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Senior Recital

Chelsea Skye Yamada, soprano

Feverish the Mouth

assisted by

Thomas Sauer, piano

Kevin Lee ’14, violin, Sofia Macht ’14, violin,
Maria Ichizawa ’14, viola, William Leith ’14, cello

Saturday, 26 April 2014
4:00 PM
Martel Recital Hall
Skinner Hall of Music
Dear Vassar,

Oh, have you arrived already? You're so early! Or, is it already intermission now as you read this? Oh, don't leave so soon, it's just getting good.

But really, it is just getting good; funny how it feels like I'm still so new here, how each day we're still getting used to each other. With you I learn to learn, which is half the fun, and the other half is laughing later about not really knowing anything for certain in my courses. The other other half is when my toothbrush once got stolen on April Fool's Day...I was really mad about that at the time, but now I think it was brilliant. That's a metaphor for what I've learned at good old VC.

(You are pretty, adorned with fragrant flowers in the spring, decorated with the bustle of animals and countless smiling faces. It is hard to believe that anyone would be indoors for such a lovely and summery day, and yet here is a significant group of bodies occupying a wash of velvety blue seats in Skinner. It's a good thing that I've been working on some songs about nature, to permit their minds to freely adventure outside once again.)

You know how I sing while I walk around campus, and it's awkward when someone comes by all of a sudden? Well let me tell you that today is different. Today, people in my family paid to get here, and others rolled out of bed, so we have to impress and care for them. I'll take my loving Mom and family here today. Mary! who gave me four years of smokin' lessons (that sounds funny), modern music, and humor a la concentrate. Gregg, Emily, Paul, for our collaborations along the way, and the coveted Tom for setting the bar so high this year. Eduardo for giving me a taste of the high life in the ways of the orchestra, and to Kevin, Sophia, Maria, and Bill for OUR 1st SCHÖNBERG. H-Meltz, SuBo, R-Dubs, Drew, Christine, Miriam, Ms. K, Jane, Carol. My therapists. My housemates. My professors, my colleagues and friends- I've got all these biddies.

You, Vassar... take care of me today. As you've done so well for the past four years.

Love, Chelsea