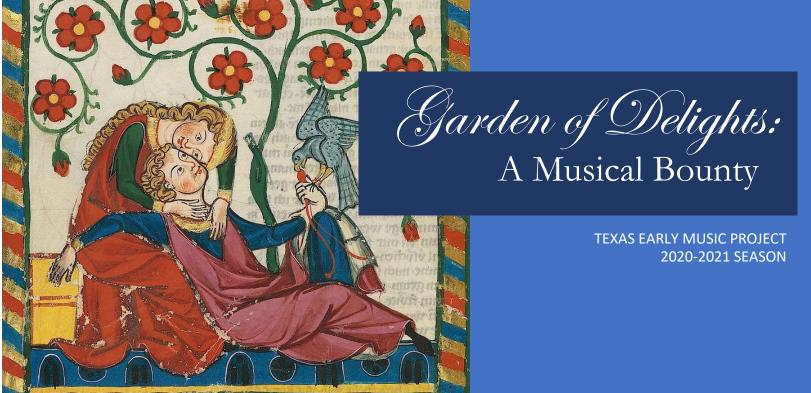


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Night Music! An Online Mini-Series with Gitanjali Mathur, Daniel Johnson, & Guests

Video Premier December 6, 2020, with new episodes in 2021: January 24, February 28, March 21, April 18, and May 23

Formatted in talk-show style, Night Music! will offer short programs of calm and respite, focused on lullabies and the diversity of lullaby styles in cultures around the world.

An Early Christmas: A Video Premier

Video Premier December 18, 2020

We explore the intangible essence of Christmas and Chanukah as TEMP puts its unique stamp on beautiful and joyful carols, motets, dances, and traditional songs with innovative arrangements for solo voices, small ensembles, harp, violin, flute, viols, and lutes, on video for the first time.

Fresh Take: Music History Reimagined

Video Premier February 6, 2021

Fresh Take will highlight key aspects of the history of western music from around 1200 to 1750, utilizing music recorded by TEMP musicians for this production, as well as selected examples from TEMP's CDs. Each section of the video will include musical examples, narration with humorous asides, catchy details, and engaging graphics that will be appealing to students of all ages. Produced by Meredith Ruduski and Sara Schneider!

Tales from the Decameron: A Video Premier

Video Premier May 8, 2021

Boccaccio's collection of stories from the mid-14th century tells a story of young Florentines who have fled from the Black Plague. In this timely video, TEMP will re-enact several of the stories that were told to entertain these refugees, with music from the 14th century, costumes, and a script by Guggenheim Fellowship winner, Dr. Larry Rosenwald.















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INTRODUCTORY NOTES

It's difficult to believe that this is the final event for our 2019-2020 season, which we innocently titled **Love's Illusion**. At the time, that title seemed very fitting for the repertoire we had planned for this season. Little did we know the full extent of the "illusions" we would be witnessing during this tumultuous year! One such "illusion" is that life progresses in a linear fashion and expectations are consistent with reality. For example, it would be nice if a master of some art form were able to inspire a student to become a master as well. Voilá! The Monteverdi/Cavalli nexus fulfills that expectation! Sara Schneider will tell us more about their connection in her lecture.

The early 17th century in Italy was an exciting time, musically, as the transition from the Renaissance to the Baroque was at full speed and composers were experimenting with harmony, rhythms, new modes of expressiveness, and virtuosity. The masterful polyphony of the 16th century involved interweaving several different parts in imitation (or with other constraints) but the early 17th century rebelled with completely sensual music for one or two voices supported only by continuo, thus setting the melody line free while at the same time expanding the harmonic vocabulary in the search for ways to transmit the emotional content of the words.

I hope you will enjoy this, our second concert video! There will be more to come as we launch our 2020-2021 Season: *Garden of Delights: A Musical Bounty*.

Daniel Johnson November 2020

TEMP FOUNDER & ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



Daniel Johnson has performed and toured both as a soloist and ensemble member in such groups as the New York Ensemble for Early Music, Sotto Voce (San Francisco), and Musa Iberica (London). He has been the artistic director of the Texas Early Music Project since its inception in 1987. Johnson was also the director of the UT Early Music Ensemble, one of the largest and most active in the U.S., from 1986 to 2003. He was a member of the Higher Education Committee of Early Music America from 1996–2000. In 1998, he was awarded Early Music America's Thomas Binkley Award for university ensemble directors and he was also the recipient of the 1997 Quattlebaum Award at the College of Charleston. Johnson serves on the faculty, staff, and the Executive Advisory Board of the Amherst Early Music Festival and has directed the Texas Toot workshops since 2002. He was inducted into the Austin Arts Hall of Fame in 2009.

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Che costumi, che gente sfacciata ed insolente!

Ogn'un meco la vole Con fatti e con parole.

Che città, che città!

Che costumi, che gente sfacciata ed insolente!

Mille perigli, e mille mi sovrastano al giorno, Ho cento insidiatori ognor d'intorno;

Né so il perché capire, chi me 'l saprebbe dire?

Tal le guancie mi tocca, che non conosco a pena,

Seco cortese m'invita a cena.

Né so il perché capire, chi me 'l saprebbe dire?

Ogn'un tace, e lo sa, Che città, che città!

Non vedo l'ora, che ritorni Amida In Tremisene per partir di qua.

Che città, che città!

Che costumi, che gente sfacciata ed insolente!

What a city, what a city!

What customs, what impudent and insolent people!

They all try to fool me With deeds and words.

What a city, what a city!

What customs, what impudent and insolent people!

A thousand perils, and a thousand threaten me daily,

There are a hundred schemers all around; I can't understand it, who can explain it to me?

Someone I barely know strokes my cheek, Everyone politely invites me to dine.

I can't understand it, who can explain it to me?

They're all keeping quiet, even though they know,

What a city, what a city!
I can't wait for Amida to return
To Tremisene and get us out of here.

What a city, what a city!

What customs, what impudent and insolent people!

Non è maggior piacere (Francesco Cavalli) & La Calisto; Venice, 1651/52; Act I, Scene 4; libretto by Giovanni Faustini

Gitanjali Mathur as Calisto

Non è maggior piacere, che seguendo Le fere fuggir dell'uomo i lusinghieri inviti: Tirannie de' mariti son troppo gravi, E troppo è il giogo amaro. Viver in libertade è il dolce, il caro.

Di fiori ricamato morbido letto ho il prato, M'è grato cibo il mel, bevanda il fiume. Dalle canore piume a formar melodie Tra i boschi imparo.

Viver in libertade è il dolce, il caro.

There is no greater pleasure than to flee Amidst wild animals, men and their false flatteries: The tyranny of husbands is too heavy, And their yoke too cruel. To live in freedom is sweet and it is dear.

Embroidered flowers make my bed, I feed on honey and I drink water from the river. The birds teach me their melodies

And I learn them in the woods.

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Volevo amare anch'io, I, too, would be a lover,

Ma vedo che chi serve But then I see that whoever serves

Amore, ingiusto dio,

Love, an unjust god,

Riceve in guiderdon doglie proterve; Receives doleful, protracted afflictions;

Onde il cor sbigottito So my stunned heart

Di non innamorarsi ha stabilito. Has decided not to fall in love.

Tendi l'arco a tuo volere,

Scocca pure i strali tuoi,

Bend the bow to your will,

And shoot your arrows, too,

Feri, Amor, quanto tu vuoi, Wound me, Love, as much as you want, Non mi avrai fra le tue schiere. You will not have me among your hosts.

Tuo poter non temo, no, I am not afraid of your power, no, Credi a me, non amerò. Believe me well, I will not love.

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Poppea e Nerone: Poppea & Nero:

Su, su, Venere ed Amor, su, Come, come, Venus and Love, come,

Esalti, lodi l'alma, esalti il cor. Be honored in our minds, exalted in our hearts.

Nessun fugga l'aurea face, Let no one flee the golden flame, Ben che strugga sempre piace. That may burn but always pleases.

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Penelope: Penelope:

Illustratevi, o Cieli rinfioratevi Shine out, oh heavens, blossom

Rinfioratevi, o prati, aure, gioite. Rejuvenate, oh meadows, rejoice, oh zephyrs.

Gli augelletti cantando, You singing birds,

I rivi mormorando, hor si rallegrino! You murmuring brooks, show joy again!

Quell'herbe verdeggianti, This verdant grass,

Quell'onde susurranti, hor si consolino! The soughing waves, console you!

Giacche sorta felice dal cenere Trojan la mia Fenice. For my Phoenix arises joyously from the Trojan ashes.

Ulisse: Ulysses.

Sospirato mio sole, porto quieto e riposo! My longed-for sun, calm haven and rest!

Penelope: Penelope:

Rinovata mia luce! My restored light!

Penelope e Ulisse: Penelope & Ulysses:

Bramato sì, ma caro! I yearned for you, my beloved!

Penelope Penelope:

Per te gl'andati affani a benedir imparo. For you I learn to bless my past torments.

Ulisse: Ulysse.

Non si rammenti più de tormenti, Forget all the suffering, Tutto è piacer! Everything is joy!

Penelope e Ulisse:
Sì, sì, sì, vita!

Penelope & Ulysses:
Yes, yes, yes, my life!

Fuggan dai petti dogliosi affetti.

May our hearts shun sadness.

Tutto è godere, tutto è goder! Everything is delight, everything is delight!

Si, sì, sì, core! Yes, ves, wy heart!

Del piacer, del goder venuto è il di.

The day of pleasure and joy has finally come.

Sì, sì, sì, vita! Si, sì, sì, core!

Yes, yes, yes, my life! Yes, yes, yes my heart!

Leva l'ancore (Francesco Cavalli) & La Didone; Venice, 1641; Act III, Scene 5; libretto by Giovanni Francesco Busenello

Ryland Angel as Mercurio

Leva l'ancore, e in alto al gran passaggio La tua falange spieghi al vento i lini; Per tuoi nocchier s'accordano i destini, Nettun sarà il pilota al gran viaggio.

Vanne in Italia, ch'a te sol fa voti Per partorire alla tua prole i regni. La terra, e 'l ciel saranno angusti segni Le palme per capir de' tuoi nipoti.

Or vigoroso movi e 'l core, e 'l piede, E da ceppi l'arbitrio discatena. Del vano lagrimar chiudi la vena! Così t'impon chi 'l tutto intende, e vede. Weigh anchor, and when you are on the open sea

Have your men spread sail; Fate will guide your helmsmen,

Neptune will steer you along in your important journey.

Go to Italy, which awaits only you To prepare a kingdom for your posterity. Earth and heaven will not be large enough To contain the glory of your grandchildren.

Now rouse yourself and set forth promptly, And break the fetters of your resolve.

Dry your vain tears!

He who knows and sees all commands you.

Mio foco fatale/Beata mi sento (Francesco Cavalli) & La Calisto; Venice, 1651/52; Act III, Scene 4; libretto by Giovanni Faustini

Tim O'Brien as Giove & Shari Alise Wilson as Calisto

Giove: Mio foco fatale, son Giove, e tormento... Jove: My predestined beloved, I am Jove, and I suffer...

Calisto: Beata mi sento a questa salita... Calisto: I feel myself blessed at being raised to heaven...

Giove: ...Per te mia tradita. Jove: ...for you, my betrayed one.

Calisto: ...Mercè del mio dio. Calisto: ...by the mercy of my god.

Calisto e Giove: O dolce amor mio! Calisto & Jove: O my sweet love!

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Oblivion soave i dolci sentimenti Let gentle oblivion lull your tender feelings

In te, figlia, addormenti. To sleep, my child.

Posatevi, occhi ladri: Close, thieving eyes: Aperti, deh, che fate What can you do when open Se chiusi ancor rubate? If you still steal hearts when shut?

Poppea, sleep in peace; Poppea, rimanti in pace; Luci care e gradite, Dear sweet orbs,

Dormite omai, dormite. Go to sleep, now, go to sleep.

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La Ninfa e Coro: The Nymph and Chorus:

Amor! O Love!

(Dicea, e'l ciel mirando, il piè fermò:) (She cried, and looking at heaven, she paused:)

Amor, dov'è la fé ch'il traditor giurò? (Miserella) Love, where is the fidelity the traitor swore? (Unhappy maid)

Send back my lover Fa che ritorni il mio Amor Com'ei pur fu, o tu m'ancidi, As he once was, or kill me,

Ch'io non mi tormenti più. So that I may no longer torment myself.

(Miserella, ah più no, no! (Unhappy maid, no, no more! Tanto gel soffrir non può.) She cannot bear such coldness.)

Non vo' più ch'ei sospiri, I do not want him to sigh anymore, Se non lontan da me, (Miserella) Unless he is far from me, (Unhappy maid) No, let him no longer tell me of his suffering.

No, no che i martiri più non dirammi affè. (Unhappy maid, no, no more! (Miserella, ah più no, no! Tanto gel soffrir non può.) She cannot bear such coldness.)

Perchè di lui mi struggo tutt'orgoglioso sta, If I torture myself for his sake, he is unmoved,

But if I flee from him, he will again beseech me. (Unhappy maid) Che sì se 'l fuggo, ancor mi pregherà. (Miserella)

Se ciglio ha più sereno Even if that other girl has a brow

Colei che 'l mio non è, More serene than mine,

Già non rinchiude in seno Amor sì bella fé. Love has not endowed her heart with equal fidelity.

Ne mai sì dolci baci Never again such sweet kisses From this mouth will you receive, Da quella bocca havrai,

Ne più soavi, ah taci, (Miserella) And none more tender, ah, enough, (Unhappy maid)

Taci, che troppo il sai. Enough, you know it only too well.

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Laura Mercado-Wright as Ottavia

Addio, Roma! Addio, patria! Amici, addio!

Innocente da voi partir conviene. Vado a patir l'esilio in pianti amari, Navigo disperata i sordi mari;

L'aria che d'ora in ora Riceverà i miei fiati,

Li porterà per nome del cor mio A veder, a baciar le patrie mura.

Et io starò solinga,

Alternando le mosse ai pianti, ai passi, Insegnando pietade ai freddi sassi. Remigate oggi mai, perverse genti, Allontanatevi omai dagli amati lidi.

Ahi, sacrilego duolo,

Tu m'interdici il pianto quando lascio la patria,

Né stillar una lacrima poss'io

Mentre dico ai parenti e a Roma addio.

Farewell, Rome! Farewell, my fatherland! My friends, farewell!

Though innocent, I must leave you.

I face an exile of bitter tears,

Sailing the heedless seas, devoid of hope;

The winds that from time to time

Will receive my breath,

Shall bear it in my heart's name

To look upon and kiss the walls of the fatherland.

And I shall be alone,

Weeping and pacing up and down by turn, Teaching compassion to the very stones. Now ply your oars, perfidious men, Carry me far from the beloved shore.

Ah, sacrilegious grief,

You forbid me to weep as I leave my fatherland,

Nor may I shed a single tear

While bidding farewell to my family and to Rome.

Finale:

Wine & Fire: Crazy Little Thing Called Love

Damigella tutta bella (Claudio Monteverdi) & Scherzi musicali; Venice, 1607

text by Gabriello Chiabrera (1552-1638)

Jenifer Thyssen, Cayla Cardiff, Jeffrey Jones-Ragona, David Lopez, & Tim O'Brien

Damigella tutta bella, versa, versa quel bel vino;

Fa che cada la rugiada distillato di rubino.

Ho nel seno rio veneno, Che vi sparse Amor profondo;

Ma gittarlo e lasciarlo

Vo' sommerso in questo fondo.

Damigella tutta bella, di quel vin tu non mi sazi;

Fa che cada la rugiada distillata di topazi.

Nova fiamma, più m'infiamma, Arde il cor foco novello;

Se mia vita non s'aita,

Ah, ch'io vengo un mongibello!

Ma più fresca ognor cresca

Dentro me sì fatta arsura;

Consumarmi, e disfarmi

Per tal modo ho per ventura!

Damsel, most fair, pour, pour out that good wine; Make that dew that is distilled from rubies fall.

I have in my bosom an evil poison,

Put deeply in there by Love;

But I want to discard it and leave it

Submerged in this deep liquid.

Damsel, most fair, you do not satisfy me with that wine;

Make that dew that is distilled from topaz fall.

New flame, the more it inflames me,

It lights my heart with new fire;

If my life receives no help,

Ah, I become a volcano!

But renewed, may this burning

Within me ever increase;

To be consumed and undone

In this way is my good fortune!

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La Follia presents a virtual premiere of organ concerti by Mozart, Haydn, Vivaldi, J.C. Bach, Stanley, and Handel featuring the historic Holbrook Organ at Redeemer Presbyterian Church, the oldest organ in Texas. Artistic Director Keith Womer and artist Anton Nel share duties on the organ. The concert will also feature soprano Gitanjali Mathur.

Sunday, November 22, 2020, 6:00 PM

www.lafollia.org



Texas Early Music Project

Daniel Johnson, Artistic Director

Night Music! An Online Mini-Series with Gitanjali Mathur, Daniel Johnson & Guests

Formatted in talk-show style, *Night-Music* will offer short programs of calm and respite focused on lullabies and the diversity of lullaby styles in cultures around the world.

Premiere on December 6, 2020 with new episodes in 2021: January 24, February 28, March 21, April 18, and May 23

www.early-music.org



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An Early Christmas for 2020: A Video Premiere

We explore the intangible essence of Christmas as TEMP puts its unique stamp on beautiful and joyful carols, motets, dances, and traditional songs with innovative arrangements for solo voices, small ensembles, harp, violin, flute, viols, and lutes, on video for the first time.

Premiere scheduled for December 18, 2020

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