NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS PRESENTS SONGS OLDER AND NEWER: A SHOWCASE OF EDVARD GRIEG'S omanser DR. ANNE WALTNER PIANO DR. MARLA FOGDERUD SOPRANO Sunday, Feb. 27 | 7:30 p.m. | Johnson Fine Arts Center Harvey and Cynthia Jewett Theater This program is presented, in part, under the auspices of the ARTS NSU Edvard Grieg Society of the Dakotas.

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# PROGRAM

Dr. Marla Fogderud, Soprano and Dr. Anne Waltner, Piano present

# SONGS OLDER AND NEWER: A SHOWCASE OF EDVARD GRIEG'S ROMANSER

#### Opus 39 Romancer (ældre og nyere)

- 1. Fra Monte Pincio
- 2. Dulgt Kjærlihed
- 3. I Liden højt deroppe
- 4. Millom Rosor
- 5. Ved en ung Hustrus Båre
- 6. Hör' ich das Liedchen klingen

#### Opus 21 Fire Digte fra "Fiskerjenten" af Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson

- 1. Det første møde
- 2. "God morgen!"
- 3. Jeg giver mit digt til våren
- 4. Takk for dit råd

#### Opus 59 Eligiske Digte af John Paulsen

- 3. Til Én I
- 4. Til Én II
- 5. Farvel

#### Opus 60 Digte af Vilhelm Krag

- 1. Liden Kirsten
- 2. Moderen synger
- 3. Mens jeg venter
- 4. Der skreg en Fugl
- 5. Og jeg vil ha mig en Hjertenskjær

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## TRANSLATIONS

Romancer (ældre og nyere)
Songs (older and newer)

The evening comes, the sun is red,

colorful rays in space sweep

Fra Monte Pincio (From Monte Pincio)

radiance of longing light in unending richness, the mountain is transfigured like the countenance of death.

Cupolas glow, but further away the mist along the deep blue fields waves up and over like the oblivion before: over the valley lies a thousand year's veil.

The evening, how red and warm, blazes with people's commotion, glowing horn music, flowers and brown eyes. Thoughts strive in colors and tones steadfastly toward that which reconciles.

It becomes still, and darker blue, the heavens wake and wait up under a past that dozes and a future that draws nigh, uncertain flickers in the brooding gray. But it will unite; Rome shall rise forth as a burning light in the night for Italy's realm, the bells chime, the cannons blast, the memories flame upon the future's blue! Graciously with hope and faith up toward the newly united pair, a singer celebrates with zither and flute. The stronger longings receive child-sweet rest, the lesser dare awaken and smile. (Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson)

Dulgt Kjærlihed (Hidden Love)

He sat stubbornly on the bench. She swung herself lustily in the dance, she played and she laughed with One and with Two. His heart was near to bursting. But there was no one there who knew.

She went back by the barn that evening, he came to say farewell.

She cast herself down, she cried and she cried, she had lost her life's hope.

But there was no one there who knew.

For him time passed terribly slowly, so he came back once again. She was feeling fine; she had found peace: she thought about him at the last. But there was no one there who knew. (Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson)

I Liden højt deroppe(In the high meadow)

In the high meadow
There lies one, quick-eyed and surveying, lies one, clear-eyed and writing poetry; high over the swarm and the crowd he sees the heavens blue, O so blue, eternally, gloriously blue!
Among the spruce tops.

By the deep ricer below, which sighs among the birches its song, stands the poet's joy, his nest. Right amid the swarm and the crowd he sees the heavens blue, O so blue, eternally, gloriously blue! In beloved eyes down there.

Disturb not, disturb not his nest!
There lies one, quick-eyed and surveying,
Lies a poet composing;
high over the swarm and the crowd
from the heavens blue, O so blue!
Shall the Watchman ensure peace for the nest.
(Jonas Lie)

## TRANSLATIONS continued...

Millom Rosor

#### (Among the Roses)

In the garden sat the mother with the child on her lap,

among the roses,

she laughed and she tossed him the whole day

among the roses,

she kissed his eyes, she kissed his cheek,

"God grant that I may always see your resting place

among the roses.

And the garden turned leafless, he ceased to play

among the roses,

in the parlor the boy lay so cold and so pale among the roses,

and the mother tearfully bound a wreath around the casket,

now she would always see his resting place among the roses,

(Kristian Janson)

Ved en ung Hustrus Båre

#### (At a young wife's grave)

Pale, pale, she in the midst of life's glow; succumbed, succumbed,

she who had no inkling of death.

Death did not heed life's flower-strewn path, it broke the fairest blossom!

Sorrow's tones sounding cannot bring peace.

Longing's sighs and cries,

can they contain hope?

The casket is lowered down into the earth' the tears mirror the dark place.

He who lost his dearly beloved peace,

father and mother stand by.

When the unexpected came, life's great judge

teaches them the cries

which can contain hope.

(O.P. Monrad)

Hör ich das Liedchen klingen

#### (When I hear the song resounding)

When I hear the song resounding as once my beloved sang, My breast wants to burst from the wildly painful stress. I am driven by a dark longing into the heights of the forest, where I dissolve with tears

my enormous grief. (Heinrich Heine)

Fire Digte fra "Fiskerjenten" Four Poems from "The Fishergirl"

Det første møde

#### (The first meeting)

The delight of the first meeting, It is like a song in the forest, It is like a song on the bay in the sun's last redness. It is like horns echoing for seconds in the cliffs, whereby we are united with nature in wonder.

"God morgen!"

#### ("Good morning!")

The day is arisen, gladness is ignited, Despondency's cloud fortress has been stormed and burnt. Over the glowing mountains, the Light King's legions shout: "Risen, risen!" bird in the forest, "Risen, risen!" child-mouth, Arisen, my hope, with the sun.

Jeg giver mit digt til våren

#### (I give my poem to spring)

I give my poem to spring, although it is not yet born,

I give my poem to spring

## TRANSLATIONS continued...

adding longing to longing.

So the two will make a pact:
to lure the sun with cunning,
so winter would suffer privation,
to let loose a choir of brooks,
so the song would frighten him away,
to flush him out of the air
with incessant flower perfume,
I give my poem to spring!

#### Takk for dit råd

#### (Thanks for your advice)

Thanks for your advice, but I set my boat into the breaker's roar to the tempting rush. Even if the journey is the last I make I must try what I have not tried before. Not just for pleasure do I leave your coast, I must reach the great sea, I must have the ocean's shower, I must see the keel, when it cuts, twisting, I must try as far and as long as it endures!

#### Eligiske Digte af John Paulsen Elegiac Poems of John Paulson

Til Én. I
(To One. I)

You are the young spring.

The height of life calls upon you with a thousand glad tones.

I am the pale autumn, in which the leaves fall, the broken illusions.

But spring and autumn do not go together, and therefore we must now part.

Til Én. II (To One. II) Why do your eyes swim often in a tearful glance? Does it, with double beauty, want to capture my mind, my sense? Or is the tear a message from pains that never go away? Beloved, then let me kiss it away from your lovely countenance.

### Farvel

#### (Farewell)

A swan winged toward the south, what a brilliant point against the heavens in autumn's evening!
With it flies the multitude of dreams.
"Beloved, farewell!"

As pure as snow on the mountain, you soul with white wings!
In the autumn evening
now withered leaves merely glide,
"Beloved, farewell!"

Digte af Vilhelm Krag Poems of Vilhelm Krag Liden Kirsten (Little Kirsten) Little Kirsten sat so late, while the cuckoo crowed in the green forest. Little Kirsten hummed a song, while she wove her bridal linen. Little Kirsten sat by her window and looked at her ring of gold, glanced down at her black skirt and smiled so thoughtfully. Little Kirsten lay her head down to rest on her arm's snow-white linen. And the bird-cherries wafted their fragrance, while Kirsten dreamed of her sweetheart. Little Kirsten loosened her golden hair and went to sleep in her nook. Little Kirsten folded her small hands,

while the cuckoo crowed in the forest.

# TRANSLATIONS continued...

Moderen synger

(The mother sings)

Gretchen lies in her coffin deep

in the black mould.

I gave her a bonnet lined with red and gold.

Lowered in the black coffin,

Gretchen so tender and fine.

I laid her cold small hands over the white

linen.

Alone in the night I sit,

the storms rage over the sea,

tearing all the flowers from little Gretchen's  $\,$ 

grave.

Mens jeg venter

(While I wait)

Wild geese, wild geese in whilte flocks,

sunshine's weather.

Ducklings strut in yellow socks, fine clothes.

Row, row to the fish-skerries,

it's balmy around the islet here.

The sea lies so still

Bro, bro brille.\*

Loosen your golden hair and untie

your bonnet,

you my treasure.

So shall we dance the softly warm,

luminous June night.

Wait, wait until St. John's Day,

Our wedding shall we celebrate

with lively dance.

All the fiddlers will play.

Bro, bro brille.

Rock me, rock me you white wave,

Long and lightly.

Soon my maiden goes to dance in the forest

in her Sunday best.

Rock, rock me into a dream.

Each takes his own, so I take mine.

Hear how the fiddlers play!

Bro, bro brille.

\*Bro, bro brille is an untranslatable phrase from a children's rhyme

similar to "London Bridges."

Der skreg en fugl

(There cried a bird)

There cried a bird over the desolate sea,

far from the shore.

It cried so sorely in the autumn-gray day,

flapped in broken, powerless strokes,

sailed on black wings away over the sea...

Og jeg vil ha mig en hjertenskjær

(And I want a sweetheart)

And I want a silk vest, yes, yes, a silk vest.

And I want a snow-white horse,

snorting snow-white horse.

And I want a stirrup, yes, yes, a stirrup.

And I want a velvet shirt, a silver-buttoned

velvet shirt.

A heron feather will I have in my hat, yes, yes,

in my red hat.

And it shall be a Midsummer Night, lord,

what a Midsummer Night!

And I want a sweetheart, yes, yes, a sweetheart.

So I'll swing my hat with the heron feather,

and lift the dear maiden into the saddle.

And bear her forth over the dew-wet fields,

the delightful Midsummer Night!

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## Marla Fogerud

Marla Fogerud, a native of North Dakota, is an active stage performer and recitalist throughout the United States and Europe. She was an apprentice artist with Des Moines Metro Opera and has performed roles with Opera Kansas, Wichita State University Opera, Fargo Moorhead Opera, and Michigan State University Opera. She has been a soloist with the Cincinnati International Chorale, Wichita Symphony, Wichita State University Orchestra, Greater Grand Forks Symphony, Michigan State University (MSU) Concert Band, MSU Philharmonic and MSU Symphony. Dr. Fogderud has appeared on the Concordia College, Moorhead, MN, Faculty Recital Series; Minnesota Public Radio Regional Artist broadcasts; North Dakota Museum of Art Summer Concert Series; Plymouth Music Series (Wichita); Nordvændt Concert Series (Minneapolis); the 2006 National Opera Association Convention and the 49th NATS National Conference (2006).

In 2009, she attended the Lotte Lehmann Akademie in Perleberg, Germany, on a full-tuition scholarship, where she worked with renowned soprano Karan Armstrong. She was invited to return to the program in 2010. A specialist in Norwegian art song, she has also appeared as a guest performer in Rolf Stang's play Grieg, Edvard Grieg. Since 2007 she has performed a lecture recital, "Norwegian Art Song in the "Golden Age," for multiple audiences, and developed a Norwegian song workshop first given at Augustana College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in 2009. International engagements include solo recitals in Hamar and Oslo, Norway, and concerts in southern France and the Brandenburg region of Germany. She performed at Troldhaurgen, the Grieg residence, in May 2015 and October 2019 as part of the International Grieg Society conferences in Bergen, Norway. She presented a lecture recital at the May 2017 conference, "SalzBergen: Exploring the Intersection of W.A. Mozart and Edvard Grieg," hosted by the Edvard Grieg Society of the Great Lakes, and has had repeat performances in Watertown and Aberdeen, SD, and Fargo, ND. She is the past secretary and vice president of the Edvard Grieg Society of America and president of the Edvard Grieg Society of the Dakotas, an educational non-profit she founded in 2017.

Dr. Fogderud received her D.M.A. from Michigan State University, M.M. in Voice and Opera from Wichita State University and a B.M. degree from Concordia College, Moorhead, MN. She also studied at the Norwegian National Academy of Music (Norges musikk høgskolen) in Oslo, where she worked with sopranos Ingrid Bjoner and Siff Pettersen. She is currently Associate Professor of Music at Northern State University, Aberdeen, South Dakota. She is also in demand as a private voice teacher, vocal adjudicator, language coach, and translator.





## ANNE WALTNER

Pianist Dr. Anne Waltner has performed on five continents in numerous solo and collaborative roles. Anne is regarded both as a demanding teacher and a highly artistic performer. She taught at Eastern Mennonite University, West Virginia State University, Woodstock School in Mussoorie, India, and at the Rainey Institute in Cleveland, Ohio. A graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Music with a doctor of musical arts degree and an artist diploma in collaborative piano, she studied with Anita Pontremoli and Olga Radosavljevich. Waltner received her master's and bachelor's degrees in solo piano performance from Chicago College of Performing Arts with Ludmila Lazar, and from Goshen (IN) College with Marvin Blickenstaff, respectively.

Anne's new music trio ASSEM3LY, featuring piano, percussion, and flute, recently released its first CD on the New Albany label, featuring the premiere recording of Pulitzer Prize-winner Joseph Schwantner's *Taking Charge* and signature commissioned works by established and emerging American composers John Allemeier, Ty Alan Emerson, and Randall Woolf.

In May 2016 Dr. Waltner resigned her music faculty position at Eastern Mennonite University, and returned to her home community of Freeman SD to farm full-time. She has thoroughly enjoyed re-engaging with the home community that nurtured her for many years. She is married to Rolf Olson and they are parents to 4.5-yr-old triplet girls, Greta, Alice, and Lydia.

The Edvard Grieg Society of the Dakotas was founded August 1, 2017, with the mission to further the knowledge and appreciation of the music of Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg (1843-1907) in the Dakota region and bordering communities through concerts, lectures, and other educational presentations. For more information on the activities hosted by EGSOD, to make a donation, or to share an event related to Norwegian music, please visit www.dakotasgriegsociety. org or contact Marla Fogderud through the FaceBook page "Edvard Grieg Society of the Dakotas" or at marla.fogderud@northern.edu.

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