

# New Music Salisbury

#### Featuring performances by

Danielle Cumming, William Folger, Lee Knier, Eric Shuster, The Ensemble for a Better America, and SU guitar and percussion students.

#### Compositions by Robert A. Baker, Thierry De May, Lou Harrison and Stjepan Sulek

#### Premieres of New Works By Kyle Page and Jerry Tabor

Thursday, November 5, 2015 Holloway Hall, Great Hall 7:30 p.m.





Musique de Table [Table Music] (1987) .....Thierry De May (b. 1956) Becca Doughty, Michael Fitzgerald and Marisa Lacey, percussion

Serenade for Guitar with Optional Percussion (1978) .....Lou Harrison Round (1917 - 2003) Air Infinite Canon Usul (Little Homage to Sinan) Sonata Danielle Cumming, guitar; and Eric Shuster, percussion

Patricia Rose, viola; Becca Doughty, vibraphone; and Eric Shuster, piano

| **Blue Surface (2012)Robert A. Baker                                       | r |
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| Sky (b. 1970   | ) |
| Water  |   |
| Robert A. Baker (conductor) with the Salisbury University Guitar Ensemble: |   |
| Danielle Cumming (ensemble director), Zach Figgs, Michael Hinman,          |   |
| Sam McClintock, Patrick Miller, Quinn Parsley, Lukas Saylor, Zach Simms    |   |



| Sonata (Vox Gabrieli) for trombone and piano      | Stjepan Sulek |
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|   | (1914-1986)   |
| Lee Knier, trombone; and William M. Folger, piano |               |

| *Disambiguation (2015)   | or  |
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| (b. 196  | 66) |
| Ensemble for a Better America  |     |
| Lee Knier and Victoria Lazinski, trombone; Matthew Barbely, euphonium    |     |
| Patricia Rose, viola; Danielle Cumming, cello; Kyle Rollyson, contrabass |     |
| Becca Doughty Dylan Ira and Gianna Spedale, percussion                   |     |



Classical guitarist **Danielle Cumming** is well known as a performer and teacher. Her performances have been broadcast in the United States and in Canada on national television and radio. In addition to giving recitals in North America and Europe, Cumming has served on international guitar competition juries and is in high demand for her skill as a teacher in master class settings. As such, she is regularly featured at festivals in Canada and Germany. After a year of study in Spain, Cumming released her solo CD, postcards, a recording of 20th century repertoire with world music influences. In 2015 she recorded her second solo CD (to be released in 2016 on the German label AureaVox), which consists of music Cumming commissioned over the past few years. Cumming holds a Doctor of Music in Performance from McGill University and a Master of Music in Performance from the University of Toronto, where she studied with the renowned guitarist Norbert Kraft. She is also a certified yoga instructor, and has created and taught yoga programs to help musicians prevent injuries and handle performance anxiety. Cumming is sponsored by the D'Addario guitar string company.

William M. Folger, professor of music and appointed to the SU music faculty in 2003, is a conductor, pianist, collaborative singer and vocal coach. As co-chair of the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance and director of Choral Activities, he conducts the University Chorale, Salisbury Chorale, musical theatre and opera productions, and the award-winning Madrigal Choir. Folger performs as a tenor with the Bel Canto Company, Inc., a professional vocal ensemble based in North Carolina, each summer. He is in demand as a collaborative pianist, clinician, adjudicator and guest conductor throughout the region. He recently was honored to conduct the High School Honors Choir in Charles County, MD, and locally honored to direct the All-



Shore High School Chorus in Easton and the Worcester County Senior High Chorus. He has directed a number of professional and amateur musical theatre productions in New York, Massachusetts, North Carolina, West Virginia and in Maryland. In March 2005, Folger's ensembles performed at Carnegie Hall, New York City. He has performed in England, Hungary and the Czech Republic. As a collaborative pianist, he has accompanied for professional instrumentalists including Dale Underwood, lead saxophonist for the U.S. Navy Band, and for vocal artists, faculty and student recitals in New York, Massachusetts, North Carolina, West Virginia, Maryland and Budapest, Hungary. Folger earned his Doctor of Musical Arts in conducting from The University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG). He has taught on the faculties of Concord College, WV; UNCG, NC; Ithaca College, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, and Finger Lakes Community College, NY; and, as a junior/senior high school vocal music teacher at McGraw Central Schools in New York.

Lee Knier joined the Salisbury University faculty in August 2004 as director of the SU Concert Band (Salisbury Pops) and lecturer in the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. He relocated to the Eastern Shore following a career as a music educator in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. During that time, Knier also served as assistant conductor of the New Jersey Youth Symphony Orchestra and assistant director of bands at Temple University. A graduate of both Temple and Arcadia universities, he earned degrees in music education and music performance with concentrations in trombone and conducting. He also matriculated at Drexel and Immaculata universities where he studied business and arts administration. A trombonist with the Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra, he also has performed regularly with St. Peter by the Sea Orchestra, the Metro Lyric Opera Orchestra, Garden

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State Philharmonic, Main Line Symphony, Brookdale Big Band, Tex Benecke & the Modernaires, and the Steel Pier Show Band. He has toured with the Nelson Riddle Orchestra and the Glenn Miller Orchestra with Buddy DeFranco.

**Eric Shuster** is a percussionist and director of the SU Percussion Ensemble. He has collaborated with artists and composers for interdisciplinary work and new music, premiered several solo and chamber pieces, and performed nationally and abroad in Argentina, Paris, Puerto Rico and Thailand for festivals and events such as the Percussive Arts Society International Convention and the College Music Society International Conference. His interest and research in the theory and performance practice of new music have led to writings, presentations and the published article "The Secret Behind Herbert Brün's *Moody Moments* for Solo Timpani" (*Percussive Notes*). Shuster is currently commissioning new works for Steady State, a percussion duo with his brother Tim Shuster, to perform for the Salisbury Percussion Festival 2016 (SPF 16) in spring. He holds degrees from Louisiana State University (Master of Music) and Kutztown University (B.A. in music). In addition to his work on the faculty at Salisbury University, Shuster teaches at Wor-Wic Community College and Stephen Decatur High School.

**Jerry Tabor** is a composer of experimental acoustic and electroacoustic music. As a featured composer at many major music festivals and as a guest artist, his music has been featured throughout the United States and in Europe. He is considered by scholars of contemporary music to be one of the leading composers of his generation. He also serves as director of Neuma Records and Publications, a respected contemporary music record label and publisher of music by pioneering electroacoustic, avant garde and experimental music composers.



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