# AWARD-WINNING VOCALISTS FROM SALISBURY UNIVERSITY'S DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC, THEATRE AND DANCE

# PRESENT



Dr. John Wesley Wright, Artistic Director Dr. William Folger & Veronica Tomanek, Pianists







# **PROGRAM**

Vedrai, carino, se sei buonino, Che bel rimedio ti voglio dar. È naturale, non dà disgusto, E lo speziale non lo sa far. È un certo balsamo che porto addosso: Dare te'l posso, se'l vuoi provar. Saper vorresti dove mi sta? Sentilo battere... ... toccami qua! You'll see, my darling; if you are good, What a fine cure I will give you! It is a natural one, not unpleasant, And the chemist can't make it. It's a sure balm which I have with me. I can give it to you, if you would like to try it. Do you know where I keep it? Feel it beating... ... touch me here!

Silent tear that shines on your eyelash and your pink cheek comes to moisten,
In his light the grief of the soul is reflected
And the love that tells us I will not return to love is the end of life;
Crying is the end of love. Ah! Llóra the first love.
Girl full of charms, that your love is moving away.
Cry, suffer, suffer, cry.
The dream of a pure soul flees without illusion;
Run away from your heart: I no longer eat upon hearing his ideal voice.

Run away from your heart; I no longer eat upon hearing his ideal voice, In loving phrases, you will hear that love says, when it moves away: Suffer, cry. Do you still remember the day that we met; Do you still remember your promises?

Crazy from love I followed you, we were enamored with each other

And I dreamed next to you, crazy from love.

I dreamed, happily, of caresses and kisses; a chain fading away into the sky:
But your words were misleading because your soul is made of ice.
Do you still remember?

Now my faith, my immense desire; My dream of love isn't you anymore: I don't search for your kisses; I don't think of you. I dream of another ideal; I don't love you anymore.

In the dear days that we spent together, I scattered flowers at your feet You were the only hope of my heart; you were the only thought in my mind. You watched me beg, turning pale; you watched me cry before you Only to satisfy your desire; I had given my blood and my faith.

Do you still remember?

Now my faith, my immense desire; My dream of love isn't you anymore: I don't search for your kisses; I don't think of you. I dream of another ideal; I don't love you anymore.

Heart, we will forget Him!	.Aaron	Copland
Sara Miller, soprano		

Faites-lui mes aveux, portez me voeux!
Fleurs écloses près d'elle,
Dites-lui qu'elle est belle,
Que mon coeur, nuit et jour,
Languit d'amour!
Faites- lui mes aveux, portez me voeux!
Révélez à son âme
Le secret de ma flamme,
Qu'il s'exhale avec vous
Parfums plus doux!

Make her my confession; carry my wishes! Blooming flowers near her,
Tell her that she is beautiful,
That my heart, night and day,
Languishes with love!
Make her my confession; carry my wishes!
Reveal to her soul
The secret of my flame,
So it exhales with you
Perfumes more sweet!

Fanée! hélas!

Ce sorcier que Dieu damne

M'a porté malheur!

Je ne puis, sans qu'elle fane,

Toucher une fleur.

Si je trempais mes doigts

Dans l'eau bénite!

C'est là que chaque soir Vient prier Marguerite!

Voyons maintenent! Voyons vite!

Elles se fanent? Non! Satan, je ris de toi!

C'est en vous que j'ai foi,

Parlez pour moi!

Qu'elle puisse connaître

L'émoi qu'elle a fait naître,

Et dont mon coeur troublé

N'a point parlé!

C'est en vous que j'ai foi,

Parlez pour moi!

Si l'amour l'éffarouche

Que la fleur sur sa bouche Sache au moins déposer

Un doux baiser!

Un baiser, un doux baiser!

Wilted! Alas!

The sorcerer who God damns

Has brought me bad luck!

I can't, without it's withering

Touch a flower. If I dip my fingers

Into holy water!

It's there that each evening Marguerite comes to pray!

Let's see now! Let's see quickly!

Do they wilt? No!

Satan, I laugh at you! It is in you that I have faith,

Speak for me! May she know

The emotion which she has caused to be born,

And of which my troubled heart

Has scarcely spoken!

It is in you that I have faith,

Speak for me! If love alarms her

May the flower on her mouth

Try at least to deposit

A sweet kiss!

A kiss, a sweet kiss!

Lance Fisher, tenor

E lucevan le stelle Ed olezzava la terra, Stridea l'uscio dell'orto, E un passo sfiorava la rena...

Entrava ella, fragrante,

Mi cadea fra le braccia...

Oh dolci baci, o languide carezze,

Mentr'io fremente

La belle forme discioglea dai veli!

Svani per sempre il sogno mio d'amore.

L'ora e' fuggita e muoio disperato! E non ho amato mai tanto la vita! Oh tender kisses, sweet caresses, While, trembling, I beheld

The stars were gleaming, The ground was fragrant...

The creak of the garden gate,

She came and fell into my arms.

Light footsteps in the sand,

The smell of her hair.

Her beautiful form freed of its gown.

Gone forever is my dream of love.

Time has fled, and I die in despair!

But never have I loved life so much!

"How Could I Ever Know" from <i>The Secret Garden</i> Lucy Simon & Marsha Norman Emely Martin, soprano
"A Little Bit in Love" from Wonderful Town
"I'm Not Wearing Underwear Today" from $\textit{Avenue Q} \ldots$ .Robert Lopez & Jeff Marx Patrick Gover, baritone
"Maybe I Like It This Way" from <i>The Wild Party</i>
"There's a Boat Dat's Leavin' Soon" from <i>Porgy and Bess</i> George & Ira Gershwin  Jay Copeland, tenor
"Glitter and Be Gay" from <i>Candide</i>
"Kiss of the Spiderwoman" from Kiss of the Spiderwoman

# **BIOGRAPHIES**

William M. Folger, professor of music, appointed to the Salisbury University of Music Program faculty in 2003 is in demand as a guest conductor, collaborative pianist, clinician and adjudicator throughout the region. Having recently completed his duties as co-chair of the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance, he teaches conducting and, as director of choral activities, conducts the University Chorale, Salisbury Chorale, Chamber Choir, and musical theatre and opera productions. Dr. Folger has performed with the Bel Canto Company, Inc., a professional vocal ensemble based in North Carolina. Recently, Folger was invited to conduct at Carnegie Hall, New York City for a future performance. His recent musical director credits at SU include the musicals Hairspray, Cabaret, Jesus Christ Superstar and the opera The Old Maid and the Thief. This spring, he is music director for the musical Hair and will conduct the Chorale on a tour of Italy. By invitation, he directed the High School Honors Choir in Charles County, MD, the All-Shore High School Chorus in Easton and the Worcester County Senior High Chorus. Dr. Folger earned his Doctor of Musical Arts in conducting from The University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG).

Veronica Tomanek, pianist, is staff pianist/coach for the Wright vocal studio in the Department of Music, Theater, and Dance at Salisbury University. She also serves as the music director at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Salisbury. Veronica has taught at the University of Connecticut, Wesleyan University and Brookdale Community College in Lincroft, NJ. She frequently performs throughout the Mid-Atlantic and New England as a chamber musician, piano and organ soloist, choral director, music director for musical theatre productions, and accompanist. She held the post of principal pianist/keyboardist with the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra for 16 years. She also has performed with the United States Coast Guard Band and Chamber Players, the Silver Bay Quartet, and with many other instrumentalists, vocalists and choral groups. She has a Master of Music in piano performance from the University of Connecticut and a diploma in piano performance from the Rouen Conservatory, Rouen, France. She lives in Salisbury, MD.

Tenor **John Wesley Wright** holds degrees from Maryville College and the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, where he earned the M.M. and D.M.A. in performance studies. A native of Rome, GA, he works as associate professor of music at Salisbury University (Salisbury, MD), coordinating the voice and opera workshop programs. An active clinician and leader of workshops on voice production, interpretation and African-American song tradition, he also co-directed the musical theatre program at the Maryland Summer Center of the Arts with Professor David Ronis (2007-2014). He performs solo repertoire ranging from baroque to Broadway throughout the world, including as a member of the internationally celebrated American Spiritual Ensemble. Acclaim has also come as gold medalist of the American Traditions Vocal Competition 2000, with other top prizes from the National Federation of Music Clubs, the Metropolitan Opera National Council and the International Schubert Competition. His doctoral dissertation (2014) studies musical borrowings underlying the role of the Celebrant in Bernstein's *Mass*.

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#### March 15

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#### March 25

Trombone Day

## April 1-5

Hair: The American Tribal Love-Rock Musical

## April 16-18

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## April 18

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SU Dance Company Spring Dance Concert

## April 25

Patrick Gover Senior Recital

## April 30

Jeremiah Copeland Senior Recital

#### May 2

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#### May 7

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#### May 8

Piano/Strings Concert

## May 8

Lance Fisher Student Recital

## May 9

Salisbury Symphony Orchestra Summer Is Upon Us Featuring Kyu Yeon Kim, Piano

### May 10

Emely Martin & Olivia Davidson Student Recital

#### May 14

Youth Symphony Orchestra Concert

#### May 17

SU Children's Choir Concert

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