

Deanna Swoboda and Friends

Katzin Concert Hall November 15, 2013 7:30pm

Trio a3 for Alto Saxophone, Tuba, and Piano

Paul Siskind

Chris Creviston, alto saxophone
Hannah Creviston, piano

Triangles

John Stevens

John Ericson, horn
Leanne Hanson, trombone

Relentless Grooves – Cuba

Sam Pilafian

- I. Bolero
- II. Mambo

Dom Moio, percussion
Joe Garcia, percussion

*****BRIEF INTERMISSION*****

Fire Incantations (premiere)

Amber Gudaitis

- I. Candlelight
- II. Blue Fire
- III. White Light
- IV. Alchemist's Flame
- V. Red Embers

John Ericson, horn
Gail Novak, piano
Vanessa Freeman, dancer

Conversations

Barbara York

- I. Allegretto
- II. Lento
- III. Jaunty

Chris Creviston, alto saxophone
Hannah Creviston, piano

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Program notes by Amber Gudaitis

Fire has a mysterious quality that captures our interest. Children are perplexed by the elegant flame that rise from a burning match, and adults regard fire as a powerful force to fear and respect.

Fire Incantations was written to illustrate these mystical qualities. Like a collection of spells welcoming some supernatural force, each movement of *Fire Incantations* was written to portray the character of a different color of flame. There is a subtle curiosity associated with *Candlelight*, a passionate vitality in *Blue Fire*, and *White Light* exposes a soft-spoken calm. *Alchemist's Flame* depicts the intoxicating danger of a science embedded with magical undertones, performed in the dark with fiber optic lighting. After this intense display, *Red Embers* is intentionally subdued, allowing the piece to conclude in the warm colors associated with firelight.

Sharing the stage, musicians and dancer together cast an atmosphere of energy and heat. Slinky bodily movements akin to a developing flame are paired with driving tempo and jolting dissonances. Gentle breath-like gestures are danced alongside delicate *arpeggiation* in the piano. And, the rage of *fortissimo* brass resonates while green light outlines the dancer's form, elusive and enchanting.

These are the conjurings of flame and heat, the spells and enchantments of mystical powers. *Fire Incantations*.

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