ACG Presents

ACG Originals:

HOPE

Saturday, February 6, 2021

Ballet & La Volta by Michael Praetorius
Caterete by Sergio Assad
Capricho Arabe by Francisco Tárrega
Duen Pen by Assanee Polchan

Ballad for Beautiful Elena by Viktor Kozlov
Tulbent Oyun Havasi
(Trad. Turkish Folk Song, Arr. C. Kaya)
Pastorale by Angelo Gilardino
Allegro, BWV 998 by J.S. Bach

Spring Breeze (Trad. Taiwanese, Arr. G. Garcia)
Delirante en la ría by Graciela Agudelo
Prelude, BWV 998 by J.S. Bach
Home by Andrew York

Hồi Tưởng (Remembrance) by Dang Ngoc Long
Serenno by João Luiz
Danse from Saudade #3 by Roland Dyens
Andante, BWV 1034 by J.S. Bach

Ioana Gandrabur (România)
Raphaël Feuillâtre (France)
Emilia Diaz Delgado (U.S)
Ekachai Jearakul (Thailand)

Irina Kulikova (Russia/Netherlands)
Celil Refik Kaya (Turkey)
Aytahn Benavi (U.S)
Jorge Caballero (Perú)

Xuefei Yang (China)
Dieter Hennings (Mexico)
Eric Wang (U.S.)
Bahar Ossareh (Iran/Canada)

An Tran (Vietnam)
João Luiz (Brazil)
Damian Goggans (U.S.)
David Russell (Scotland/Spain)
Introspection by Jennifer Kirby with John Churchill

At ACG we are so grateful to have opportunities to build connections, share love, heal, and inspire friends in our community through music. ACG Music & Healing utilizes a trauma-informed, strength-based approach to facilitate meaningful expression and personal narrative through music making for members of our community facing significant challenges.

Today we’d like to share a story of connection between Jennifer Kirby and John Churchill.

Composer John Churchill connected with Jennifer in late October of 2020 to create a piece of music as she was approaching her final chemotherapy treatments for cancer.

This is what John had to share from their experience:

“Working together was exciting from the beginning. Jennifer was very eager to take part in the program as well as open to whatever that might look like. Also, being fellow Mid-Westerners, we had a few things to relate on and reminisce about in regards to that part of the country.”

“Though for the first few weeks we weren’t sure what direction we would go creatively speaking, we spent each meeting focusing on her life’s story in the past, present, and future while discussing what musicians and genres she enjoys. It became apparent to her that she wanted to have something describe her life’s stages through instrumental music. We had the idea of taking what we had discussed regarding her past, present and future and write about it in a letter to her young self. This letter would prove to be the inspiration for the composition. She wanted to have the major people in her life to be represented musically. The string sections represent both her parents and her grandparents supporting her at different stages within her life, and the guitar represents her husband, Chad. She would be represented by piano. Her and I are both so proud of how this turned out. “

“With Jennifer being in the hospitality industry she has such a drive to help people. Though much of her experience during her treatment put her in a position to rely on others, she is excited at the prospect of this project bringing help, hope and comfort to those that are experiencing something similar to her…”

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RUPERT & LAURA
Presented in partnership with Internal Creations
Saturday, February 27, 2021 at 8PM CST
Free, Donations Welcome
This spring our ACG concert-streaming rig has traveled up to Brooklyn, New York, to broadcast some of the amazing artistry that’s been attracted from around the globe to one of the world’s greatest cities. We start things off with husband and wife duo Rupert Boyd and Laura Metcalf sharing the divine sounds of cello and guitar.

GRISHA
Presented in partnership with Internal Creations
Saturday, March 13, 2021 at 8PM CST
Free, Donations Welcome
One of our all-time favorite musical geniuses returns to inspire us in ways we can only imagine.

PLAY: A Celebration of ACG Education
Saturday, March 27, 2021 at 8PM CDT
Free, Donations Welcome
ACG Education turns 20 this year. What started in one school in Austin, Texas, grew into a movement impacting tens of thousands across the nation and beyond. Join us as we celebrate the students and teachers that have created inspiring works of joy and friendship during a year like no other.

GOHAR VARDANYAN
Presented in partnership with Internal Creations
Saturday, April 10, 2021 at 8PM CDT
Free, Donations Welcome
Magnificent virtuoso Gohar Vardanyan began playing guitar at the age of five in Armenia, and has since traveled the world dazzling audiences in some of the most storied venues. We can’t wait to share her extraordinary talent with you, live, from our spring residency in Brooklyn.
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