

# Michelle Sung, flute **Graduate Recital**

Saturday, May 8, 2021, 5:00 PM Sol Joseph Recital Hall with **Britton Day**, piano

Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune

Claude Debussy (1862 - 1918)

Britton Day, piano

Charanga

Michael Colguhoun (b. 1953)

**Aaron Copland** 

(1900 - 1990)

Duo for Flute and Piano I. Flowing II. Poetic, somewhat mournful

III. Lively, with bounce

Britton Day, piano

-Intermission-

Arcana

Elizabeth Brown (b.1953) Suite, Op. 34

I. Moderato

II. Scherzo. Allegro vivace

III. Romance. Andantino

IV. Final. Vivace

Britton Day, piano

Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)

## **Program Notes**

### **Michael Colquhoun**

Charanga (1993)

Salsa is a popular Hispanic American urban dance music with deep African and Cuban roots. Charanga is a style of Salsa which was popular from the 1920's through the 1970's. What made Charanga unique was that along with the usual percussion section (congas, bongos/cowbell, timbales, maracas/guiro and clave) there was a string section and a flute lead. When the music was cocinando or "cooking" the percussion, piano, bass and strings would play a powerfully swinging, polyrhythmic pattern over which the Charanga flutist was free to improvise complex and intricate riffs. These days, while Salsa is as popular as ever, the Charanga as a separate entity is rare. The flute, however, continues to be an important solo instrument in Latin Jazz. This piece is a cubist portrait of Charanga, and is dedicated to all the great Latin Charanga flutists.

#### Elizabeth Brown

Arcana (2004) for flute and recorded sound

#### Arcanum:

- 1. A deep secret; a mystery.
- 2. Specialized knowledge that is mysterious to the average person.
- 3. A secret essence or remedy; an elixir.