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UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COLLEGIATE CHORALE Songs of the Stars

Dr. Stephen Caldwell, director
Lisa Auten, piano
Dr. Xiting Yang, guest soloist

7:30 p.m., Saturday, April 26, 2025
Faulkner Performing Arts Center
University of Arkansas

PROGRAM

Cant de les estrelles
Enric Granados (1867-1916)

Dr. Xiting Yang, piano
Lisa Auten, organ

INTERMISSION

A Pale Blue Dot

Stephen Caldwell (2025)

Lisa Auten, piano

Isabella Adams, Dayton Strick, Merritt Denton, violins

Ely Yale, contrabass

Yoshio Yamashita, timpani

PROGRAM NOTES

Cant de les estrelles

Premiered in 1911, Granados wrote the Cant de les estrelles (Song of the Stars) for an unusual grouping of Three Choirs, Piano, and Organ. Granados, a pianist by trade, played the daunting piano part himself. Granados died in 1916, and the piece was not performed again. The manuscript was thought lost in a fire. After long last, and after a protracted legal battle over the rights to the found manuscript, the Cant de les estrelles was re-premiered in 2007 nearly a century after its first hearing. The work only has a few documented performances in America, and this is the Arkansas premiere.

Ah! Eternal immensity of space! Madness and fever of love, delirium which we've never known!

Such is our life, eternal and serene, and pure is our light when the calming night preserves the blue luminosity

We see the approach of eternal rest for your hearts thirsty from fever and the toppling of desire.

Such is our eternal life and pure is our light when in the calm night we feel compassion for you.

We are children of the night, keeping bright through space our guiding compassion!

We are victims of love without cheer.

The eternal serenity when planned in the heavens raises up our devotion to your fruitless longing.

Eternal serenity of the heavens. We want to be free to fly but we are prisoners of love!

How can we break free? Weakness invades the heart.

Eternal rest approaches! We wish to know of the death of our worlds!

The charms of love are broken but we can't break the shackles of the eternal immensity!

A Pale Blue Dot

The "Pale Blue Dot" is a photograph of Earth taken on Feb 14, 1990, by the Voyager 1 space probe from a distance of 3.7 billion miles. In the photo, Earth's size is a third of a pixel, just a tiny dot against the vastness of space, with three bands of sunlight streaming across the image reflected by the camera's lens. Voyager 1 has since left the solar system and the influence of the sun's gravity. Voyager 1 is now nearly 16 billion miles from earth in interstellar space, travelling away from us at 35 degrees

north of the ecliptic plane, at a speed of 38,210 mph. It will travel for approximately 40,000 years before the sun is no longer the closest star to its position. This photo gave a new perspective to the petty differences in our greater humanity, and this work explores that perspective through the lens of Voyager 1, as it looks back on this fleck of rock captured in a beam of light. This is the premiere performance of the work.

PERSONNEL

Soprano

Arias, Nathalie
Barborek, Tess
Booker, Amelia
Botiller, Natalia
Breau, Emma
Brown, Kalista
Davis, Emma
De La Torre, Catalina
Fabbri, Eliana
Fuentes, Isabel
Graves, McKinley
Hilton, Sadie
Hoang, Anna
Hubbard, Chloe
Jensen, Delaney
Large, Lillie
Larsen, Annabeth
Mac, Shay
Massengale, Emma
McCarthy, Kyndall
McGee, Kaylea
Morrison, Ayla
O'Leary, Brooke
Pennick, Isabelle
Price, Emma
Ramsey, Lauren
Rector, Sophie
Scott, Emma
Summers, Emery
Tomlin, Peyton
Walters, Isabel
Willett, Rachel

Alto

Broncano, Naomi
Choate, Olivia
Combs, Harper
Crouse, Samara
Drinkard, Phoebe
Gomez-Jimenez, Helem
Hodge, Ashlyn
Horton, Hannah
Huskey, Madison
Jackson, Roe
Jimenez, Idaly
Johnson, Mia
Labitad, Verna
Launhardt, Lauren
Lopez, Lizbeth
Murphy, Morgan
Overacker, Lillian
Pardue, Olivia
Parker, Olivia
Quintanilla, Valeria
Ramsey, Rose
Russell, Jill
Simpson, Layla
Torres, Nayra
Underwood, Amy
Vang, Shoshiana
Wood, Abigail
Woods, Talina
Yin, Kayla

Tenor

Arterberry, Connor
Bader, Parker
Bryant, Nolan
Burnside, Luke
Caperton, Joshua
Cash, Garrett
Clayton, Connor
Collier, Evan
Edwards, Nathan
Fox, Daniel
Garcia, Alexander
Golz, Avery
Hughes, Jacob
Letterman, Austin
Linkin, Noah
Mabry, Mason
Marvin, Trey
Miller, Gavin
Powers, Blake
Rodriguez, Jose
Rosnett, Josiah
Russel, Jacob
Sheeley, John
Smith, Donovan
Tucker, Bryles
Turney, Nicholas
Warner, Dustin
Wesley, Aundre
Zamora-Reyes, Giovanni

Bass

Black, Peter
Blalack, Logan
Blotor, Gabriel
Brown, D'Shawn
Denham, Elam
Estep, Aaron
Gay, Ryan
Goforth, Evan
Hartwig, Brayden
Henley, Will
Hinson, Sam
Hoang, Alex
Jackson, Cole
Landers, Jackson
Lawhon, Nash
Manning, Spencer
Mathews, Christian
Messick, Sam
Morningstar, James
Pardo, Max
Price, Carter
Rosas, Jonathan
Sandefur, Jeb
Shock, Brett
Soto, Edwin
Sutterfield, Titus
Thach, Tony
Vanderburg, Clayton