

Liberty University School of Music

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Student Recital Series

Graduate Lecture Recital

Emma Byrd, *voice*

September 7, 2026

Macel Falwell Recital Hall

MUSIC 305

7:30 PM

GRADUATE LECTURE RECITAL

Emma Byrd, *voice*

Elijah Goble, *piano*; Alan Jimenez Luna, *drums*;
Felipe Alvares, *bass*; Boston Treadwell, *electric guitar*; Colby
Bennett, *electric guitar*; Crissa Davis, *soprano*; AJ Cantrell, *tenor*;
Marlee Lawhon, *alto*

Program

Love You Didn't Do Right By Me	Rosemary Clooney
Captivate Us	Christy Nockels, Nathan Nockels & Charlie Hall
Once Upon a December	Lynn Ahrens
Pure	Abbie Gamboa
My Days	Ingrid Michaelson
Forever	Kari Job
All By Myself	Celine Dion
Orphans of God	Joel Lindsey & Twila LaBar.
Heart Attack	Mitch Allan, Jason Evigan, Sean Douglas, Nikki Williams, Aaron Phillips & Demi Lovato
Ain't No Grave/Alive Forever Amen	Travis Cottrell
Blue Moon of Kentucky	LeAnn Rimes
The Building	Emily Ann Roberts

Program (cont.)

Sufficient for Today

Maryanne Joshua George,
Dante Bowe, Joe L. Barnes,
Pat Barrett & Tiffany Hammer

Thank God I'm Free

Josh Holiday, Tiffany Hudson,
Mitch Wong & Sydney James

- PROGRAM NOTES -

Love You Didn't Do Right By Me

Rosemary Clooney portrays the song with sadness as she is realizing her love did not live up to the love they promised. As she is trying to process, she conveys the message of how love did not do right by her. Love did her wrong.

Captivate Us

This song is simply a prayer of realigning one's focus onto the Lord and praising the Lord for what He has done. When one is truly focused on the Lord and in full surrender to the Lord, it is in that moment where we are captivated by His love.

Once Upon a December

Anastasia is trying to understand who she is as her memory was swept away. After facing multiple challenges, she is trying to regain her memory of what her life was like as well as who she was before tragedy.

Pure

Abbie Gamboa wrote a beautiful song as a prayer. The prayer is simply asking the Lord to purify my heart and purify my worship as it comes from a genuine heart of worship and not from a state of performance. By this, this prayer comes from a heart of worship simply saying, "everything is all about You."

My Days

This song, coming from the Broadway musical "The Notebook," is about a girl who feels like everyone is trying to make decisions for her. As she continues to ask herself, "What do I want?" She finally makes the bold proclamation that she is going to do what makes her happy.

Forever

Kari Jobe wrote a beautiful song that explains the death and resurrection of Jesus. By singing profound and vivid lyrics, one's heart and mind can only say "Hallelujah, the Lamb has overcome!"

All By Myself

Celine Dion performed this song with poise yet with emotional depth, as she is conveying the message of not wanting to be alone anymore. As she gives examples of her past, she finally breaks out of her shell by proclaiming she is tired of being alone.

Orphans of God

In the family of God, there is no such thing as an orphan. The Lord has given His life to pay our sin debt so that we may have eternal life. There are no orphans of God.

- PROGRAM NOTES (CONT.) -

Heart Attack

Demi Lovato conveys how she wants to be loved but is afraid of being hurt. This song proclaims the emotional toll of desiring to be loved but feeling she must protect herself and her emotions.

Ain't No Grave/Alive Forever Amen

Jesus is alive, forever, and ever, amen! Jesus paid the ultimate sacrifice by dying on the cross and conquering sin, death, and the grave. Jesus is worthy of our praise for He is alive.

Blue Moon of Kentucky

LeAnn Rimes tells a sweet story about a young and innocent romance. At the heart of Kentucky, she tells the story of an innocent romance in a sweet and southern way.

The Building

Emily Ann Roberts paints a beautiful picture of a sweet old church she grew up in. Though this was her favorite place to be, this church holds a special place in her heart as it was at this church that she accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior.

Sufficient for Today

Life is simply chaotic. However, the Lord sustains us and gives us joy in times of discouragement and worry. No matter what happens in life, He gives us a new song to sing, like "hallelujah, hallelujah." Though there may be stress, the Lord will always be with us.

Thank God I'm Free

Jesus died on the cross and rose again from the dead. Romans 10:9 explains how when the believer declares with their mouth that Jesus is Lord and believes in their heart that God raised them from the dead, they will be saved (NLT). We, as believers, are free in Christ because He was and is the final sacrifice.

To my mom and dad, thank you for making me into the person I am today. Thank you for being my constant source of encouragement and believing in me through every step of this journey. Most importantly, thank you for telling me about Jesus. Thank you for teaching me all about His love and grace. I would not be who I am today without you all. I praise the Lord for you every day and I am so blessed and honored to be your daughter.



To my husband, my ultimate encourager, thank you for supporting me in everything that I do. Thank you for always pointing me back to the Lord when times are chaotic. Thank you for always being by my side on this journey. Thank you for coming to my performances, concerts, as well as teaching line dancing with me for years. Matthew, I love you so deeply and I truly could not have done this without you.

To Dr. Damon, after all these years, thank you for teaching me and shaping me into the singer I am today. Starting as a shy little girl with a raspy voice trying to sing "In My Own Little Corner," you have helped me grow into confident singer who loves to belt. I would not be the singer I am today without you. Thank you, Dr. Damon!

Emma is a student of Dr. Mindy Damon.

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