

We are passionately committed to revolutionizing song recitals through the power of collaboration.

We train performers to combine music with poetry and drama creating a compelling and sustainable art form.

Kyung Chang/pianist) and I were on our way to Columbus, Ohio on the day of the famed Ohio State/ Michigan football game. The unprecedented Ohio State win had everyone in good spirits even before we began our series of concerts and classes sponsored by the Opera Department. But despite this post-win atmosphere I couldn't have anticipated the outpouring of support and enthusiasm for the uniqueness of what we were offering their community through our drama-recitals. It was a true pied-piper effect with every new day's audience building on yesterday's. We had the time of our lives and are thrilled that OSU is in planning stages for us to come back again in 2006.

So, winding up our first year of not-for-profit status, we are extremely grateful. The Board, faculty and our performers all wish to express a special thanks to you for your time and other gifts you have contributed to launch our programs. In doing so, you are an integral part of connecting heart-to-heart through song.

Best wishes for a wonderful 2005,



Arlene Shrut

P.S. Look for our new website this spring at
www.newtriad.org



“WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT NEW TRIAD...”

Ohio State University

...e to how poetry mirrored their lives. The young artists ranging from age 5-23 at the Colorado Springs Conservatory happily explored how the tunes they sang to these special words made the feelings of the words stronger. The recital, after only two days of preparation, was nothing short of extraordinary. Now I know where the saying came from: out of the mouths of babes. I can't wait till New Triad goes back again this year for a longer residency.

On a cold fall day in November, a New Triad Song Salon Duo (Jennifer Beattie/soprano and Mee-

“I was delighted to experience a rebirth of the song recital with an Ohio State appearance by New Triad Artists last November. Gone are the days of reigning diva clasping her hands in ecstasy while expecting a captive public to lap it all up. New Triad presents musically gifted young artists who are encouraged, no, enabled to dig into music, text and above all, to context. Why these songs and poems were written, what the combination of music and words bring to the art form, and gives us, the audience, a platform on which to care. Encouraging young singers and pianists to explore repertoire and present themselves in new ways seems to me the mission of New Triad, a mission which to date

is remarkably well served. Soon, we'll have new audiences, and soon, new young poets and composers will unite to expand the repertoire; presenters will catch on to dynamic and cost-effective presentations and audiences can sit back and kvell.

*Christopher Purdy, Executive Producer
WOSU Classics Network
Dramaturg, Columbus Symphony Orchestra*



Singer/Pianist team
Hyunju Song
and Soyeon Kim
Performing in the
2003 Song Salon
Seminar recital

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“A fresh breeze blew into the song recital world when four singers and their four accompanists were presented in a program titled “Coming Home.” The groups of songs, following themes of leaving home, experiencing the world, nostalgia and returning home explored the wide variety of poetry and music available to today's recitalist. The pairings provided interesting contrasts in mood, vocal sparkle and style. This program was the culmination of fifteen weeks of specialized interdisciplinary training. **The performers, chosen by audition, went through a course that helped them analyze poetry, become aware of the dynamics of partnership and teach them how to communicate through their bodies.** That all were particularly communicative was a compliment to the faculty of the newly-formed New Triad for Collaborative Arts.”

Marylis Sevilla-Gonzaga

www.operanews.com

Colorado Springs Conservatory

“The New Triad System coming to Colorado Springs has given our singers and accompanists a new edge. In America, the Art Song is a dying breed because it is misunderstood. With New Triad, 5 year olds to 22 year olds at The Colorado Springs Conservatory were exposed to the idea that each song is its own story. Each song is like a short opera with a hero and villain and when the performers have an understanding of this, it is that much more interesting to sing and for the audience to watch. Coaches have been stressing this idea vaguely for years, but never with a system in place like that of Ms. Arlene Shrut.

When I came into my coaching with Ms. Shrut, the first thing we worked on was the text and its relationship to the music. Many coaches I have worked with have focused on the tone quality, the phrasing, and then get to the text at the end of the coaching. Putting emphasis on the understanding of these words is different. I had my translation of the text, but not necessarily an interpretation of the poetry in regards to the music. Ms. Shrut stressed that the piano line and the vocal line were a duet. The words accompaniment and accompanist are misleading because both the written music and the person playing the piano are just as much a part of the story telling as the singer. In listening to what the piano line has to say, I got a new interpretation of the text. Just like being an actor on the stage, it was necessary to listen to and stay connected to my scene partner, my accompanist.

In seeing the recital of all the kids that had worked with Ms. Shrut whom I had known most of my life, the advancement was stunning.”

Julie Silver

Lawrence University,

Alumna of Colorado Springs Conservatory

Classical Singer Magazine

July 2004 Excerpt

“In the Coach of the Year issue, we spotlight a new program that focuses on a critical part of a singer’s musical life, a part that is so often neglected: the integral relationship between singer and pianist. Some pointers on becoming the most dynamic duo possible follow in this article...to create a meaningful performance sure to connect with today’s audience. ...Let’s say it’s 19th century Europe and ...Franz Schubert invites you and few friends over to read some poetry, have some drinks, talk politics, flirt and most important, revel in some German lieder, hot off the press. **Your collaborative musical storytelling engages the guests so fully that they – and you – are left feeling somehow transformed and more alive.**

Fast forward to contemporary America, where art song performance is on a precarious footing, relegated to the fringes of society. ...Dr. Arlene Shrut and New Triad for Collaborative Arts are on a crusade to counteract this trend. The mission is to bring chamber music values to recitals, with a focus on the poetic roots of songs and true drama....”

Laura Schiller, Freelance Writer

Union Club Concert

Oct. 20, 2004

“Coming Home Again”

*with Amanda Crider/mezzo-soprano
and Kyung-A Lee/pianist, Hyunju Song/soprano
and Soyeon Kim/pianist*

“After being greeted at the door I was ushered into a very lovely 19th Century room, and offered a glass of wine. The concert soon began. The singers and pianists were excellent and worked together as teams, complementing each other beautifully. The entire evening was very enjoyable, the performers first rate and the venue smart and elegant. I left with a song in my heart and hope to come back to another New Triad concert in the future”

These are the words of Allan Schiller, former violinist of the NY Philharmonic, who is an active chamber musician including serving as first violinist of the Schiller Quartet. Allan was one of the many enthusiastic guests joining New Triad at a concert sponsored by the Union Club of New York. The concert was an abridged version of New Triad’s inaugural concert from the prior December, originally featuring all four pairs of singers/pianists who graduated from New Triad’s 2003 Song Salon Seminar. This training was a 15 week course teaching artists how to enhance their partnerships and combine poetry, music and drama towards more engaging recitals.

Union Club’s appreciative audience honored the artists with a spontaneous standing ovation. Many requests to bring New Triad to other venues in New York and beyond were voiced.

*Susan Lochner, Secretary
New Triad Board of Directors*



Ohio State recital
Pictured left to right:
Karen Peeler, Jennifer Beattie,
Mee-Kyung Chang, & Arlene Shrut

STUDENT FEEDBACK

Colorado Springs Conservatory Seminar

I learned what it is to sing an art song. It isn't just about producing beautiful music, it is about really diving into a song and learning what it is really, truly about – telling the story. Ms. Shrut did the most amazing job playing everyone's music, and really creating that connection, between accompanist and the singer. What Ms. Shrut teaches is completely different from anything I have ever experienced in my life. I also hope that more students and singers are exposed to this way of performing. A brand new appreciation for music will emerge for both the audience and the artists alike.

Nicole Burbridge, age 18

I learned an entirely new way to think about music. Before I took this class, I only thought of a song as a few pages of notes and rhythms, but Dr. Shrut taught us to sing it as a piece of art and telling a story. She completely transformed the way I sang my art song simply by changing the way I thought.

Katie Kita, age 17

I learned about the different parts of how to study songs and how each helps the song get stronger with new things such as body language and better pronunciation of the German that Dr. Shrut taught me.

Madi Stuart, age 13

I learned how to connect the performer and audience even if there is a language barrier. It was the fastest I had ever related to a song.

Ashley Runingen, age 14

I learned about the importance of storytelling.

Hillary Sheehan, age 14

I came to understand how vital it is to the performance of a song that the vocalist and accompanist meet intensively to not only discuss rhythmic and melodic "tough-spots" but to determine the action occurring during the song and the overall tone of the piece. The color and the intonation of the words made the song clearer contextually and made the images much more vibrant for the audience.

Nisa Ari, age 18

I can't wait to do this again.

Owen Murray, age 9

AUDIENCE FEEDBACK

"The Measure of our Years" Recital

"As someone with minimal exposure to art song, I greatly enjoyed your performance. **The juxtaposition of English and foreign language pieces really gave me a new appreciation for the art form.** The English language songs allowed me to focus upon elements such as cadence and vocal quality, because I did not need to struggle with meaning, while the foreign language pieces allowed me to abandon the search for meaning and focus upon the emotions that could be expressed through voice. All in all, it was an amazing experience."

Greg Pemberton, lawyer

"Bravi on tonight's recital...The program is splendid – the format is refreshing, the variety of text and style is the perfect vehicle to show...the voice and interpretive gifts. The audience was delighted...The art song in this medium – past/present and American/European really comes alive in this wild juxtaposition of vocal form and style."

Professor Josephine Reiter



UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 7: "Dramatic Analysis and Interpretation in Song Recitals" class.

Mannes College of Music

Feb 25-26: "Macro/Micro/Grid" class and coachings.

Grand Valley University, Michigan

April 1: "Macro/Micro/Grid" and "Expressive Rehearsals" classes .

Mid-Atlantic Regional Convention NATS, Columbia, South Carolina

"The Measure of our Years" recital

May 4: "Macro/Micro/Grid" class

Sarah Lawrence College and

"Coming Home Again"

May 30: "Macro/Micro/Grid" class

University of Kentucky

Summer Opera Workshop

June 1-4: "Close Encounters:

Vocal Chamber Institute"

Texas Music Festival, Houston

July 12-14: 3-Day Residency

"Revitalizing the Recital"

Colorado Springs Conservatory

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU



Arlene Shrut

A faculty member of the Juilliard School and the Manhattan School of Music, Arlene is an admired keyboard performer hailed as a “strong and sensitive pianist” by the New York Times. She was honored in 2003 as the inaugural “Coach of the Year” in Classical Singer Magazine. Arlene has collaborated with such vocal artists as Renée Fleming and Thomas Hampson and has recorded on the Dorian, Centaur, Orion, Summit and Albany Records labels. Among her credits is “Songs of Hugo Wolf” (with Daniel Lichti on Dorian CDs), which received a Canadian Grammy nomination. Arlene often serves as official pianist for many of NY’s top vocal events, and has performed in such venues as Weill (Carnegie) Recital Hall, Alice Tully Hall, The National Gallery, The Phillips Collection and the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington D.C. She has toured extensively in Europe and across North America.

Arlene created New Triad in an effort to promote a new approach to enhancing collaboration in intimate performing arts forms. In terms of revitalizing the song recital, Arlene is dedicated to unlocking the universal messages in poems set to music, creating dramatically synthesized programs and forging fully collaborative musical partnerships to yield ultimate expression of the art and deeper connection between performers and audience. Over the last twenty years she has been involved with co-producing innovative programs. Among them are New Triad’s “Coming Home” Song Salon, which premiered in December 2003. Others include, “Lieder across the Sundial”, “Women’s Words: An American Songbook”, “Forever: Enduring Poems in American Song”, “Days of a Man”, “Cubism/Synchronism in Song”, and “A Musical Banquet: from Hors d’oeuvres to Espresso”.

In addition to New Triad, Arlene likewise founded the National Association of Accompanists and Coaches, co-founded the Seal Bay Festival in Maine, and personally authored an entire series of multimedia scripts under the name of Classical Concepts. She formerly also served on the faculties of Syracuse University, Mannes College of Music, and The Aspen Music School.

Arlene Shrut earned two solo piano degrees from the Eastman School of Music and a Doctorate in Accompanying from the University of Southern California. In 1981, she received a Fulbright grant to Germany in vocal coaching, and has mentored with the most distinguished teachers of her time. Arlene makes her home on the Upper West Side of New York City.

“Getting to Know You” in this issue focuses on our Founder & Artistic Director. Future newsletters will feature other members of New Triad’s faculty and artist roster.



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*Dr. David L. Kest
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