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Daemyung Hyun
Graduate Conducting Recital

University of Florida Concert Choir

Thursday, October 27, 2022 University Auditorium 7:20 p.m.

Program

아! 대한민국 (Oh! Korea)

- 1. 건 (Geon)
- 2. 곤 (Gon)
- 3. 감 (Gam)
- 4. 리 (Ri)

Hyowon Woo (b. 1974)

Hyunjin Cha, modeumbuk Lucas Bradshaw, timpani Hyejin Park, piano Tané Dekrey, piano

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진달래꽃 (Azaleas)

Hakjoon Yoon (b. 1974)

Tané Dekrey, piano

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

Daemyung Hyun is from the studio of Dr. Kesling.

Program Notes

Hyowon Woo: 아! 대한민국 (Oh! Korea)

OH, KOREA! is a modern composition by Hyowon Woo that uses traditional Korean lyrics, melody, and rhythms. *Oh, Korea!* was dedicated to the Incheon City Chorale and premiered under Dr. Hakwon Yoon's baton at Incheon Culture and Arts Center on September 26th, 2002. The work is composed of four movements based on the philosophical characters represented by the four trigrams, *Geon, Gam,* and *Ri*, of the South Korean Flag, *Tae-geuk-ghi*. The instrumentation includes choir, two pianos, *mo-deum-buk* (Korean traditional assorted drums), and timpani.

Geon, the first movement, has three long bars on the upper left and symbolizes the heavens of the celestial body, the season of spring, the eastern direction, the virtue of humanity, the father of the family, air of the Classical elements, the meaning of justice, and gold of the Taoist five elements. The first movement dynamically represents the spirit and creativity of Koreans.

Gon is one of the trigrams, located at the bottom right of the Tae-geuk -ghi, symbolizes the earth of the celestial body, the season of summer, the western direction, the virtue of courtesy, the mother of the family, earth of the Classical elements, the meaning of vitality, and earth of the Taoist five elements. The second movement expresses the livelihood of the Korean people in their bountiful homeland.

Gam is one of the trigrams, located in the upper right corner of the Tae -geuk-ghi, symbolizing the moon of the celestial body, the season of winter, the northern direction, the virtue of intelligence, the son of the family, water of the Classical elements, and the meaning of wisdom. The third movement makes manifest the tenacity of the Korean people through their tortured history.

Ri is one of the trigrams in the lower left corner of the Tae-geuk-ghi, symbolizing the sun of the celestial body, the season of autumn, the southern direction, virtue of justice, the daughter of family, fire of the Classical elements, and the meaning of fruition. Ri symbolizes the hope for a bright future and growth, and the two trigrams Gam and Ri together call for the infinite development of Korea through the spirited hope for a bright future.



Program Notes (continued)

Hakjoon Yoon: 진달래꽃 (Azaleas)

The first stanza introduces a traditional Korean female figure who sublimates the sorrow of parting with resignation and self-sacrifice. The azalea flower is the poetic speaker's alter ego and represents her own sacrificial love, a beautiful and intense love, and her dedication to her lover. In the third stanza, she expresses her devoted love beyond resentment, and there is a strong feeling of lingering longing: the beloved cannot depart without crushing her blossoms beneath him. By personifying herself as the crushed azaleas, the poet is using the juxtaposition of her pain to express the depth of her love. Though the fourth stanza may look like the poet is overcoming her despair, it is an ironic expression communicating that she will not weep outwardly but will shed tears of brokenness inside.

Translation

진달래꽃 (Azaleas)

When you're so sick, of seeing me as to leave my side in silence, gently, I shall let you fade away

From Yaksan Hill, Nyongbyon where the azaleas are good I shall pluck an armful of them, to scatter, in your way

Each and every step you take there will lie the blooms Softly you shall tread on them, as you walk yonder

When you're so sick, of seeing me as to leave my side
No tear shall I shed, e'en after I die away

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