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PROGRAM

Canciones Amatorias .................. Enric Granados (1867-1916) Spain
2. Mañanaica era
7. No lloréis, ojuelos

7 Canciones Populares Españolas ...... Manuel de Falla (1876-1946) Spain
3. Asturiana


5 Canciones Populares Argentinas
2. Triste
3. Zamba

5 Canciones Negras ................. Xavier Montsalvatge (1912-2002) Spain
1. Cuba dentro de un piano
2. Punto de Habanera (Siglo XVIII)
3. Chévere
4. Canción de cuna para dormir a un negrito
5. Canto negro

Se Equivocó la Paloma ........... Carlos Guastavino (1912-2000) Argentina
La rosa y el sauce

4 Canciones Argentinas
2. Viniendo de Chilecito

Canciones Populares
Pampamapa
El Sampedrino

Caniones de Valdemossa .......... Anton Garcia Abril (b. 1933) Spain
5. A pie van mis suspiros
6. No por amor, no por tristeza

Poema en Forma de Caniones ......Joaquín Turina (1882-1949) Spain
1. Dedicatoria
2. Nunca olvida
3. Cantares
4. Los dos miedos
5. Las locas por amor

ABOUT THE ARTISTS

American soprano Carla Thelen Hanson is garnering attention for exciting and vocally thrilling performances of opera's leading heroines throughout the country. Her recent debut in the role of Desdemona in Verdi's Otello at the Utah Festival Opera the Salt Lake City Tribune exclaimed "Hanson's vocal range, exquisite control and emotional depth culminated in "Willow Song"; the sublime "Ave Maria" that followed was a masterpiece of tenderness and vulnerability. She also showed indomitable strength, defying Otello's brutal efforts to make her confess a nonexistent sin in the final duet."

Of her New York City Opera debut as Puccini's Tosca, The New York Times noted, "Ms. Hanson made a strong debut as Tosca, by turns fiery and vulnerable, her voice agreeably dark in its middle range and sufficiently full on top" and the New Yorker exclaims "her dark-grained, strongly felt "Vissi d'arte" sailed right up to the uppermost balcony." Of her Tosca at Utah Festival Opera and Musical Theatre Company the Deseret News proclaimed her "outstanding" and her "Vissi d'arte" "heart piercing". Of her recent Fidelio the InForum noted "Hers is a voice of great power and beauty and she essayed the difficult music with aplomb. Her first act aria was so beautifully done that it received a sustained three-minute ovation at the Friday performance." She received equal praise for portrayals of Maddalena de Coigny in Andrea Chenier for Mobile Opera, as well as the title roles of Ariadne auf Naxos and Norma, both with Union Ave Opera Theatre.

Ainhoa Urkijo is a collaborative pianist dedicated to the fields of chamber music, art song and opera. She holds a Doctorate in Collaborative Piano from the University of Minnesota. Mrs. Urkijo has had the opportunity of studying in Europe and in the US with many great pianists and leaders in the Opera and Art Song field including Dalton Baldwin, Wolfram Rieger, Paul von Schillhawsky, Charles Spencer, Harmut Holl, Ileana Cotrubas, Mitsuko Shirai, Timothy Lovelace and Noriko Kawai. She has been a faculty member of distinguished institutions in Europe and US where she has worked as piano instructor and as vocal coach. In addition, she has collaborated as pianist and coach in the studios of renowned singers such as John de Haan, Philip Zawiwsa, Tom Krause, Benita Valente, Zehava Gal and Christopher Robertson. Ms. Urkijo is currently a faculty member of the Music Department at the Rochester C&T College. She has been also the lead Vocal Coach at the Italian Operatic Experience program in Montecatini, Italy. Aside from her work in those institutions, she keeps private studios in Rochester, MN and Minneapolis, MN where she works with pianists, singers and instrumentalists.