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The Juilliard School and New York Festival of Song present

Kurt Weill's Berlin

Thursday, January 17, 2019, at 7:30pm Peter Jay Sharp Theater

Anneliese Klenetsky and Jaylyn Simmons, Sopranos Shakèd Bar, Mezzo-Soprano Chance Jonas-O'Toole, Tenor Gregory Feldmann and Jack Kay, Baritones William Socolof, Bass-Baritone

Steven Blier, Pianist, Arranger, and Artistic Director of NYFOS Mary Birnbaum, Stage Director
Jack Gulielmetti, Banjo
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CITY LIFE

KURT WEILL Berlin im Licht (1928)

(1900-50) Chance Jonas-O'Toole and William Socolof

FREDERICK HOLLANDER

(1896-1976)

Wenn der alte Motor wieder tackt (1919)

Shakèd Bar and Gregory Feldmann

OLAF BIENERT Augen in der Großstadt (1956)

(1911-67) Jack Kay

HOLLANDER Tritt mir bloß nicht auf die Schuh

Anneliese Klenetsky

Program continues

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BERLIN IN BED

KURT TUCHOLSKY

Sleepless Lady (late 1920s)

(1890-1935)

Shakèd Bar

RUDOLF NELSON

Peter, Peter (1929)

(1878-1960)

William Socolof

BIENERT

That (1930)

Shakèd Bar, Anneliese Klenetsky, Jaylyn Simmons

HOLLANDER

Oh Just Suppose (1928)

Anneliese Klenetsky, Jaylyn Simmons, Jack Kay

WEILL'S LAST STAND: DER SILBERSEE (1933)

WEILL

The Shopgirls' Duet

Shakèd Bar and Jaylyn Simmons

The Lottery Agent's Tango Chance Jonas-O'Toole

Caesar's Death Gregory Feldmann The Company

Intermission

LOST AND FOUND: HAPPY END (1929)

WEILL Bilbao-Song

Shakèd Bar, Gregory Feldmann, William Socolof

Sailor's Tango Jack Kay

Der Song von Mandelay

Chance Jonas-O'Toole, William Socolof, and Gentlemen





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MEN, WOMEN, AND MONEY

HANNS EISLER There's Nothing Quite Like Money (1934)

(1898-1962) William Socolof

BIENERT Song of Indifference (1931)

Jaylyn Simmons

WEILL Nanna's Lied (1939)

Anneliese Klenetsky

THE GATHERING STORM

BIENERT Parc Monceau (1924)

Chance Jonas-O'Toole

WEILL Wie lange noch? (1944)

Shakèd Bar

EISLER Der Graben (1926)

Gregory Feldmann

WEILL From Aufstieg und Fall der Stadt Mahagonny (1930)

Denn wie man sich bettet, so liegt man

The Company

Performance time: approximately 2 hours and 15 minutes, including an intermission

About the Program by Steven Blier

Choosing a program for NYFOS's annual residency at Juilliard is usually one of the year's sweetest dilemmas. No dilemma this time, though. I knew more than a year ago that I would want to revive *Kurt Weill's Berlin* as the 2019 project. My singers have strong feelings about today's politics, and I was sure they'd see the connection between Weimar Berlin and contemporary New York. While Kurt Weill and Hanns Eisler are not unknown to today's crop of young artists, they still had a lot to discover about them. And I knew that they would enjoy the freewheeling sexual politics in the songs by Tucholsky and Hollander.

I could not have anticipated in January of 2017 the mind-boggling clown car of today's 24-hour news cycles. The material in tonight's concert is like an eerie portent, a Roaring Twenties prequel to our times. In the middle of a rehearsal of "Caesar's Death" baritone Greg Feldmann was so startled by the contemporary relevance of the lyrics that he turned to me and blurted out, "Steve, when was this thing written?" I admit that I have been just as gobsmacked by the timeliness of these songs as Greg, even though I've known them and played them for decades.

The music we're hearing tonight actually comes from three different genres: musical theater, political song, and *Kabarett*. Weill, of course, is a man of the theater. His collaboration with Bertolt Brecht lasted only four years, from 1926 to 1930. But the works they created, including *The Threepenny Opera* and *Mahagonny*, started a revolution in theatrical style. Weill had been a student of Engelbert Humperdinck (of *Hansel and Gretel* fame). Following in his mentor's footsteps, Weill had his first big successes in the realm of opera. *Der Protagonist* launched the young composer's career in 1925—at opening night there were 35 curtain calls and 10 solo bows for the composer.

But the sweet-and-sour complexity of *Threepenny* in 1928 was something Germany had never heard before. Weill's music is tonal, but it is laced with lots of intentional off-key bass notes. The songs don't always end in the keys in which they began, drunkenly veering off into foreign tonalities. Combining seediness with sophistication, they are in-your-face and confrontational. But they also exhibit a rare sensitivity, exposing his characters' unstated vulnerabilities. Just one example: in his masterful "Nanna's Lied," a used-up prostitute quotes Marx and François Villon as her music veers from accusatory bitterness to sweet, sensitive regret.

We're giving special focus to two of Weill's works tonight, *Happy End* (written with Brecht) and *Der Silbersee* (written with Georg Kaiser). They each contain some of Weill's finest songs, and they each were shut down right after their premieres. *Happy End*, whose plot is startlingly similar to *Guys and Dolls*, was the much-anticipated follow-up to *Threepenny*. Weill wrote a sensational score, using a richer musical vocabulary than he had for the previous piece. But on its opening night, the leading lady

(Helene Weigel, soon to be Brecht's wife) suddenly went off-script and started declaiming from a Communist pamphlet. Riots broke out, the show was panned, the public shunned it, and *Happy End* closed within a week. A beautiful revival at the Yale Rep in 1972, in Michael Feingold's translation, finally brought *Happy End* back to life.

Der Silbersee (Silverlake) was Weill's final work in Germany. By 1933, the outspoken, left-wing, Jewish Weill was persona non grata in Hitler's Germany. Opening night managed to go off without a hitch, but the Nazis interrupted the second performance with a demonstration, shutting it down in the middle of the second act. Suddenly the two other German theaters that were set to do productions of Weill's latest musical cancelled. Weill's music was banned in Germany, his manuscripts were burned, and within two weeks Weill fled Germany to take up residence in Paris. He never saw his homeland again.

Kurt Weill's music shares the stage tonight with songs from Berlin's Kabaretts. While he sometimes professed a certain disdain for Berlin's nightclubs, it's obvious that Weill's scores in the late 1920s borrowed freely from their loose-limbed style. The cabaret scene ran a wide spectrum. Some catered to the city's intellectuals with political satire; some were geared to the tastes of the wealthy, with elegant settings, witty songs, and fine dining; still others—called *Tingel-Tangels*—were cheap honky-tonks where both the drinks and the entertainers were for sale. You could find sophisticated literary parody, sentimental celebrations of bourgeois life, left-wing political satire, right-wing rabble-rousing, naked dancing girls, and gay bars. Fads would last a few months or a few years. And some very talented people dished out startlingly vivid material, with clever words and catchy tunes. The songs by Frederick Hollander, Mischa Spoliansky, and Rudolph Nelson are at once ephemeral and timeless. While they weren't intended to last, more than one of my students have commented, "Oh jeez, this song is about me!"

Composer Hanns Eisler and lyricists Kurt Tucholsky and Walter Mehring provide a window into Berlin's political cabaret. After Brecht and Weill ended their partnership, Eisler (a fervent Marxist) became Brecht's musician of choice. His music tends to be less juicy, less ear-catching than Weill's. Eisler's slightly academic dryness suited Brecht, perhaps because it provided a plainer background for his lyrics. Still, Eisler at his best is capable of humor and passion, and some of his songs have an unforgettable directness—especially "Der Graben," his moving pacifist anthem.

Mehring was an uncompromising artist, stopping at nothing to startle the public out of its complacency. He invented a rapid-fire rhyming style—I think of it as "Weimar hip-hop." We'll get a sample of Mehring's technique in a song actually written by Hollander, "Tritt mir bloß nicht auf die Schuh," with its string of tongue-twisting two-syllable rhymes.

About the Program by Steven Blier (continued)

Of all the poets and composers on tonight's program, Kurt Tucholsky is the one I would most like to have known. A committed pacifist, he tried to keep war at bay through essays, newspaper articles, poems, and song lyrics. Tucholsky was an astoundingly perceptive writer, and his psychological acuity has turned him into a hero among today's younger Germans. Once banned by Hitler, he is now anthologized and lionized.

Der Silbersee offered the German public a much-needed fantasy: at the end, the principal characters escape their pursuers as the lake of the title miraculously freezes. They are able to walk across the ice to safety. Alas, this fantasy did not await many of Germany's Jews, gay people, and dissidents. All the artists on tonight's concert survived the ravages of the Third Reich—except Tucholsky. He left Berlin in 1924 when he became the Paris correspondent for a number of Berlin newspapers. But he continued to supply Kabarett lyrics from his Paris apartment. Left-wing cabaret, agitprop theater, pacifist journalism, and Communist demonstrations all proved useless against the rise of Hitler. Tucholsky emigrated to Sweden. But in 1935, unable to obtain Swedish citizenship and already overwhelmed by the Nazi era, he decided he'd seen enough. He took poison and ended his life. Tucholsky's tombstone quotes from Goethe: "All that passes is but a riddle."

Texts and Translations

Berlin im Licht

Music and lyrics: Kurt Weill

Und zum Spazierengehn genügt das Sonnenlicht.
Doch um die Stadt Berlin zu sehn, genügt die Sonne nicht.
Das ist kein lauschiges Plätzchen, das ist 'ne ziemliche Stadt.
Damit man da alles gut sehen kann, da braucht man schon einige Watt.
Na wat denn? Na wat denn?
Was ist das für ne Stadt denn?

Komm, mach mal Licht, damit man sehn kann, ob was da ist, Komm, mach mal Licht, und rede nun mal nicht. Komm, mach mal Licht, dann wollen wir doch auch mal sehen. Ob das'ne Sache ist: Berlin im Licht.

Wenn der alte Motor wieder tackt

Frederick Hollander Text: Kurt Tucholsky

Schiebung! Schiebung!
Wohin du siehst wohin du kukst,
Wohin du hörst, mein Lieber! Sehr wichtig!
Wohin du trittst, wohin du spuckst:
Nur Schieber! Schieber! Schieber! Aber richtig!
Nur Noske ist uns lieb und wert,
Der treibt es täglich bunter.
Wie lange noch und Justav fährt
Die Lindenrauf und runter.
O Publikum, ich frage bloss:
Wann werd'n wir den und andre los?

Wenn der alte Motor wieder tackt, Wenn die Räder roll'n, die Weiche knackt, Wenn der Dreher in die Hände spuckt,

Wenn der Strom den Dynamo durchzuckt, Wenn der Autobus fur'n Sechser fährt, Wenn das Grünkramfräulein uns beehrt,

Berlin in Lights

Translation: Steven Blier

If you just want to take a walk, all you need is sunlight, but if you want to see the city of Berlin, the sun just isn't enough.

This is no secluded little outpost; it's quite a place.

To see everything in it properly, you're going to need a few watts.

So what? So what?

What kind of city is it anyway?

Come on, turn on the lights so we can see what there is to see – Come on, turn on the lights and don't say another word. Come on, turn on the lights, so we can see what the big deal is: Berlin in Lights!

When the Old Auto Starts to Rumble Again

Translation: Steven Blier

Swindlers! Crooks!

Wherever you look, wherever you gaze, Wherever you listen, my dear—very important! Wherever you tread, wherever you spit: Only swindlers, swindlers, swindlers—and how! Noske is just so precious to us, He's more outrageous every day. How much longer will it go on? And Justav rides Up and down the Linden Boulevard. O Public! I am merely asking: When will we get rid of him and all the others?

When the old auto starts to rumble again, When the wheels roll, the switchpoints crackle, When the guy who cranks up the car spits in his hands again,

When the current goes through the engine, When the bus costs a nickel, When the girl at the greenmarket does us the honors,

Wenn die olle gute Rolle wieder wie gewöhnlich schnurrt,

Sitzt die Neese wieder vorne!

Marke: "Neugeburt!"

Schiebung! Schiebung!
Man tanzt in London und Paris
Den Tanz um gold'ne Kälber! Verzicht'ich!
Da rauscht das Leben, spritz der Kies,
Wir bleiben doch wir selber! Aber richtig!
Man ist bei aller Politik mal unter und mal oben,
Drum merk dir, junge Republik:
Fortuna wird verschoben!
O Publikum, ich frage bloss:
Wann geht bei uns der Segen los?

Wenn der alte Motor wieder tackt,
Wenn die Räder roll'n, die Weiche knackt,
Wenn der Schweisser schwingt der Hammerstiel
Nicht für's Achselstück—nein—fur's Civil!
Wenn der Hauswirt gern uns einquartiert,
Nicht as "Obersteiger" kostümiert,
Wenn die olle gute Rolle wieder wie gewöhnlich
schnurrt,

Sitzt die Neese wieder vorne! Marke: "Neugeburt!"

Wenn man wieder seine Ruhe hat, Steht nichts drin in "Voss" und "Tageblatt," Wenn die olle gute Rolle wieder wie gewöhnlich schnurrt,

Sitzt die Neese wieder vorne!

Marke: "Neugeburt!"

When the good old car purrs like it used to-

Then we'll hold up our heads again!

Label it: New-born!

Black market! Black market!
They dance in London and Paris
The dance around the Golden Calf! I refuse!
Life bubbles on, the gravel sprays—
We always remain ourselves! But really!
With all the politics, sometimes you're up,
Sometimes you're down, so listen, young republic:

Opportunity knocks only once!
O Public, I put the question:
When do our blessings begin?

When the old auto starts to rumble again,
When the wheels roll, the switchpoints crackle,
When the welder swings the shaft of his hammer
Not for the officer—no—but for the civilian!
When the landlord is happy to rent to us
Not costumed as an "overlord,"
When the good old car purrs like it used to—

Then we'll have our heads on straight again! Label it: New-born!

When we can all be calm again,
And there's nothing upsetting in the newspapers,
When the good old car purrs like it used to—

Then we'll have our heads on straight again! Label it: New-born!

Augen in der Großstadt

Olaf Bienert

Text: Kurt Tucholsky

Wenn du zur Arbeit gehst

am frühen Morgen,

wenn du am Bahnhof stehst

mit deinen Sorgen:

da zeigt die Stadt

dir asphaltqlatt

im Menschentrichter

Millionen Gesichter:

Zwei fremde Augen, ein kurzer Blick,

die Braue, Pupillen, die Lider-

Was war das? vielleicht dein Lebensglück...

vorbei, verweht, nie wieder.

You walk a thousand streets that stretch before you;

your life-long journey meets those who ignore you.

A face went by

and caught your eye;

a smile has beckoned

for just a second.

A stranger's eyes, a fleeting glance,

The pupils, lids, and lashes—

What was that? No one stops time's advance...

Gone off, blown by, like ashes.

You trudge the city streets

And scan the faces

A stranger's eye entreats

And your heart races

Is he a friend

Is he a foe

Is he the lover

You longed to discover

He gazes quickly

And passes by

A stranger's eye

A fleeting glance

The pupils the lids, and lashes,

What was that? Just a grain of

Humankind...

Gone off, blown by, like ashes.

Eyes in the Big City

Translation: Louis Golden and Steven Blier

When you go to work

early in the morning

as you stand on the train platform

absorbed in your worries

the city reveals to you

flat as asphalt

in the swarming humanity

of a million faces

the eyes of a stranger, a quick glance,

the eyebrows, the pupils, the eyelids-

What was that? maybe your life's fulfillment...

gone, scattered, forever.

Tritt mir bloß nicht auf die Schuh

Music and lyrics: Frederick Hollander

Donnerwetter! Ich erscheine! Schweine! Beine! Meine! Deine! Raunt ihr leis? Mummelgreis! Wird Dir heiss? Ja ich weiss! Donnerwetter! Schiebung! Übung! Arme strecken! Lippen lecken! Hulda! Ich platze! Mensch! Gehste weg mit die Tatze!

Tritt mir bloß nich auf die Schuh,
Zerreiss mir bloß nich 'n Taft!
Rujenier mir nich mit Deiner Leidenschaft!
Wenn das Bett gemacht ist,
Denn geht nischst mehr ab dafür!
Mensch! Sei Mensch!
Und unterscheide Dir von's Tier!

Ach, man kennt den ganzen Rummel:
Schummel! Bummel! Hummel! Stummel!
Dicker! Schnicker! Zwicker! Knicker!
Leib befrackt! Seele nackt.
Fürstenkinder! Bürstenbinder!
Edelrasse! Portokasse!
Ach, Schatz! Mach mich tot!
Mensch! Hast mir's ganze Kostüm versaut,
du Idiot!

Tritt mir bloß nich auf die Schuh.

Sleepless Lady

Music and lyrics: Kurt Tucholsky

Der Teufel hol den schwarzen Kaffee Wieviel Uhr mag's denn sein? Ich kann ja, ich kann ja nicht schlafen. Und neben mir der alte Affe schlaft immer gleich ein,

Und ich kann ja, ich kann ja nicht schlafen.
Ich bin ja noch munter und plage mich
Und guk auf mir runter und frage mich:
Sind das meine Beine oder sind das seine Beine
Oder sind das uns're Beine oder wie?
Mensch – schlaf bloss nicht in Compagnie.

Don't Step All Over My Shoes

Translation: Steven Blier

Holy cow! Here I am!
Pigs! Legs! Mine! Yours!
Is that you purring softly, grampa?
Are you getting hot? Yeah, I know!
Holy cow! Black market! Practice!
Stretch your arms! Lick your lips!
Oh my—I'm bursting!
Fella—get your paws off me!

Don't step all over my shoes,
Don't rip my taffeta dress!
Don't make a mess of me with your passion!
If my bed's already made,
I'm not going to unmake it just for that!
Act like a human being—
Not like an animal!

Ah, you know the whole hue and cry:
Swindling! Loitering! Crowds! Cigar butts!
Big guy! Fancy man! Shoplifter! Skinflint!
Dressed up in a tux! Naked soul.
Children of lords! Hairbrush makers!
Noble race! Petty cash!
Oh darling—make me die!
Now you've wrecked my dress,
you idiot!

Don't step all over my shoes.

Translation: Louis Golden

Damn that cup of black coffee!
What time can it be?
I can't, I can't fall asleep.
And next to me the old fool falls asleep instantly,

And I can't, I can't fall asleep.
I'm still wide awake, and I torture myself
As I look down under the covers and wonder:
Are those my legs, or are those his legs
Or are those our legs, or what?
Girl, never sleep in company!

Why did I drink that cup of coffee?
What time can it be?
I can't fall, I can't fall asleep.
And next to me the old gorilla
Falls asleep instantly
And I can't fall, I can't fall asleep.
I'm wide awake and lively and toss about
And torture myself trying to figure out:
Are those my legs or are those his legs
Or are those our legs or what?
Don't sleep, don't sleep with company.

Though I've got magazines and papers
And a book I began
I can't read, I'm too agitated.
When a person cannot fall asleep,
And the other, he can,
A person can get irritated!
When I see him sleep I start to doze,
Then he touches me with his icy toes!
Are those my legs or are those his legs
Or are those our legs or what?
Don't sleep, don't sleep with company.

As a little girl in pretty ribbons
I had one desire:
To spend my nights with a Prince Charming.
I married one, but time goes by,
And changes transpire—
Sometimes it's very alarming
Now I would prefer not to sleep in twos;
Alone I could sleep, and not have to choose:
Is that my leg, is that his leg—
Though to sex I am prone—
Lovemaking, yes; but sleeping—alone!

Peter, Peter

Peter, Peter, komm zu mir zurück!

Music: Rudolf Nelson Text: Frederick Hollander

English Lyrics: Jeremy Lawrence

Translation: Steven Blier

Can't imagine why I chose to leave him, How could I have been so cruel?
After all he loved me without question Still I left him like a fool.
If I woke him late at night, complaining I'm on my last cigarette,
He'd say I'll be over in a minute,
Darling please don't get upset.

Peter, Peter, I must have been blind. Peter, Peter, I was so unkind. Peter, Peter, tell me what to do. Peter, Peter, I'll make it up to you.

If I told him that I'd been unfaithful, He would shake his head and say, Just so long as it made you feel happy. That's the man I threw away. Now whenever I'm in bed with others, On some lark or idle whim, I pretend the man I'm with is Peter. Oh, how my heart aches for him.

Peter, Peter,
May I have this dance?
Peter, Peter,
Give me one more chance.
Peter, Peter tell me what to do.
Peter, Peter I'm still in love with you.

Peter, Peter, Komm zu mir zurück! Peter, Peter Warst mein bestes Stück. Peter, Peter Ich war so gemein...

Sieht man erst alles ein.

Später, später

Peter, Peter, Come back to me! Peter, Peter, You were my better half. Peter, Peter,

I was so nasty, Later, later

You finally come to understand everything.

That

Olaf Bienert

Original German Text: Kurt Tucholsky English Adaptation: Mark Campbell

Sometimes at parties and dances,
You meet a man of culture and taste,
Whose elegant manner entrances,
And in whose presence you may feel graced.
But dear, you must not be fooled by
His cufflinks and fine silk cravat.
Though he looks refined,
One thing's on his mind,
One thing:

One thing

That.

The man whose delicate image, Is a thrill to see on the silver screen, Will force you into a scrimmage, If you get caught behind the scene. He's always cast as the hero But off cam'ra he's really a rat. For all of his art, He knows just one part, And that part's: That.

An athlete worships his body,
As a temple where virtue and purity dwell,
But watch how things can get shoddy,
When he thinks you should worship there as well.
Oh sure, he's lovely to look at
When flexing a delt or a lat,
But while he's in shape
Underneath he's an ape.

When it comes to: That.

That.

For sex is man's raison d'être—
An urge he simply can't transcend.
And manners, heroics, etcetera,
They are merely the means, dear, to an end.
We women aren't short on libido,
It's not that we just want to chat...
It's just that we're fond
Of some kind of bond,
Along with:

Oh Just Suppose

Gesetzt den Fall

Text and Music: Frederick Hollander English Lyrics: Jeremy Lawrence

Oh just suppose

You take no risks, you take no chances.

Oh just suppose

You still run short on your finances.

Oh just suppose

That you have never asked for money.

Oh just suppose

The first time feels a little funny.

Oh just suppose

You ask without being explicit.

Oh just suppose

You maintain poise as you solicit.

And if you're shy

The guy may understand the reason why.

Sigh a little sigh that tells him, "Yes..."

You know and I know you know,

And you know I know you know

All that we both need to know

And we've known it all along.

And since we both know

Neither one will say "no"

Tell me what is it going to take to turn

Knowing into a "yes."

Oh just suppose

Two women happen to discover

Oh just suppose

They're both in love with the same lover.

Oh just suppose

Their jealousy robs them of reason.

Oh just suppose

They both declare it's hunting season.

Oh just suppose

When they find out the guy's been cheating

On both of them.

The women choose to have a meeting.

Sworn enemies

But with no man around they're both at ease

They abandon all formalities.

You know and I know you know...

from Der Silbersee

Kurt Weill

Original German Text: Georg Kaiser English Adaptation: David Drew

The Shopgirls' Duet

We're simple salesgirls here as everyone will tell you

You think we have no heart?

For if we owned the goods we cannot sell you,

We'd gladly do our part:

We'd simply give your poor relations

The contents of this bin.

But that's against all regulations,

It is a mortal sin.

There's only one thing that we're sure we know,

Because it always has been so.

You find with fruit and people it's the same old story,

The inward worth means less than does the outer glory.

You too, when you are crawling in the gutters,

Your exterior composure is what really matters!

We know it sounds a little strange to hear this quarrel

From working girl sopranos,

We often ask ourselves, can it be moral?

The world has lost its senses, is everyone bananas?

What is a junk bond or a market fluctuation?

We want a serious answer, not a joke,

How can you justify rampant inflation?

If there is plenty, then why are we broke?

The only thing you notice straightaway,

We will repeat it if we may:

You find with fruit and people it's the same old story

The inward worth means less than does the outer glory.

You too, when you are crawling in the gutters

Your exterior is what really matters.

The Lottery Agent's Tango

How much are you prepared to pay For sound advice on good investments?

Take your cash, do not keep it stashed in a sock, Go to the market and buy into stock.

Spread it like muck and it earns you much more For liquid cash is like liquid manure.

You'll rake it in, and richly you'll be blessed!

Interest! And compound interest!

And then you're caught when the stock market falls You sell too late, they've got you by the balls. Your dolce vita has been cut off short Your next appointment's at the debtor's court. Just keep your nerve, and you'll be richly blest! Interest! and compound interest!

Then if your heart is soft you turn it into steel
And don't be surprised if at first you still can feel.
Turn a deaf ear when a starving man complains
And you can watch him blowing out his brains.
That guarantees you will be richly blest.
Interest! And compound interest!

Build a great tower with thick walls of stone
And you won't hear the beggars cry and moan,
Be blind, be deaf and then admit no guilt,
Your money's paid for any blood you've spilt.
Never deny how richly you are blest.
Interest! And compound interest!

So invest in my advice,
Compound your interest and all the rest is—*Scheiß*.

Caesar's Death

English adaptation: Lys Symonette

Ancient Rome was the city where the Romans Held their proud republic in esteem,
And when Caesar proved to be ambitious,
Those opposed began to plot and scheme.
"Of the Ides of March beware, O Caesar."
Thus they warned him. Yet their urgent call Did not alter Caesar's strong desire
To become the master of them all.

More and more he gave in to his delusions
In the Capitol he held himself exempt,
And ignored the counsel of the senate,
Merely laughed while showing his contempt.
And unrest grew in the Roman Senate,
Even Caesar cannot count on friends
When he coldly harbors dark intentions
Of misusing them for selfish ends.

So at night in secret the assassins
Did conclude the tyrant had to go.
On the Ides of March just as predicted
Brutus went to deal the fatal blow.
Caesar sank to the ground and in amazement
Disbelievingly, and with dismay,
"Et tu, Brute" he cried out in Latin
Since that was the language of the day.

So let no one sell you the illusion That there is no justice in this life! By the sword Caesar ruled the lives of people Yet his own was ended by a knife.

From Happy End

Kurt Weill

German Text: Bertolt Brecht

Bilbao-Song

Bills Ballhaus in Bilbao

War das Schönste auf dem ganzen Kontinent. Dort gabs für einen Dollar Krach und Wonne,

Und was die Welt ihr eigen nennt. Aber wenn sie da hereingekommen wären, Ich weiss ja nicht, ob Ihnen so was g'rad gefällt: Ach, Brandylachen waren, wo man saß

Auf dem Tanzboden wuchs das Gras Und der grüne Mond schien durch das Dach. 'Ne Musik gabs dort, da wurde was geboten für sein Geld!

Joe. mach die Musik von damals nach.

Alter Bilbao Mond ... 's ist toll mit dem Text! Lang, lang ist's her!

I don't know if it would have brought you joy or grief

It was the greatest in the whole wide world!

Bill's beerhall in Bilbao, Bilbao, Bilbao, Came a day the end of May in Nineteen-eight. Four guys from Frisco came with sacks of gold dust

And the time they showed us all was really great! But if you had been around to join the fun, Well, I don't know if you'd have liked what you'd have seen.

The brandy bottles smashing everywhere, And the chairs flying through the air, Through the roof the moon still shining green, 'N those four guys all going crazy with their pistols blazing high! Think you can stop 'em? Well, go ahead and try! That old Bilbao moon! Down where we used to go...

That old Bilbao moon!

English Translation: Michael Feingold Used by arrangement with European American Music Corporation on behalf of the Kurt Weill Foundation and the Brecht Heirs

Bill's dancehall in Bilbao

Was the most beautiful on the whole continent. There you could get as rowdy as you wanted for one dollar,

You could get anything in the world. But if you were to go in there, I don't know if you would have liked it. There were pools of brandy wherever you sat,

There was grass growing on the dance floor, You could see the green moon shining through the roof.

And the music was really worth the money. Hey Joe—play the old song they used to play...

You old Bilbao moon... It's crazy, I can't remember the words... It's such a long time ago...

- ...Can't remember the words...
- ...Something with "Love" in it...

I don't know if it would have brought you joy or grief

But—it was fantastic!

It was fantastic!

It was fantastic!

It was fantastic-

Beyond belief!

Bill's beerhall in Bilbao, Bilbao, Bilbao...

Now they've cleaned it up and made it middle class,

With potted palms and ice cream—

Very bourgeois, very bourgeois...

Just another place to put your ass!

But if you should come around to see the fun, Well, I don't know, you might not find it such a strain.

Huh! They've mopped up all the booze and broken glass,

On a parquet floor you can't grow grass,

They've shut the green moon out because of rain,

And the music makes you cringe now, when you think of what you paid!

Hey Joe, play that old song they always played!

Alter Bilbao Mond,

Da wo noch Liebe lohnt!

Alter Bilbao Mond

Er war Brasil gewohnt

Alter Bilbao Mond

Das hab ich oft betont

Alter Bilbao Mond

Mich hat er nie geschont ...

Ich weiss ja nicht, ob Ihnen so was grad gefällt-

doch-

Es war das Schönste!

Es war das Schönste!

Es war das Schönste

Auf der Welt!

That old Bilbao moon,

That's where love was still worthwhile!

That old Bilbao moon.

He was used to Brazilian cigars!

That old Bilbao moon,

I said it all the time, That old Bilbao moon.

It never showed me any mercy!

I don't know if you would have liked it at all-

but-

It was the greatest—

It was the greatest-

It was the greatest-

In the whole wide world!

Sailor's Tango

English Translation: Michael Feingold
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Foundation and the Brecht Heirs

Hey there, we're sailing off to Burma this evening With enough good scotch on board to float all the way,

Plus a crate of great cigars—"Henry Clay"—
Had it up to here with girls, so we're leaving!
'Cause it's time to start a brand-new day.
Now we don't ever smoke other brands of cigars
And this leaky tub will barely get us to Burma,
And we don't need that God who's up there in
the stars

And we don't need all his laws on terra firma.

So all right, goodbye!

And the ship sails away, and it may reach Rangoon,
And as for God, well, we don't get him,
And it may be that God feels just same about us,
So let's hope he doesn't let it upset him.

And all right, goodbye!

We're off on the sea and it's "Who gives a damn?"

Life's perfect, 'cause nothing is missing,
And your dreams of glory? Just take 'em and

The whole world's our pot and we're pissing!

And all the world goes on its way, And when the day is over, We start another day. Ah, the sea is blue, so blue,

And that's how it's going to stay,

Ah, the sea is blue, so blue,

Ah, the sea is blue, so blue,

Ah, the sea is blue, so blue,

The sea is blue.

scram!

Now all we need is for a storm to blow up.

Relax, there's the docks of Burma up ahead—

Hey wait, that's just a bank of black clouds in the air.

Jesus...and the waves are going crazy out there!

Jesus, in a minute the whole lot of us will be dead!

Well, we knew we'd have to die somewhere.

Yeah, we knew we'd have to die somewhere.

Down goes the ship and soon the sea washes over.

Nothing but sharks down there to show a drowned man the way.

Scotch is no use to them or crates of "Henry Clay." Where they're going there are no girls who need

They won't ever see another day.

And the water comes up and the ship's going down.

And as for a harbor, we don't get one.

Just a wreck of a ship and a glimpse of a shore,

But of course, one can't let it upset one.

So all right, goodbye!

Then for once you don't hear all that big talk in the air.

And the big talkers suddenly look smaller.

And they're down on their knees and mumbling about their Father who's up there,

And they're starting to weigh the sins their souls must bear,

And that's how they die!

And now let me tell you a fact that we all ought to know:

When you stand before the throne where Our Lord is sitting,

You may have been bragging a lifetime or so, But now when it matters, you're shitting!

Ah, the sea is blue, so blue,
And all the world goes on its way,
But when your day is over,
There is no other day.
Ah, the sea is blue, so blue,
You don't have that long to stay,
Ah, the sea is blue, so blue,
Ah, the sea is blue, so blue,

The sea is blue.

Der Song von Mandelay

Mutter Goddams Puff in Mandelay, Sieben Bretter an 'ner grünen See. Goddam, was ist das für'n Etablissement,

Da stehen ja schon fünfzehn die Bretterwand entlang,

In der Hand die Uhr und mit: Hohe! Gibt's denn nur ein Mensch in Mandelay? Menschen sind das Schönste auf der Welt, Denn sie sind, zum Teufel, wert ihr Geld! Und es wäre alles einfach in der Ordnung, Wenn der Mensch, der drinn' ist, nicht so langsam wär.

Nehmt den Browning, schiesst mal durch das Türchen

Denn der Mensch, der drinnen, hindert den Verkehr.

Rascher, Johnny he, rascher, Johnny he, Stimmt ihn an, den Song von Mandelay! Liebe, die ist doch an Zeit nicht gebunden, Johnny, mach rasch, denn hier geht's um Sekunden,

Ewig nicht stehet der Mond über dir, Mandelay,

Ewig nicht stehet der Mond über dir!

Mutter Goddams Puff in Mandelay, Jetzt ruht über dir die grüne See. Goddam, was war das für'n Etablissement, Jetzt stehen keine fünf mehr die Bretterwand entlang,

Jetzt gibt's keine Uhr und kein Hohe!
Und kein Mensch mehr ist in Mandelay.
Damals gab's noch Menschen auf der Welt
Und die waren eben wert ihr Geld.
Jetzt ist eben nichts mehr auf der Welt in
Ordnung,

Und ein Puff wie dieses kennt man heut nicht mehr.

Keinen Browning mehr und auch kein Türchen, Wo kein Mensch ist, da ist auch kein Verkehr. Rascher, Johnny he, rascher, Johnny he,

Mandalay-Song

Translation: Steven Blier

Mother Goddam's bordello in Mandelay, Seven planks over the green sea. Goddam, what kind of establishment are you running?

There are already fifteen guys lined up along the boardwalk.

Looking at their watches and yelling—"Hey! Is there just one girl in Mandelay?"
The girls are the most beautiful in the world And the devil knows they're worth the money. And everything would be simply fine If the guy who's in there weren't so slow.

Get your gun out and shoot the door down,

'Cause the guy who's in there is screwing up the traffic!

Faster Johnny, hey! Faster Johnny, hey! Strike up the Song of Mandelay: Love doesn't need to last forever! Johnny, hurry up, we're counting the seconds!

The moon's not always going to shine over you, Mandelay,

The moon's not always going to shine over you!

Mother Goddam's bordello in Mandelay— Now the green sea washes over you. Goddam, what an "establishment" that was... There aren't five guys waiting along the boardwalk anymore! No more watches, no more shouts of "Hey!" There's not a soul left in Mandelay. There used to be girls there And they were really worth the money.

And a bordello like that doesn't exist anymore.

Now the whole world is out of whack

No more guns and no more doors— Without any whores around, there's no "in and out." Faster Johnny, hey! Faster Johnny, hey! Stimmt ihn an, den Song von Mandelay! Liebe, die ist doch an Zeit nicht gebunden, Johnny, mach rasch, denn hier geht's um Sekunden,

Ewig nicht stehet der Mond über dir, Mandelay,

Ewig nicht stehet der Mond über dir!

Strike up the Song of Mandelay: Love doesn't need to last forever! Johnny, hurry up, we're counting the seconds!

The moon's not always going to shine over you, Mandelay,

The moon's not always going to shine over you!

There's Nothing Quite Like Money

Hanns Eisler

Original German Text: Bertolt Brecht English Adaptation: Eric Bentley

They say the sight of moonlight on the water Makes a maiden's heart go pat-a-pat.

And they talk about a guy's appearance Knocking women flat—don't give me that!

For a girl's knee only sags

At the sight of moneybags.

Let me ask you a question, Mac—

If Jack never spends a penny

Then how can Jill love Jack?

But if Jack spends lots of money

How can Jill not love him back?

For there's nothing quite like money,

As an aphrodisiac.

You'll love the sight of moonlight on the water When you've got your hands around some cash. What's the use of male or female beauty If you're cheap and hold onto your stash. For a girl's knee only sags At the sight of moneybags.

Let me ask you a question, Mac—Full of young love's ecstasy How can Jill and how can Jack Make love on empty stomachs? It cannot be done, alack! For there's nothing quite like money, As an aphrodisiac.

Song of Indifference

Olaf Bienert

Original German Text: Kurt Tucholsky English Adaptation: Louis Golden

Where the lonely saxophone is blowing

For customers I wait.

In my room above the streetlamp glowing

I do not love or hate.

It isn't hate they're buying

It isn't love I sell,

And yet there's no denying

The men they pay me well.

I walk the streets in dresses tight and clinging

And my purse is slowly swinging.

So, now who else?

Lawyers, students, editors, professors

And doctors come to call.

Wealthy businessmen who need confessors,

I take them one and all.

And some want me to beat them

And others come to whip.

I'm always there to meet them

With my hand upon my hip.

A little spit has helped to stop the stinging

And my purse is slowly swinging.

So, now who else?

Then around the corner, cymbals crashing,

A military band

Leading troops whose shiny boots are flashing

Who sing of bread and land.

And me I shrug my shoulder,

It's all just politics.

The night is growing older,

I've got my bag of tricks.

Men are men and other men the night is bringing

And my purse is slowly swinging.

If you can't comprehend

Why I don't give a damn

It makes no difference, my friend.

Nanna's Lied

Kurt Weill

Text: Bertolt Brecht

Meine Herren, mit siebzehn Jahren kam ich auf den Liebesmarkt, und ich habe viel erfahren.
Böses gab es viel doch das war das Spiel.
Aber manches hab ich doch verargt.
—Schliesslich bin ich ja auch ein Mensch.
Gott sei Dank geht alles schnell vorüber auch die Liebe und der Kummer sogar.
Wo sind die Tränen von gestern Abend?
Wo ist der Schnee vom vergangenen Jahr?

Freilich geht man mit den Jahren leichter auf den Liebesmarkt und umarmt sie dort in Scharen.
Aber das Gefühl wird erstaunlich kühl wenn man damit allzuwenig kargt.
—Schliesslich geht ja jeder Vorrat zu Ende.
Gott sei Dank geht alles schnell vorüber auch die Liebe und der Kummer sogar.
Wo sind die Tränen von gestern Abend?
Wo ist der Schnee vom vergangenen Jahr?

Und auch wenn man gut das Handeln lernte auf der Liebesmess',
Lust in Kleingeld zu verwandeln wird doch niemals leicht.
Nun, es wird erreicht.
Doch man wird auch älter unterdes.
—Schliesslich bleibt man ja nicht immer siebzehn.

Gott sei Dank geht alles schnell vorüber auch die Liebe und Kummer sogar. Wo sind die Tränen von gestern abend? Wo ist der Schnee vom vergangenen Jahr? Translation: Steven Blier

Gentlemen, when I was seventeen,
I put my "love" on the market.
And I learned a lot—
a lot of bad things,
but that's the way it goes—
and still, I resented so much of it.
—After all, I'm just a human being myself.
Thank God it all goes by so quickly,
both the love and the pain.
Where are last evening's tears?
Where are the snows of yesteryear?

Sure, as the years go by, it gets easier to put your love up for sale and to embrace a troop of customers.

But it's amazing how cold you become if you're stingy with your feelings all the time.

—After all, every supply eventually runs out.

Thank God it all goes by so quickly, both the love and the pain.

Where are the tears we shed yesterday evening?

Where are the snows of yesteryear?

And even when you get good at dealing in the love trade, it never gets easy to convert pleasure into small change.

Still, you do it.

But you're getting older all the time.

—After all, no one stays seventeen forever.

Thank God it all goes by so quickly, both the love and the pain. Where are the tears we shed yesterday evening? Where are the snows of yesteryear?

Parc Monceau

Olaf Bienert

Text: Kurt Tucholsky

Hier ist es hübsch, Hier kann ich ruhig träumen, Hier bin ich Mensch, und nicht nur Zivilist. Hier kann ich links gehn; Unter grünen Bäumen Sagt keine Tafel was verboten ist.

Ein dicker Kullerball liegt auf dem Rasen, Ein Vogel zupft an einem hellen Blatt; Ein kleiner Junge gräbt sich in der Nase Und freut sich wenn er was gefunden hat.

Es prüfen vier Amerikanerinnen
Ob Cook auch recht hat und hier Bäume stehn.

Paris von aussen und Paris von innen

Sie sehen nichts, und müssen alles sehn.

Die kinder lärmen; auf den bunten Steinen

Die Sonne scheint, und glitzert auf ein Haus. Ich sitze still, und lasse mich bescheinen, und ruh von meinem Vaterlande aus.

Translation: Steven Blier

It's lovely here, here I can dream peacefully; here I'm a person, not just a civilian. I can go left if I want, and under the green trees there are no signs that read "Verboten."

A big children's ball lies on the grass: a bird tugs on a shiny leaf; a little boy digs around in his nose and is delighted with what he has found.

Four American women check if their Cook's Guide Book is right and there are really trees here.

Paris inside out!

They see nothing, and must see every sight.

The children play boisterously; over the colorful stones,

the sun shines and glints off a roof.

I sit quietly, and let the sun warm me, and take a rest from my homeland.

Wie lange noch?

Kurt Weill

Text: Walter Mehring

Ich will's dir gestehn, es war eine Nacht, da hab ich mich willig dir hingegeben.
Du hast mich gehabt, mich von Sinnen gebracht, ich glaubte, ich könnte nicht ohne dich leben.
Du hast mir das Blaue vom Himmel versprochen und ich habe dich wie 'nen Vater gepflegt.
Du hast mich gemartert, hast mich zerbrochen. Ich hätt' dir die Erde zu Füßen gelegt.
Sieh mich doch an!
Wann kommt der Tag an dem ich dir sage: es ist vorbei!

Wann kommt der Tag nach dem ich bange? Wie lange noch? Wie lange noch? Wie lange?

Ich hab dir geglaubt, ich war wie im Wahn, von all deinen Reden, von deinen Schwüren. Was immer du wolltest, das hab ich getan. Wohin du auch wolltest, da ließ ich mich führen. Du hast mir das Blaue vom Himmel versprochen und ich! Ach ich hab' nicht zu Weinen gewagt. Doch du hast dein Wort, deine Schwüre gebrochen.

Ich habe geschwiegen und hab mich geplagt. Sie mich doch an!

Wann kommt der Tag an dem ich dir sage: es ist vorbei!

Wann kommt der Tag nach dem ich bange? Wie lange noch? Wie lange noch? Wie lange?

How Much Longer?

Translation: Steven Blier

I'll confess it to you: there was a night when I willingly gave myself to you.
You took me, drove me out of my mind, and I thought I could not live without you.
You promised me blue skies, and I cherished you like a father.
You tormented me, you shattered me, and I would have laid the earth at your feet.
Look at me!
When will the day come when I can say to you: It's over!

When will that longed-for day arrive?
How much longer? How much longer? How long?

I believed you, caught in the delusion of all your talk, all your vows.
I did whatever you wanted.
Wherever you led me, I let myself follow.
You promised me blue skies, and I never dared to weep.
But you broke your word, you broke your vows.

I kept silent and tortured myself for you.

Look at me!

When will the day come when I can say to you:

It's over!

When will that longed-for day arrive?

How much longer? How much longer? How long?

Der Graben

Hanns Eisler

Text: Kurt Tucholsky

Mutter, wozu hast du Deinen aufgezogen? Hast dich zwanzig Jahr mit ihm gequält? Wozu ist er dir in deinen Arm geflogen, und du hast ihm leise was erzählt? Bis sie ihn dir weggenommen haben. Für den Graben, Mutter, für den Graben.

Junge, kannst du noch an Vater denken? Vater nahm dich oft auf seinen Arm. Wollt dir einen Groschen schenken, spielte mit dir Räuber und Gendarm Bis sie ihn dir weggenommen haben. Für den Graben, Junge, für den Graben.

Drüben die französichen Genossen lagen dicht bei Englands Arbeitsmann. Alle haben sie ihr Blut vergossen, und zerschossen ruht heut Mann bei Mann. Alte Leute, Männer, mancher Knabe In dem einen grossen Massengrabe.

Seid nicht stolz auf Orden und Geklunker! Seid nicht stolz auf Narben und die Zeit! In die Gräben schickten euch die Junker,

Staatswahn und der Fabrikantenneid.

Ihr wart gut genug zum Fraß für Raben, für das Grab, Kameraden, für den Graben!

Denkt an Todesröcheln und Gestöhne. Drüben stehen Väter, Mütter, Söhne, schuften schwer, wie ihr, ums bisschen Leben. Wollt ihr denen nicht die Hände geben? Reicht die Bruderhand als schönste aller Gaben

übern Graben, Leute, übern Graben!

The Trenches

Translation: Steven Blier

Mother, why did you bring up your child?
Did you agonize over him for twenty years?
When he ran to your arms
why did you comfort him?
So that they could take him away from you and put him in the trenches, Mother, in the trenches.

Child, can you still remember your father?

Daddy used to take you in his arms

He'd give you a penny,

and play cops and robbers with you.

Until they took him away from you

And put him in the trenches, child, in the trenches.

Over there the French comrades were stationed together with the English workers. They all shed their blood, and today they lie together, riddled with bullets, old people, young men, and many children, in one great mass grave.

Don't be proud of your decorations and medals!
Don't be proud of your battle-scars and your era!
You were sent to the trenches by the landed
aristocrats,

the madness of the statesmen and the greed of manufacturers!

You were good enough to be carrion for ravens, for the grave, comrades, for the trenches!

Think of the death rattle and the moans of pain.

Over there live fathers, mothers, sons,
eking out a living, like you, the best way they can.
Won't you offer them your hands?

Stretch the hand of brotherhood as the most
precious of gifts
over the trenches, my people, over the trenches!

From Aufstieg und Fall der Stadt Mahagonny Kurt Weill

Denn wie man sich bettet, so liegt man German Text: Bertolt Brecht

My mother had a name she called me, A name I'd rather not repeat. She said I began in a hallway. She said I'd end up in the street. That's not the way it's going to be. No, not if the choice is up to me. A man is not a brute without a mind, An animal you prod to keep in line. A man can be free.

The life that we lead's not a long one,
So live it the best way you can.
And don't count on your mothers for comfort.
And don't count on the better side of man.

Denn wie man sich bettet, so liegt man, Es deckt einen keiner da zu. Und wenn einer tritt, dann bin ich es, Und wird einer getreten, dann bist du's.

Meine Herren, meine Mutter prägte
Auf mich einst ein schlimmes Wort:
Ich würde enden im Schauhaus
Oder an einem noch schlimmern Ort.
Ja, so ein Wort, das ist leicht gesagt,
Aber ich sage euch: Daraus wird nichts!
Das könnt ihr nicht machen mit mir!
Was aus mir noch wird, das werdet ihr
schon sehen!
Fin Mensch ist kein Tier!

The life that we lead's not a long one,
So live it the best way you can.
And don't count on your mothers for comfort.
And don't count on the better side of man.
Don't count on all dogs being toothless
Don't count on all love's being true.
For the life that we lead's not a long one,
So we'll live life together, me and you.
But if it's a case of survival,
Don't count on our old used-to-be.
For the one who'll go under is you, love,
And the one who'll come out on top is me!

From Rise and Fall of the City of Mahagonny

As You Make Your Bed, You Must Lie There English Adaptation: George Tabori and Steven Blier

For as you make your bed, so you must lie.

No one is going to cover you up.

And if someone's going to kick, then it'll be me, and if someone's going to get kicked, it'll be you.

Gentlemen, my mother once branded me With a dire prediction:
I would end up in the morgue
Or in someplace even worse.
Yes, such words are easy to say,
But I am telling you: that will not happen!
You cannot do that to me!
What happens to me, just watch and see!

A human being is not a beast!

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- Alice Tully Scholarship
- Paola Novikova Memorial Scholarship in Voice
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Shakèd Bar

Jerusalem-born Shakèd Bar is a Master of Music student at Juilliard, where she studies with Edith Bers. She has sung Fiordiligi in Festival della Valle d'Itria's Così fan tutte with Maestro Fabio Luisi, Poppea and Nerone in Monteverdi's L'incoronazione di Poppea, Dido in Purcell's Dido and Aeneas, Zerlina in Mozart's Don Giovanni, and La Grande Prêtresse and Une Chasseresse in Rameau's Hippolyte et Aricie. This season, she sang the soprano solo in Handel's Messiah at Carnegie Hall with the Cecilia Chorus of New York, and will sing Dido in Juilliard Opera and Juilliard415's Dido and Aeneas in New York, European tour, and Joye in Aiken Festival. She earned her bachelor's degree from the Jerusalem Academy of Music and Dance.



Steven Blier

Steven Blier is the artistic director and co-founder of the New York Festival of Song (NYFOS). An eminent accompanist and vocal coach, his partners have included Renée Fleming, Cecilia Bartoli, Lorraine Hunt Lieberson, and Susan Graham. Many of his former students, including Paul Appleby, Sasha Cooke, and Julia Bullock, have gone on to be sought-after recitalists. A faculty member at Juilliard since 1992, Blier also mentors young singers at summer opera programs including Wolf Trap Opera, San Francisco Opera, and the Ravinia Festival's Steans Music Institute. His discography includes the Grammy Award-winning recording of Leonard Bernstein's *Arias and Barcarolles* (Koch International); his latest is *Canción amorosa* (GPR) with soprano Corinne Winters. Blier received a 2014 *Musical America* Professionals of the Year award and *Classical Singer's* first coach of the year award, in 2006.



Mary Birnbaum

Mary Birnbaum has staged operas in New York, across the U.S. and abroad from Latin America to Taiwan. She is a past nominee for best newcomer at the International Opera Awards. Her New York credits include *Die Zauberflöte, The Rape of Lucretia, Eugene Onegin* (Juilliard), *The Classical Style* (Carnegie Hall, world premiere), and concerts with NYFOS. Her other recent work includes *Hatuey* (Montclair Peak Performances, world premiere), *Kept* (VA Arts Festival, world premiere), *Halka* (Bard Music Festival), *Giulio Cesare* (Boston Baroque), collaborations with New World Symphony, and the Ojai Festival. Her international work includes *Otello* in Taipei and *Elisir* in Costa Rica. Birnbaum co-curates a collaborative arts accelerator at the Orchard Project called The Greenhouse. Her upcoming works include a new production of *La Bohème* (Santa Fe Opera, 2019) and Rene Orth's *Empty the House* (Curtis/Opera Philadelphia).

Gregory Feldmann

Baritone Gregory Feldmann, of York, Pa., is pursuing a Master of Music degree at Juilliard under Sanford Sylvan. At Juilliard, he performed the role of Ananias in Britten's *The Burning Fiery Furnace*, as well as L'horlage Comtoise and Le Chat in a concert production of Ravel's *L'enfant et les sortilèges* in Alice Tully Hall. This past summer, he was a Gerdine Young Artist with Opera Theatre of Saint Louis, where he sang the role of a Messenger in Verdi's *La traviata*. In November he made his Carnegie Hall debut in Handel's *Israel in Egypt* with MasterVoices, conducted by Ted Sperling.



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- Janet Southwick Norwood Scholarship
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Jack Gulielmetti

Jack Gulielmetti is a composer and guitarist whose works have been performed by such groups as the New York Philharmonic, JACK Quartet, Matt Boehler, Da Capo Chamber Players, Synchronicity, and Shouthouse. As a guitar player growing up in New York, Gulielmetti has worked with many groups of different genres, playing jazz, classical, electronic, hip-hop, funk, and everything in between. He has studied guitar with Julian Lage, Nels Cline, Mike Moreno and Greg Howe. Gulielmetti is currently working on a project under the name JMG, featuring original music sung and performed by himself, to be released throughout 2019. He is in the final year of an accelerated five-year BM/MM program at Juilliard, studying composition with Robert Beaser and guitar with Mark Delpriora.



Chance Jonas-O'Toole

Tenor Chance Jonas-O'Toole is a first-year master's student at Juilliard studying with Sanford Sylvan. Originally from Dallas, he has lived in New York the past four years completing his bachelor's degree at Juilliard. Last season, he performed multiple roles with Juilliard, including Nebuchadnezzar in Britten's *The Burning Fiery Furnace*, conducted by Mark Shapiro, and Mercure in Rameau's *Hippolyte et Aricie*, conducted by Stephen Stubbs. He has completed two consecutive fellowships at the Tanglewood Music Center.



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Baritone Jack Kay, a native of Detroit, is a fourth-year undergraduate Vocal Arts student at Juilliard, studying under Robert C. White. Most recently, Kay performed the role of John Styx in Offenbach's *Orpheus in the Underworld* at Juilliard. Other notable performances include Anthony in *Sweeney Todd* at the Hawaii Performing Arts Festival, Fabrizio in *The Light in the Piazza* at Seagle Music Colony, Courtier in Britten's *The Burning Fiery Furnace* at Juilliard, and the Juilliard Vocal Arts Cabaret. Kay won first prize in the Hal Leonard Vocal Competition in Musical Theatre.



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Anneliese Klenetsky

Soprano Anneliese Klenetsky is a second-year master's student at Juilliard under Sanford Sylvan. She was recently the soloist in the New York premiere of *A Sibyl* by James Primosch at MoMA, conducted by Joel Sachs. She collaborated with Juilliard415 and Vox Luminis on Handel's *Laudate pueri Dominum*. Recent opera repertoire includes the Governess in Britten's *The Turn of the Screw*, Amaranta in Haydn's *La fedeltà premiata* and La bergère/ Un Pâtre in Ravel's *L'enfant et les sortilèges*. She has sung numerous world premieres, including Jonathan Dawe's *Oroborium* with New Juilliard Ensemble, Theo Chandler's *Songs for Brooches* with the Juilliard Orchestra at Alice Tully Hall, and Jake Landau's *Les danseuses de Pigalle* at New York Live Arts.

Jaylyn Simmons

Jaylyn Simmons, from Baltimore, is an undergraduate at Juilliard, studying with Sanford Sylvan. Simmons was a soloist in Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana* and has shared the stage with conductor and composer John Williams and the Boston Pops. She has been a featured soloist at the Kennedy Center and played Little Inez in *Hairspray* with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra at Strathmore Performing Arts Center. A 2016 Youngarts Voice Finalist, Simmons attended Classic Lyric Arts with Glenn Morton in France this past summer, where she gave eight concerts and participated in a masterclass with conductor Gaspard Brecourt and tenor Stéphane Sénéchal.



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William Socolof

A native of White Plains, N.Y., bass-baritone William Socolof started his vocal and musical training at the Interlochen Arts Academy in Michigan. As a vocal fellow at Tanglewood Music Festival (2017-18), he appeared in Sondheim on Sondheim with the Boston Pops and Keith Lockhart, concerts of Bach Cantatas conducted by John Harbison, and premieres of new works by Michael Gandolfi and Nico Muhly. Socolof made his operatic debut at Juilliard in the 2016 production of La fedeltà premiata by Haydn as Melibeo, and continues to be an active participant in school showcases and recitals. Other operatic performances include Die Sprecher (Die Zauberflöte) at the Chautauqua Institution and Guglielmo (Così fan tutte) at Oberlin in Italy. Socolof is pursuing his Master of Music degree in Vocal Arts at Juilliard under Sanford Sylvan.



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