

THE BELHAVEN UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC
Dr. Stephen W. Sachs, Chair

presents

Cierra Lee

Senior Voice Recital

assisted by

Ms. Virginia Glover, Accompanist

Dr. Owen Rockwell, Percussion

Belhaven Vocalists

Saturday, April 11, 2015 • 8:30 p.m.
Belhaven University Center for the Arts • Concert Hall

*There will be a reception after the program. Please come and greet the performers.
Please refrain from the use of all flash and still photography during the concert
Please turn off all cell phones and electronics.*

PROGRAM

- Hand In Hand Kait Kerrigan • b. 1986
Brian Lowdermilk • b. 1986
Cierra Lee, Soprano; Ms. Virginia Glover, Accompanist; Dr. Owen Rockwell, Percussion
- Quiet from *Forward* Jonathan Reid Gealt
Cierra Lee, Soprano; Ms. Virginia Glover, Accompanist
- On Monday from *35mm* Ryan Scott Oliver • b. 1984
Cierra Lee, Soprano; Ms. Virginia Glover, Accompanist; Dr. Rockwell, Percussion
- Come Home Will Van Dyke
Cierra Lee, Soprano; Ms. Virginia Glover, Accompanist
- Ready to be Loved from *Edges* Benj Pasek • b. 1985
Justin Paul • b. 1985
Cierra Lee, Soprano; Ms. Virginia Glover, Accompanist; Dr. Rockwell, Percussion
- Anyway from *Tales from the Bad Years* Kait Kerrigan & Brian Lowdermilk
Cierra Lee, Soprano; Ms. Virginia Glover, Accompanist
- Lost In The Brass from *Band Geeks* Tommy Newman
Cierra Lee, Soprano; Ms. Virginia Glover, Accompanist; Dr. Rockwell, Percussion
- Joyful, Joyful from *Sister Act 2* arr. Mervyn Warren • b. 1964
Cierra Lee, Soprano Solo; Ms. Virginia Glover, Accompanist; Dr. Rockwell, Percussion
Mariah Taylor & Julie Wolfe, Soprano I;
Grace Anna Randall, Soprano II; Evangeline Wilds, Alto

INTERMISSION

- Breathe from *In the Heights* Lin-Manuel Miranda • b. 1980
Cierra Lee, Soprano; Dr. Rebecca Geihlsler, Soprano; Dr. Christopher Shelt, Baritone
Ms. Virginia Glover, Accompanist; Dr. Rockwell, Percussion
- Freedom Kait Kerrigan & Brian Lowdermilk
from *Unauthorized Autobiography of Samantha Brown*
Cierra Lee, Soprano; Jessica Ziegelbauer, Mezzo-Soprano;
Ms. Virginia Glover, Accompanist; Dr. Rockwell, Percussion

What Remains from *Circles*

Drew Gasparini • b. 1986

Cierra Lee, Soprano; Ms. Virginia Glover, Accompanist

The Text Message Song

Drew Gasparini

Cierra Lee, Soprano; Ms. Virginia Glover, Accompanist; Dr. Rockwell, Percussion

I'm Coming Home To You from *Home*

Scott Alan • b. 1978

Cierra Lee, Soprano; Ms. Virginia Glover, Accompanist

Holding On from *Tales from the Bad Years*

Kait Kerrigan & Brian Lowdermilk

Cierra Lee, Soprano Solo; Ms. Virginia Glover, Accompanist; Dr. Rockwell, Percussion

Maddi Jolley & Julie Wolfe, Sopranos;

Grace Anna Randall, Evangeline Wilds & Ellie Wise, Altos

Mr. Christopher Phillips, Tenor; Dr. Christopher Shelt & Jordan Locke, Bass

PROGRAM NOTES

Hand in Hand: Let's take it from the top with something fun. This piece has a touch of jazz with some scat thrown in. The vocal range is demanding, but I wouldn't have it any other way. Get ready for a good time! Hope you enjoy!

Quiet: The slow, intimate beginning sets the tone of uncertainty and as the song builds, the character decides that she is not going to put up with people walking over her anymore. She will not remain quiet.

On Monday: Think back to your middle school crush, the person you REALLY liked. Who was it? Were you super chill about it or were you giddy and overly infatuated? Well, for us girls, we were overly infatuated. This jam will be a clear image of what girls are like when they have a crush. Enter in with me as we explore a young girl's thought process.

Come Home: This is a reflective power ballad with a desperate cry for relief. Sometimes, all we need is to become vulnerable and make things right. What's in the past is in the past and we have to pick up and start again somewhere. Love is worth it.

The Text Message Song: It's time to laugh and lighten the mood. Wipe away your tears from

the last song and let's learn what NOT to do over text message. Some things need to happen face-to-face.

Anyway: After the passing of a close family figure (either sister or mother), the character is grieving at the funeral when an old friend shows up to support her. She reflects on the past with him, as it's obvious she is really struggling. Eventually, her true feelings come out, even as she continues to shrug it off by changing the subject..."anyway".

Lost In The Brass: Every band nerd knows that the brass overpowers the woodwinds. This is why the woodwinds need their own time to shine. This band nerd in the piece is a flute player and just wants to be recognized by the band president but she keeps getting "lost in the brass".

Holding On: Through the struggles of life, it is important to push through and keep holding on. This piece incorporates some amazing vocalists that I have handpicked to close the first half of my recital. I hope to inspire you as I have been inspired.

Breathe: After moving away and falling short of success, Nina returns home, not sure how to tell her family and friends that she has failed and is

coming back. Though she is embarrassed and worried about what her parents will say, she has to remind herself to just breathe.

Freedom: Two sisters take a road trip and simply enjoy their time together. Welcome Jessica Ziegelbauer to the stage as my sister, Sam.

What Remains: A woman loses the love of her life and is confronting him about what he is doing to her. She wants to make sure he understands how she is feeling. Get your tissues ready.

Ready To Be Loved: Life is coming together and this young woman is looking for the real deal. She doesn't need someone to support her. She just wants someone to love her completely.

I'm Coming Home To You: Here's another love song for you! The chorus of this piece will be stuck in your head for the rest of the night, no doubt! The character is determined to return to her love. She doesn't want to stay away any longer.

Joyful, Joyful: The best way to end any performance is to have lots of musicians come together and spread love. Enjoy this last piece! Feel free to dance and sing along with us!

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC MISSION STATEMENT

The Music Department seeks to produce transformational leaders in the musical arts who will have profound influence in homes, churches, private studios, educational institutions, and on the concert stage. While developing the God-bestowed musical talents of music majors, minors, and elective students, we seek to provide an integrative understanding of the musical arts from a Christian world and life view in order to equip students to influence the world of ideas. The music major degree program is designed to prepare students for graduate study while equipping them for vocational roles in performance, church music, and education. The Belhaven University Music Department exists to multiply Christian leaders who demonstrate unquestionable excellence in the musical arts and apply timeless truths in every aspect of their artistic discipline.

The Music Department would like to thank our many community partners for their support of Christian Arts Education at Belhaven University through their advertising in "Arts Ablaze 2014-2015." It is through these and other wonderful relationships in the greater Jackson community that makes many of our concerts possible at Belhaven. We praise God for our friends and are truly thankful for their generosity. Please mention The Arts at Belhaven University when you visit our community partners.

For a complete listing of Music Department scheduled spring semester programs, please visit our website at <http://www.belhaven.edu/music/recitals.htm>. A complete listing of major Belhaven University arts events may be found at <http://www.belhaven.edu/arts/schedule.htm>.

Thank you to those working behind the scenes to make today's program a success: music faculty supervisor, Dr. Shelt; student workers –house manager, Jessica Charitos; ushers, Lydia Jones & Brittany Flemming; stage manager, Thorburn McGee; stage hands, Jordan Locke & Grace Anna Randall; recording/sound, Justin Nipper; lighting, Cory Smith; reception hosts, Jessica Schmidt.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, April 13, 7:30pm, Concert Hall	Joy Kenyon Senior Musical Theater Recital
Tuesday, April 14, 7:30pm, Concert Hall	Constance Prince Junior Voice Recital
Thursday, April 16, 7:30pm, Concert Hall	Elizabeth Walczak Junior Piano Recital
Saturday, April 18, 3pm, Concert Hall	Instrumental Arts Concert
Tuesday, April 21, 7:30pm, Concert Hall	Composers Concert XIV
Saturday, April 25, 2:30pm & 7:30pm, Concert Hall	Choral Drama: William Billings of Boston
Tuesday, April 28, 7:30pm, Concert Hall	Best of Belhaven III
Wednesday, April 29, 7:30pm, Concert Hall	Victor Piantanida & Daniel Bravo Joint Junior Percussion Recital

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