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Hall-Musco
Conservatory of Music
presents a

Senior Recital

Michael Fleming, composer

November 8, 2015 ■ 5:00 P.M.

Salmon Recital Hall

Lost in the Sky of Love (2014)

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Julia Dwyer, soprano
Michael Fleming, violin
Kimmie Levin, violin
Priscilla Peraza, viola
Connor Bogenreif, cello

Yatra (2015) (World Premiere)

Michael Fleming

Ariel Flach, flute
Emilia Lopez, oboe
Sam Ek, bass clarinet
Emily Prather, bassoon
Alvin Ly, horn
Matthew LaBelle, trumpet
Nolan Delmer, trombone
Paul Burdick, marimba and percussion
Katie Eikam, percussion
Heather Moore, piano
Chloe Tardif, violin
Kimmie Levin, violin
Priscilla Peraza, viola
Haley Hedegard, cello
Ethan Reed, bass
David Scott, conductor

*This recital is presented in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Bachelor of Music in
Composition degree. Mr. Fleming is a student of Dr. Vera Ivanova.
Mr. Fleming also studied with Dr. Dominique Schafer, Jeffrey Holmes and Sean Heim.*

Lost in the Sky of Love (2014)

Lost in the Sky of Love was written for Kyla McCarrel (BM '15) and is an experiment with the evolution of clarity through time, using textures, register and oscillating timbres. I built upon the rhythm and shape of the words to create another layer to a consistently morphing texture.

Text is from Kabir's Poem "The Sword of Life and Death" from XXIII of The One Hundred Poems of Kabir, translated from Hindi to English by Rabindranath Tagore.

The shadows of evening fall thick
And deep, and the darkness of love
Envelops the body and the mind
Open the window to the west and be
Lost in the sky of love
Drink the sweet honey that steepes the
Petals of the lotus of the heart
Receive the waves in your body: what
Splendor is in the region of the sea
The sounds of conches and bells
Are rising

Yatra (2015) (World Premiere)

"Exploration is in our nature. We began as wanderers and we are wanderers still. We have lingered long enough on the shores of the cosmic ocean. We are ready at last to set sail for the stars."

-Carl Sagan

Yatra- यात्रा The spiritual journey of the soul, through procession and metaphor.

(translated from Hindi)

I have always had the great passion to wander and explore. From a young age, I have been fortunate to see many parts of the beautiful world we live in with the generosity of my inspiring and adventurous parents. When I discovered the quote by the astronomer Carl Sagan, it instantly filled my head with images and music. His words echo my sentiments for the human exploration of our planet, as well as my curiosity for exploring the great beyond. The title, *Yatra*, directly reflects my fascination and passion with leaving comfort to explore, discover and confront the unknown through an abstract medium. *Yatra* is the juxtaposition of the physical and metaphysical journey through Earth and space.