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**THE CEDARVILLE UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF
MUSIC AND WORSHIP**

PRESENTS THE

**SENIOR PIANO RECITAL
OF**

ARIEL BACON

**SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2012
6 P.M.**

**RECITAL HALL
BOLTHOUSE CENTER FOR MUSIC
DIXON MINISTRY CENTER**

AMY BEACH: TENACIOUS SPIRIT

Nineteenth-century composer Amy Beach is one of the first women to successfully compose in large orchestral forms. She was also one of the first American musicians to be trained entirely in the U.S. and receive international acclaim. Incredibly, these achievements took place against the backdrop of a patriarchal society that confined women to the domestic sphere. Also, in the musical community, large orchestral forms were considered the exclusive creative property of men and any women who attempted them were immediately ascribed the status of a dilettante. In order to illustrate Amy's unique place in this setting, I compare her life and accomplishments to that of a well-known European contemporary, Clara Schumann. Amy's life is not the narrative of a feminist overcoming the patriarchal system, but one of a woman who used her social advantage to pursue the art she loved with a determined and humble spirit.

PROGRAM

Variations on Balkan Themes, Op. 60 Amy Beach
(1867-1944)

I

Theme: *Adagio malinconico*

Variation I: *Più mosso*

Variation II: *Maestoso*

Variation III: *Allegro ma non troppo*

Variation IV: *Andante alla Barcarola*

II

Variation V: *Largo con molta espressione-poco più mosso*

Variation VI: *Quasi Fantasia-Allegro all' 'Ongarese*

Variation VII: *Vivace-Valse lento*

III

Variation VIII: *Con vigore-Lento calmato-Marcia funerale-Cadenza
grave-Quasi fantasia-Maestoso come Var. II-Adagio come prima*

O my poor country, to thy sons so dear,
Why art thou weeping, why this sadness drear?
Alas! thou raven, messenger of woe,
Over whose fresh grave moanest thou so?"

- O Maiko Moya -

Ariel is a student of John Mortensen.

This recital is presented in partial fulfillment
of the Bachelor of Music degree.

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