



Lawrence University New Music Ensemble performs Music of Kenji Bunch

Michael Clayville, director

Sunday, March 2, 2025

7:30 p.m.

Harper Hall

Ralph's Old Records [20']

Kenji Bunch

Chi-Chi-Hotcha-Watchee Stomp

(b. 1973)

Celestial Debris

I Didn't Hear Nobody Pray

When I Grew Too Old To Dream, Dream,

Dream, One More Dream Came True

Off to the Foxes

Minnie Keene, flute

Wren Whalen, clarinet

Metta Mayes, viola and violin

Merle Mayes, cello

Ella Dorsey, piano

Summer Hours [14']

Early calm

Quick and lively

Slow, simple

With anticipation

Sunny

Erin Lesser, flute

Nora Lewis, oboe

Andy Hudson, clarinet

Brigit Fitzgerald, bassoon

Ann Ellsworth, horn

Michael Mizrahi, piano

Alpha Dog [12']

Lively

Moderate

Interlude – Fast

Aukje van Eck, flute

Sho Bunch, clarinet

Metta Mayes, violin

Ronan Connell, cello

Ella Dorsey, piano

GUEST BIO

Kenji Bunch writes music that looks for commonalities between musical styles, for understandings that transcend cultural or generational barriers, and for empathic connections with his listeners. Drawing on vernacular musical traditions, an interest in highlighting historical injustices and inaccuracies, and techniques from his classical training, Bunch creates music with a unique personal vocabulary that appeals to performers, audience, and critics alike. With his work frequently performed worldwide and recorded numerous times, Bunch considers his current mission the search for and celebration of shared emotional truths about the human experience from the profound to the absurd, to help facilitate connection and healing through entertainment, vulnerability, humor, and joy. Bunch is widely recognized for performing his own groundbreaking works for viola. He currently serves as Artistic Director of the new music group Fear No Music and is deeply committed to music education in his hometown of Portland, Oregon.

LuNuMu Personnel

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