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Kennesaw State presents “Songs Not Silenced: Music Forbidden in the Holocaust”

Free performance on March 23 features KSU faculty musicians honoring banned composers

KENNESAW, Ga. (Feb. 28, 2017) — Kennesaw State University’s School of Music will present “Songs Not Silenced: Music Forbidden in the Holocaust,” a concert featuring the work of composers who were banned in Nazi Germany and throughout occupied European countries. The free performance will be on March 23 at 8 p.m. at the Bailey Performance Center.

The ban affected Jewish composers as well as non-Jewish composers writing in modern or jazz-influenced styles. They were denied opportunities to perform, publish or record their work, bringing their European careers to an end.

“Performing the songs of these composers gives voice to music that was forbidden, and reminds us all of the importance of tolerance, respect and understanding in our contemporary world,” said Dr. Laurence Sherr, internationally known for his work with music in the Holocaust and composer-in-residence at the School of Music.

A special feature of the program will be the US premieres of two sets of songs by conductor-composer Ignatz Waghalter, followed by art, folk, and music theater songs by Kurt Weill, Darius Milhaud, Viktor Ullmann, and Ilse Weber. Dr. Laurence Sherr will provide commentary, along with David Green, the grandson of Ignatz Waghalter.

Performers are Kennesaw State University faculty vocalists Jana Young, soprano, and Oral Moses, bass-baritone, accompanied by pianist Judy Cole.

The event is free with RSVP: <https://ksu-songs-not-silenced.eventbrite.com>. To learn more about the School of Music, visit MusicKSU.com.

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