

Eastern Mennonite University Music Faculty Artist Series

presents the

James Madison University doctoral lecture recital of

James Richardson, baritone

David Berry, piano

EMU Facebook Live / EMU Dept. of Music Facebook Live

Friday, February 19, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

LECTURE

A Few Songs by Armstrong Gibbs (1889-1960)

From Nostalgia to Christian Hope and the Assurance of Heaven

PROGRAM

“Ann’s Cradle Song” from Crossings

The Splendour Falls

Before Sleeping

Quiet Conscience

The Oxen

This recital is presented in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree Doctor of Musical Arts.

James Richardson is from the studio of Professor Kevin McMillan.

Biography

James Richardson is currently assistant professor of music at Eastern Mennonite University and a doctoral candidate at James Madison University. His dissertation--in progress--concerns the songs of English composer Armstrong Gibbs (1889-1960). Mr. Richardson holds his master of music degree from The Peabody Conservatory of Music of The Johns Hopkins University where he graduated Pi Kappa Lambda and was awarded the Annie Wentz Prize in Voice. As a baritone he has performed in a wide variety of venues, and his singing has been described by the *Baltimore Sun* as “polished, richly laden with vivid tempos and dynamic phrasing.”

David Berry is an active classical pianist whose performances have been featured in venues such as Carnegie Hall, Merkin Hall, the UW World Series at the University of Washington, as well as live broadcasts of WQXR (New York City). Recent concerto engagements have included appearances with the Shenandoah Valley Bach Festival Orchestra and the Hudson Symphony Orchestra. As a performer of new music, David has worked with or premiered works by a number of noted composers, including James Lee III, Jeffery Scott (Imani Winds) and Grammy-award winning composer Jennifer Higdon. He has also collaborated as an avid chamber musician with members of many of the nation’s leading orchestras, including the New Jersey, Houston, St. Louis, Dallas, and Seattle symphonies. 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. He is currently Assistant Professor of Music at Eastern Mennonite University.

Upcoming Music Department Events

February

- 25 Music Dept. Colloquium: Judy Dines, *flute*, EMU Facebook Live, 12:20pm
- 27 Junior Recital, Evelina Yavny, *violin*, EMU Dept. of Music Facebook Live, 3:30pm

March

- 18 Music Dept. Student Recital, EMU Dept. of Music Facebook Live, 12:20pm
- 20 Music Faculty Artist Series: David Berry, *piano*, EMU Facebook Live, 7:00pm
- 25 Music Dept Colloquium: Noa Kageyama, *performance* psychologist, EMU Facebook Live, 12:20pm
- 26 Senior Recital: Josh Overacker, *oboe*, EMU Dept. of Music Facebook Live, 4:00pm

April

- 15 Music Dept. Colloquium: Deepti Navaratna, *Carnatic music specialist*, EMU Dept. of Music Facebook Live, 12:20pm
- 22 Music Dept. Student Recital, EMU Dept. of Music 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