

Department of Music University of Alberta

CODERRE New Music

Special Thanks: My parents: Jacqueline and William Coderre, Heather Baker, and to all performers.

A reception will follow in the Student Lounge near the main entrance

Thursday, April 14, 1994. 8:00 P.M.

Convocation Hall, Arts Building

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Ewig (1992)	Michael Coderre, baritone Sylvia Shadick-Taylor, piano Trudy Olford, organ
Pavo (1993)	Elizabeth Sluys, flute
Prime Numbers (1994)	Ken Heise, violin Sam Zasadny, violin Heidi Klann, viola Adele Bosse, cello
Intermission	
Ostrich Walk (1993) Tempus Fugit (1993)	Electro-acoustic, tape
Missing (1991)	Christine Emms, flute Don Ross, clarinet Heather Haydu, oboe Joan Greabeiel, french horn Robin Taylor, bassoon

Ewig's lyrics are selected from the three letters Beethoven wrote to his *Immortal Beloved*, which he never sent. In them, he would waver from extreme passion to utter despair. I hope to capture these emotions whereas the singer and piano collaborate to wrest the painful words out.

Antlia: an astronomical constellation, Latin: Air Pump.

Antlia is specifically written for the organ in Convocation Hall and is being premiered tonight. I have tried to use all the best qualities of this organ including some beautiful stops and registrations that are too frequently ignored. Also highlighted is the partially on note which can only be achieved on a mechanical organ.

Pavo: another astronomical constellation, Latin: Peacock.

The three movements in this work show different aspects of the peacock. At first it is strutting about getting all the attention. Next, a reflection that it is a flightless bird condemned to spend its life on the ground. But finally, with its wondrously coloured feathers all are awed and delighted.

Prime Numbers' world premiere highlights the string quartet. Each movement is metered in a successively larger prime number. The harmonies are based on the symmetric modes popularized by Olivier Messiaen.

Ostrich Walk and Tempus Fugit are electro-acoustic works using sampled and synthesized sounds. Ostrich Walk uses percussion instruments sampled out of their natural register. Tempus Fugit is based on synthesized sound and represents to me that last minute panic attack when an important but unfinished paper is due in one hour.

The woodwind quintet *Missing* was written as a reaction to the isolation I felt when I first arrived in Edmonton. I'm sure most have endured being seperated from home, family or friends as I was. The four movements are called: *Arrival, Alone, Dance,* and *Together.*

Some Explanatory Notes: