

WORLD PREMIERES BY  
ABBIE BETINIS . BENJAMIN C.S. BOYLE . JOHN CONAHAN . DARON HAGEN  
JULIANA HALL . LORI LAITMAN . THOMAS LLOYD . LOGAN SKELTON  
WITH  
KELLY ANN BIXBY . ANDREW FUCHS . KEITH PHARES . KATHERINE PRACHT  
AND LAURA WARD, AT THE PIANO

# SINCERELY YOURS – LETTERS SET TO MUSIC



Saturday, April 2, 2016 at 8 PM at Haverford College, Marshall Auditorium  
Sunday, April 3, 2016 at 3 PM at The Academy of Vocal Arts

## PROGRAM

Laura Ward, piano

**Ever yours, Vincent – Isabella Nicole Ness\* (b. 1993)**

(Vincent Van Gogh, June 3 or 4, 1888) World Premiere

Keith Phares

*\*Congratulations to Isabella Nicole Ness,  
winner of the Lyric Fest Young Song Composers Competition.*

**A Letter – Lee Hoiby (1926-2011)**

(Emily Dickinson, April 25, 1862) from *Four Dickinson Songs*

Katherine Pracht

**A Northeast Storm – Juliana Hall (b. 1958)**

(Emily Dickinson, June 8, 1851) World Premiere

Kelly Ann Bixby

**the greatest evil - six years – Joel Puckett (b. 1977)**

(Edgar Allan Poe, January 4, 1848)

Andrew Fuchs

**Zelda's Dream – Benjamin C.S. Boyle (b. 1979)**

(Zelda Fitzgerald, after April 15, 1919) World Premiere

Kelly Ann Bixby

**You must know... – Thomas Lloyd (b.1952)**

(Amelia Earhart, February 7, 1931) World Premiere

Katherine Pracht

**France, having survived the Normandy Invasion, D-Day – Alan Louis Smith (b. 1955)**

(George W. Honts, July – November 1944) from *Vignettes: Letters from George to Evelyn*

Andrew Fuchs

**Your Ever Faithfull Friend – Abbie Betinis (b. 1980)**

(Abigail Adams, March 31 & April 5, 1776; John Adams, April 14, 1776) World Premiere

Katherine Pracht & Keith Phares

INTERMISSION

**Today I Met – Gabriel Kahane (b. 1981)**  
(pers-152103054@craigslist.org, April 17, 2006) from *Craigslistlieder*  
Andrew Fuchs

**From *Letters to Santa* – Logan Skelton (b. 1961)** World Premiere  
**Everything, but not *Everything***  
Katherine Pracht  
**A Few Questions**  
Keith Phares  
**My Real Wish**  
Kelly Ann Bixby  
**I Know a Little Boy and Girl: The Spirit of Giving (from 1888)**  
Andrew Fuchs

**The Bixby Letter – Daron Aric Hagen (b. 1961)**  
(Abraham Lincoln, November 21, 1864) World Premiere  
Keith Phares

**Domesticity – Dominick Argento (b. 1927)**  
(Elizabeth Barrett Browning, November, 1959) from *Casa Guidi*  
Kelly Ann Bixby

**I love my wife. My wife is dead. – John Conahan (b. 1974)**  
(Richard Feynman, October 17, 1946) World Premiere  
Andrew Fuchs

**Dear Future Roommate – Lori Laitman (b. 1955)**  
(Mike Gioia, 2011) World Premiere  
Keith Phares

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