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Benjamin Smolen, flute

February 10, 2013



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# SPRING 2013 calendar highlights

## february

February 1

### University Singers Post-Tour Concert

Stephen Coker, Conductor

February 7

### President's Piano Series

Grace Fong & Louise Thomas, duo piano concert

February 14-16, 21-23

### *Twelfth Night* by William Shakespeare

Directed by Thomas Bradac

## march

March 7

### President's Piano Series

Sergei Babayan

March 8

### Chapman Chamber Orchestra & University Singers

Daniel Alfred Wachs, Music Director and Conductor

Stephen Coker, Conductor

March 14-16

### Concert Intime

Directed by Alicia Guy

## april

April 4

### President's Piano Series

John Perry

April 4-6, 11-13

### Stage Door

by George S. Kaufman & Edna Ferber

Directed by Nina LeNoir

April 19-21

### Opera Chapman presents

#### *The Merry Widow* by Franz Lehar

Peter Atherton, Artistic Director

Carol Neblett, Associate Director

April 24-27

### Student Produced One Acts

## may

May 8-11

### Spring Dance Concert

Directed by Jennifer Backhaus

May 11

### Sholund Scholarship Concert

Daniel Alfred Wachs, Conductor

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February 10, 2013 ■ 5:00 P.M.

Salmon Recital Hall

## Program

### *Wind-Song*

Sidney Lanier  
(1842-1881)

### *Mélodies Passagères* (Op. 27)

- I. Puisque tout passé
- II. Un cygnet
- III. Tombeau dans un parc
- IV. Le clocher chante
- V. Départ

Samuel Barber  
(1910-1981)  
arr. Paula Robison

- 30:20

### *Fantasie*, Op. 55

31:00

45:13

Carl Fruhling  
(1868-1937)

~Intermission~

### Three Pieces for Solo Flute

- I. Basic Operations 55:35 - 56:25
- II. Note Juggler
- III. Heavy-Metal Chorale-Fantasy 2:03

Michael Gandolfi  
(b. 1956)

### *Sonata for Flute and Piano in D Major* (Op. 94)

- I. Moderato
- II. Scherzo
- III. Andante
- IV. Allegro con brio

Sergei Prokofiev  
(1891-1953)

## Artists

American flutist **Benjamin Smolen** has performed across the globe, from the United States to Europe, Russia, and Japan. In 2011, he was appointed Principal Flutist of the Pacific Symphony Orchestra in Orange County, California. Since beginning his studies at the age of ten in Charlotte, North Carolina, he has won First Prize at the Haynes International Flute Competition and James Pappoutsakis Memorial Flute Competition, and Second Prize at the New York Flute Club Young Artist Competition. He has also given solo performances with the Princeton University Orchestra, Charlotte Civic and Youth Orchestras, Gardner Webb Symphony Orchestra, and on National Public Radio's *From the Top* with pianist Christopher O'Riley.

Benjamin has had the privilege to work with a wide variety of contemporary composers including Robert Beaser, John Harbison, Helmut Lachenmann, Paul Lansky, Lei Liang, Pauline Oliveros, Steve Reich, Joseph Schwantner, and John Williams. He has also performed with renowned conductors Herbert Blomstedt, Christoph von Dohnanyi, Gustavo Dudamel, Rafael Fruhbeck de Burgos, Kurt Masur, Edoardo Muller, Robert Spano, Jaap van Sweden, Michael Tilson Thomas, and Hugh Wolff. His performances have been featured on NPR, WGBH-Boston, French National Radio, and the Naxos and Mode record labels. During the summer, Benjamin has participated in the Manchester Music Festival, the American Institute of Musical Studies Festival Orchestra in Graz, and twice as a fellow at the Tanglewood Music Center.

Benjamin completed his undergraduate studies in the Music and Slavic departments at Princeton University, during which time he also completed a Performance Diploma at the Moscow Tchaikovsky Conservatory and studied with Michael Parloff, Jayn Rosenfeld, and Aleksandr Golyshev. Benjamin also earned a Master of Music degree in Flute Performance at the New England Conservatory where he studied with Paula Robison.

## Artists

Pianist **Janet Kao**, a native of Taiwan, is an accomplished musician with extensive experience as a solo pianist, vocal/instrumental collaborator, and an opera coach. She has performed on many stages including Alice Tully Hall in New York City, Harris Concert Hall in Aspen, Preston Bradley Hall in Chicago, National Concert Hall of Taiwan. She has been invited to participate in several summer music festivals including Bowdoin Music Festival, the Yellow Barn Chamber Music Festival, and the Music Academy of the West. She has served as a staff accompanist at the Aspen Music Festival, as a staff coach at Opera in the Ozarks, Arkansas and the American Institute of Musical Arts in Graz, Austria.

She has received teaching fellowships from the Julliard School and the USC Thornton Opera, working closely with renowned conductors, Judith Clurman and Brent McMunn. Her interests in contemporary music have led her to collaborate on new operas including *Miss Lonelyhearts* by Lowell Liebermann and *Powder Her face* by Thomas Adès. In addition to opera, she has premiered many contemporary chamber works with the New Juilliard Ensemble, under the baton of Joel Sachs.

Janet received her Bachelor and Master of Music degree in Piano Performance from the Peabody Conservatory with pianist Robert McDonald, and a Graduate Certificate in Collaborative Piano from the Juilliard School under the tutelage of Jonathan Feldman and Brian Zeger. She completed the Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Southern California in Keyboard Collaborative Arts in 2009 under Alan Smith and was awarded Gwendolyn Koldofsky Scholarship Award for three consecutive years. Dr. Kao is currently an adjunct professor and a vocal coach at Fullerton College and Chapman University.



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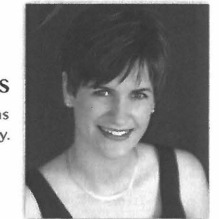
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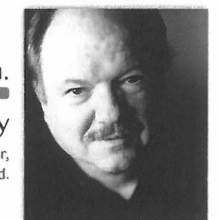
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