

# Women in the Art Songs of Jake Heggie

Akron Art Museum Auditorium  
1 South High Street  
July 2, 2022  
6:30 PM Pre- Concert Lecture with Jake Heggie  
7:00 PM concert

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## Performers

Hana Chu, piano  
Jessica Crowell, soprano  
Melissa Davis, soprano  
Denise Milner-Howell, mezzo-soprano  
William Brian Thornton, cello  
Lara Troyer, soprano  
Patrick Wickliffe, piano  
Cynthia Skelly-Wohlschlager, mezzo-soprano  
Jerry Wong, piano

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## Program

### **Natural Selection (1997)**

Gini Savage

II. Animal passion  
III. Alas! Alack!  
V. Joy Alone (Connection)

Lara Troyer, soprano  
Hana Chu, piano

### **Paper Wings (1999, 2000)**

Frederica von Stade

I. Bedtime story  
II. Paper Wings  
III. Mitten Smitten  
IV. A Route to the Sky

Denise Milner-Howell, mezzo-soprano  
Hana Chu, piano

**Camille Claudel: Into the Fire (2012)**

Gene Scheer

- I. Rodin
- III. Shakuntala
- IV. La petite Châtelaine

Cynthia Skelley-Wohlschlager, mezzo-soprano  
Patrick Wickliffe, piano

**These Strangers (2018)**

- I. These Strangers, in a foreign World Emily Dickinson
- II. In the Midst of Thousands Frederick Douglass
- III. I did not speak out. Martin Niemöller
- IV. To a Stranger. Walt Whitman

Jessica Crowell, soprano  
Patrick Wickliffe, piano

**Could it be Madness – This? (2020)**

Emily Dickinson

- I. The first Day's Night had come
  - II. I heard a Fly buzz – when I died
- World Premiere:

Commissioned by Nightingale Opera Theatre for Melissa Davis and Jerry Wong

**How Well I Knew the Light (2000)**

Emily Dickinson

- I. Ample Make This Bed
- II. The Sun Kept Setting

**The rose did caper on her cheek (2020)**

Emily Dickinson

World Premiere:

Commissioned by Jerry Wong as an anniversary gift to his wife, Melissa Davis

Melissa Davis, soprano  
Jerry Wong, piano