

Juventas New Music Ensemble Presents:
“You Are Not Alone” Album Release Concert

Raising awareness on breast cancer, marriage equality, and the environment through deeply personal works that share stories of social justice, conservation, and community

Sunday, June 17, 2018 at 3 pm
Tufts University, Granoff Music Center, Distler Hall

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Juventas New Music Ensemble will present an afternoon of chamber music from the ensemble’s latest album, *You Are Not Alone*, featuring works by Artistic Director Oliver Caplan. Heralded as “luminous,” with “beautiful simplicity” (Apple Music), the album speaks to a polarized nation through deeply personal chamber works on themes of community, love, and transformation.

The title track, *You Are Not Alone* (violin, cello, piano), is an anthem in honor of victims and survivors of breast cancer. At age 11, Mr. Caplan saw the disease take his grandmother’s life. Thirteen years later, his mother survived. The four movements represent emotional aspects of coping with breast cancer: diagnosis, grievance, acceptance, and transformation. “For everyone facing this disease, know that we are all together in this fight,” says Mr. Caplan. “My hope is that this music will provide solace and raise awareness.” Dancer Mary Chris DeBelina Doyle will perform original choreography to accompany this performance of the work.



Love Letters (flute, clarinet, string quartet) was written for the composer’s wedding. “This piece is an affirmation of love and equality,” Mr. Caplan shares. “My husband and I grew up in a time when two men could not marry. When we tied the knot in 2015, our marriage was only recognized in some parts of our country.” Three weeks after their wedding, the Supreme Court issued the landmark *Obergefell v. Hodges* ruling, which recognized the fundamental right of same-sex couples to marry.

To the Sea (string quartet) draws on Mr. Caplan’s lifelong passion for the environment. It is dedicated to Bike to the Sea, a community organization that worked for two decades to build a rails-to-trails path connecting four Massachusetts communities to the Lynn waterfront. “Cities hold surprising fonts of natural beauty,” says Mr. Caplan, “and I was moved by this effort to reclaim human connection with the environment.”

The album’s capstone, *Connect All. We All Connect.* (soprano, horn, piano), is a reflection on the strength and fragility of human connection. With original text by master palindromist Barry Duncan, the work juxtaposes moments of doubt with sweeping affirmations. “Resiliency is a truly exceptional aspect of the human spirit,” says Mr. Caplan. “It’s a theme that runs through all the works on this album.”

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