

GCSU Department of Music

Songwriters of GCSU II

Dr. Robert Stewart, coordinator

Tuesday, March 4, 2025, 7:30 p.m.

Max Noah Recital Hall

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Program

Prelude

Dr. Robert Allen Stewart

Venetian Casino

Lilly & Emma Kevers

Even if I tried

Worth it

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Tanner Vorse

Make a Choice

Jim McKenney

Le Sommeil Lent Profond (with guitar)

Silver Sky

Joey Johnson

Lynsey Blevins, violin; Cameron Sparks, drums;
Jim McKenney, bass; Joey Johnson, voice and piano

Vertigo

Campbell Ransom

Upside Down

Better Portion

Erin Kelly

All Free

Program Notes and Texts:

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Lilly & Emma Kevers

Venetian Casino

One to nine, 10 to 2, 2 to five.
One minute off, a bridge stopped in time
1 to 9 10 to 2, 2 to 5, so it goes
Yellow blue green and pink
Venus thrives in the lavender skies that Iris provides.
Yellow blue green and pink Venus thrives So it goes
How would I know? Thought I was looking at the world but it was the Venetian casino. I saw a bird
today and it's sang to me.
Willow Bloom, asphodel, Hellebore
A smell you can't place
A memory or more
Willow Bloom, Asphodel , Hellebore So it goes
How could I know? Thought I was looking at the world but it was the Venetian casino.
I saw a bird today and it's sang to me.
I've woken up to that feeling in my chest again The doorbell down the hall creeps in my head and make
the ending of the third time I have stopped existing

Even if I tried

Rest little one, you can continue tomorrow
Love can be more, more than you bargained for. It'll come when it comes, bringing joy and bringing
sorrow. And when it does you'll accept it with ease.
Lately, you have moved me
Lingered eyes are gentle cruelty
With your palms turned to the ceiling
Sliding hand over hand even though
Our lives have been changing, I could never stop loving you baby, because I could never rest even if I
tried, and I tried
To capture a feeling cause I know that these moments are fleeting. I swear, I could never leave, even if I
tried, baby.
I know you feel time is your vast grand open canyon. That you a bird and it swallows you whole. But rest
little one, you can continue tomorrow. Love can be more than you bargained for. You can receive more
than you bargained for.

Worth it

Darling, imagine the plans you'll create.
Just walk through the door, that's all it'll take
And I know in truth it's been so hard for you
But I promise you'll make it
Worth it again
Sleeping can be such a harrowing thing
Feeling as though you might fall off the bed
They're throwing their words out like candy at a parade, and you still can't face it

You still can't face it
Darling, imagine the plans you'll create.
Just walk through the door, that's all it'll take
And I know in truth it's been so hard for you
But in time, you could make it worth it again.

Tanner Vorse

My name is Tanner Vorse and I'm a singer DIY Emo-folk singer-songwriter. I use music as an outlet and a tool for catharsis and record under the pseudonym DISHEVELED_PRINCE. I am excited to share my gift and I am thankful for this opportunity to perform.

Snow

Snow
Dusts my feet
Powder seeping my skin
Ashes
Remnants within
Memory
Changes
Memory
Bleeding anxious
The world is a flurry
Mmmhmmm

Snow

Blankets my skin
Shadows
Mmmhmmm

Jim McKenney

Make a Choice - Songwriting has always been so vulnerable for me because so many of my lyrics start as journal entries. "Make a Choice" is pulled right out of my diary and set to a simple, poppy chord progression for the world to hear - no pressure! If you enjoy my songs, please consider listening to my band Red Eye Orchestra, where I write, sing, and play bass. We are available on all streaming platforms :)

Make a Choice

Haven't seen many hitchhikers lately
The last time I saw one
He held up a sign that read,
"Nobody needs your help and I'm no one."

I'd been feeling that way for a while but
It was strange to see it there
Written out on a cardboard box, it's like I'm
Looking into the mirror
I can't make a choice
I can't save my soul
I don't want a voice

I don't want a voice
Wouldn't know what to do if God himself
Came down before me
Told me straight he would save my soul; I told him,
"Let you know in the morning."

Decisions, decisions
Can't fake my way through them
Coin toss or a dice roll choice; maybe I'll
Give it up for freewheeling

Le Sommeil Lent Profond (with guitar)

Joey Johnson & band (Lynsey Blevins, Cameron Sparks, Jim McKenney)

Silver Sky

Drifting through a glassy stream, letting the breeze gently guide me,
I look up in the air and see beautiful, silver clouds in the sky.
Can you see the leaves falling? The white trees blowing in the breeze?
I swear I'm not crazy, can't you see those beautiful silver clouds in the sky?
I think I'll float here for eternity, with no end in sight.
I'll take as much time as I need. After all, I know I'll be alright.
I feel the water quicken beneath me, while a cool mist blocks my view of the trees
I can't see a thing beneath my feet, only a silver painting of the sky.
Just look straight ahead, don't worry. You've never been hurt surrounded by silver sheets.
I think that you're crazy, can't you see how wonderful life is under the sky?
I think I'll float here for eternity, with no end in sight.
I'll take as much time as I need. After all, I think I'll be alright.
I wonder how beautiful this place could be, with a sliver of shining golden light.
I know there's a place in that world for me, without beautiful silver clouds in the sky.
I know there's a place in that world for me, without beautiful silver clouds in the sky.

Campbell Ransom

Vertigo

The noisy creek still in my backyard Oil stain where I parked my car
My name scribbled on the doorframe
Soccer trophies lining the wall

I go up to my room
A younger me shuts the door
I'm surrounded by everything
I once lived for

It's like a stranger's in my body
It's like I don't know where to go
It's like I'm losing sight of who I'll be Next time I come home
It's like my dreams are moving quickly
But my childhood's closed
The same silence I'm sitting in is giving me Vertigo

Met up with old friends for dinner
We were laughing and wanting it all back
I said, "Just wait till this drink hits my system,
I'll be hopeless after that"

It goes so quickly
I know it was time to leave But it all goes so quickly
And nostalgia's tempting me

And a stranger is in my body I don't know where to go
I'm losing sight of who I'll be Next time I come home
My dreams are moving quickly
But my childhood's closed
The same silence I'm sitting in is giving me Vertigo

Upside Down

Stolen kiss, domestic bliss
Two copies of the key

Up late at night
Pillow fights
The house turned upside down
And you can feel it all around

It's perfect
It's a mess but it's ours
Even the weeds in the yard It's perfect
We have just what we need
For some kids and a dream
And it's perfect

Sun is out
Leaves are brown
Kids play in the yard

Sticky hands,
Snotty mouths
The house turned upside down
And you can feel it all around

It's perfect
It's a mess but it's ours
Even the weeds in the yard It's perfect
We have just what we need
For our kids and their dreams
It's perfect

Breaking news
Smoky black shoes
Car packed to the brim

Birth certificate
Grandma's necklace
The house turned upside down
And you can feel it all around

Why? Why??
We built it up to watch it burn down
All of our kids grew up in this town

And it was perfect
Was a mess but was ours
Even the weeds in the yard It was perfect
We have just what we need
Our kids and a dream
But it was perfect

Erin Kelly

Better Portion

I know that you've been busy
You think just once that you could help me to get by
The time is coming quickly
We fight until the driveway fills with new headlights

My anxious soul grows weary
One thing is necessary

Teach me to sit at your feet
It's only my best offering
You don't want perfection, my misplaced affections
I lay down my burden to choose the better portion

Hide the mess behind the bed
Make up quickly, force a smile, and flip the switch
I know that I should rest
Only when you're here do I see all the spots I missed

My anxious soul grows weary
One thing is necessary

Teach me to sit at your feet
It's only my best offering
You don't want perfection, my misplaced affections
I lay down my burden to choose the better portion

Distraction with much service
Idols vain and worthless
Show me my true purpose
Resting in your purchase

Teach me to sit at your feet
It's only my best offering
You don't want perfection, my misplaced affections
I lay down my burden to choose the better portion

All Free

I bought a brand new dress
As an offering to myself
A sacrifice to the lie
That I'd feel better inside

I tried to squeeze into
An old pair of momma's jeans
Furthering the deceit
That feeling good don't come cheap

But with you there's fullness of joy
And with you there's life evermore
So to you I come now to buy
And you say child, it's all free
Your life is all you need to bring


So I quit the pills
They didn't work anyway
Just covered up my guilt
And numbed me to your grace

Now I'm running to
The storehouse of your love
No purchase on this earth
Like what was bought with the blood

But with you there's fullness of joy
And with you there's life evermore
So to you I come now to buy
And you say child, it's all free
Your life is all you need to bring

His yoke is easy
And His burden is light
There's no lack of blessings
For the one that He calls mine

But with you there's fullness of joy
And with you there's life evermore
So to you I come now to buy
And you say child, it's all free
Your life is all you need to bring

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