

A senior lecture and voice recital given by LAURA SPIES

From the studio of **Professor Leigh Usilton**

Accompanied by Robert A. Baker, pianist

In partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Music Traditional Track





Lecture on Vocal Pedagogy given by Laura Spies.

Presentation of Students:

Whistle Down the Wind......Andrew Lloyd Webber Sean Priest, age 10

The Salley Gardenstraditional English
Hannah Carroll, age 19 arr. Benjamin Britten

Voice Recital by Laura Spies:

 Laura Spies Sunday, May 1, 2011 4 p.m. Great Hall, Holloway Hall

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BIOGRAPHY

Robert A. Baker is a composer, pianist, researcher, conductor and teacher, whose music has been performed by orchestras, ensembles and soloists in North America and Europe including the Azimuth Quartet, NODUS ensemble (USA), Esprit Orchestra, toneART ensemble (Canada) and Psappha Ensemble (U.K.). Several commercial CDs are available featuring Baker's music, most recently on England's Chiasmus Ensemble debut 2010 live recording, and his music has received recognition in competitions in England, Czech Republic, Italy and the United States. Baker's research on spatiotemporality in opera has led to a published article and several paper presentations at College Music Society conferences and organization, for which he currently serves as composition area chair for the Mid-Atlantic Region. Baker holds a Ph.D. in composition (McGill, 2009) and is currently an adjunct lecturer and accompanist at SU.



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