

Tapestry

Laurie Monahan, mezzo-soprano Cristi Catt, soprano Daniela Tosic, alto Shira Kammen, alto, harp, and vielle

Faces of a Woman

GUEST ARTIST CONCERT SERIES> ORGAN HALL MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2008 • 7:30 PM

MUSIC



We, the women of Tapestry, have enjoyed 12 years together, traipsing across the country and abroad to perform concerts, lead workshops, make recordings, shop, eat good food, and try lots of local beers and wines. However, our story goes back much further. In the early 90's, Laurie, Shira and Ensemble PAN (Project Ars Nova) were in residence at the Longy School of Music in Cambridge, continuing their groundbreaking history in exploring late medieval music. Love brought Daniela from Belgrade to Boston...and she stayed for the music and a new love. Cristi was working for a children's theatre company in Princeton, NJ when she heard PAN, and promptly tracked them down. Eventually Cristi and Daniela entered the Masters Degree at Longy and studied with Laurie. Somewhere along the way, Tapestry was born. Medieval abbess, mystic, and composer Hildegard was our first muse but we actually made our debut singing Steve Reich's Tehilim. In 2005, we performed the piece again with Marin Alsop and the Denver Symphony to celebrate Reich's 70th birthday. We have four recordings with Telarc International: Angeli, Celestial Light, Song of Songs, and The Fourth River, Tapestry's fifth CD, Sapphire Night, with MDG, won the Echo Klassik Prize. MDG will release Faces of a Woman in October 2007.

Laurie continues to teach at Longy and Cristi recently joined the faculty. Laurie, Daniela, and Cristi founded the Medieval Institute at Longy in 2005. Individually we keep busy chasing after our 5 children and performing with a wide array of music ensembles. Laurie periodically takes to the baroque opera stage as a soloist with Aston Magna, most recently as Messegerio and Musica in Monteverdi's Orfeo. Cristi follows her fascination with the meeting points between medieval and traditional music, which has lead to performances with Le Bon Vent, HourGlass, and Balmus, and research grants to Portugal and France. Daniela juggles music of the Renaissance with Blue Heron, world music with HourGlass and Balmus, and Baroque music with La Donna Musicale. Shira Kammen travels the world performing, teaching, and looking for adventure. She produced a recording in the Grand Canyon and founded Class V Music so she could play on river rafting trips. Together with Laurie, she once entertained an elephant at the Jerusalem Zoo.

Program

Nonne sui, nonne/ Amour vaint tout fors cuer de felon A chantar Nouvelle amour

Trois Sereus

Bamberg Manuscript, 13th century

Comtessa Beatrice de Dia, 12th century Trouvere/Troubadour melodies arr. by S. Kammen La Clayette Manuscript, 13th century

Non sei como me salv'a Natchez Raihna Santa Isabel Dom Dinis (1261-1325) Instrumental based on Cantigas de Santa Maria Traditional romanceiro, Alentejo Portugal

(set to Cantiga de Santa Maria #7 and a traditional ballad from Tras os Montes, freely adapted by Cristi Catt)

Hebrew Cantillation (Hishbati Etchem) Rex Salomon Erev shel shoshanim Song of Songs 2:7,3:6-8 Worcester Antiphonaire, 13th century Traditional Israeli song

********There will be a 10 minute intermission*******

A window for her eyes
Serbian epic poem, The Building of Skadar
(excerpt set to a Serbian traditional melody, freely adapted by Daniela Tosic)
Lyulyala, lyulyala
(ancient Montenegran lullaby arranged by Marcos Krieger)

Tebye poyem

(from The Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom)

Slova: Anna Akhmatova and Orthodox liturgy

Sugubaya i Posleduyuschiya Ekteniya (excerpt)

(from The Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom)

Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943)

Ivan Moody (b. 1964) Sergei Rachmaninoff

Spiritui Sancto

Hildegard von Bingen (1098-1179)

Careless Love

Appalachian Folk song adapted by Cristi Catt

If you love me Óró 'Sé Do Bheatha 'Bhaile Julia Delaney

Malvina Reynolds (1900-1978) Irish folk song

(reel named for the wife of uilleann piper Barney Delaney) Óró 'Sé Do Bheatha 'Bhaile

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