of this vision is embedded in his work via Common Tone Arts, a non-profit arts organization dedicated to inspiring positive change for our diverse world through arts education and music.

As the Chair of the Music Department at Seattle Pacific University, Dr. Chin has recently led an innovative 21st-Century curriculum redesign. This vision focuses on encouraging students to become cultural leaders by nurturing complete musicianship and engaging in socially conscious art.

Bonnie Whiting performs new experimental music, seeking out projects that involve the speaking percussionist, improvisation, and non-traditional notation. Recent work includes performances at the John Cage Centennial Festival in Washington DC, a new evening-length song cycle for speaking/singing percussionist composed by Eliza Brown and 10 musicians incarcerated at the Indiana Women’s Prison, concerto appearances with the National Orchestra of Turkmenistan, and performances on Harry Partch’s original instrumentarium. Her debut album, featuring a solo-simultaneous realization of John Cage’s "45' for a speaker" and "27*10.554" for a percussionist" was released on the Mode Records label in 2017, and her second solo record Perishable Structures launched on the New Focus Recordings label in 2020. Whiting has performed with some of the country’s leading new music groups, including Ensemble Dal Niente (the Fromm Concerts at Harvard), the International Contemporary Ensemble (Miller Theatre Composer Portrait series, Park Avenue Armory), the Seattle Modern Orchestra, and Redfish blue fish percussion group (LA Phil’s Green Umbrella Series, the Ojai Festival). She is Chair of Percussion Studies and an Assistant Professor of Music at the University of Washington in Seattle.

Eric Likkel is a clarinetist and woodwind specialist with backgrounds in classical symphonic music and contemporary improvisation. His skills sets range from tango to classical music to polka and traditional jazz. Eric is an ordained reverend in the Christian Reformed Church and works actively to address social justice issues in the Seattle community.

Stephen Schermer, Double Bass, performs with the band Torch, the Pacific Northwest Ballet Orchestra, and teaches at University of Puget Sound. Previously he has held positions with the Oregon Symphony and the Spokane Symphony. He is active in the recording industry, is sought after as a clinician, coach, and adjudicator, and as a chamber musician throughout the Pacific Northwest.

Mr. Schermer received his BA with honors from Eastern Washington University, and his MM with honors from the New England Conservatory.