

Eastern Mennonite University
Department of Music presents

David Berry, piano

Lehman Auditorium
EMU Facebook Live & EMU Dept. of Music Facebook Live
7:00 p.m., Saturday, March 20, 2021

Piano Sonata in B Minor, S. 178

Franz Liszt
(1811-1886)

Original arrangement of an
African-American spiritual

arr. David Berry

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Biography

A native of Syracuse, NY, **David Berry** is an active classical pianist whose performances have been featured in venues such as Carnegie Hall, the Kimmel Center, Merkin Hall, as well as live broadcasts of WQXR (New York City). As a performer of new music, he has worked with or premiered works by a number of noted composers, including James Lee III, Adolphus Hailstork, and Grammy-award winning composer Jennifer Higdon. David was a featured soloist in the Juilliard School's Focus Festival, *All About Elliott*, celebrating the 100th birthday of Elliott Carter, and also featured in piano series' hosted by author David Dubal at the Kosciusko Foundation and the Cervantes Institute.

An avid chamber musician, David has collaborated with members of many of the nation's leading orchestras, including the New Jersey, Houston, St. Louis, Dallas, and Seattle symphonies. He has toured and regularly concertized as a resident member of the Jacksonville, Florida based Ritz Chamber Players, The Harlem Chamber Players, and the innovative chamber music theater group, the Core Ensemble. As an arts administrator, David serves as Chair of Chamber Music Programs for the Gateways Music Festival at the Eastman School of Music, a biennial festival which celebrates the contributions of musicians of African descent to classical music, and features over 120 players from major American orchestras and university faculties across the United States.

David received his Bachelor of Music with High Distinction from the Eastman School of Music, and Masters and Doctor of Musical Arts degrees in piano performance from the Juilliard School. David's piano teachers have included Martin Canin, Douglas Humphreys, and George Skafidas, with collaborative piano coaching under Russell Miller and chamber music studies under Seymour Lipkin, Jacob Lateiner, and Jonathan Feldman.

David is currently Assistant Professor of Music and Chair of the Music Department at Eastern Mennonite University.

Upcoming Music Department Events

March

- 25 Music Colloquium: Noa Kageyama, *performance psychologist*,
EMU Facebook Live, 12:20pm

April

- 15 Music Colloquium: Deepti Navaratna, *Carnatic music specialist*, EMU Facebook Live, 12:20pm
- 22 Music Dept. Student Recital, Music Dept. Facebook Live,
12:20pm
- 24 Chamber Orchestra/Wind Ensemble Concert, EMU
Facebook Live, 7:00pm
- 25 Chamber Singers/Jazz Ensemble Concert, Thomas Plaza,
5:00pm

May

- 16 Shenandoah Valley Youth Symphony Spring Concert,
Natural Chimneys Campground, 4:00pm

June

- 13-20 Shenandoah Valley Bach Festival, www.svbachfestival.org

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