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**EMMANUEL MUSIC SCHUMANN CHAMBER SERIES CONCLUDES**

On February 8, at 4 PM, Emmanuel Music, led by Acting Artistic John Harbison and Associate Conductor Micheal Beattie, presents the final concert in a five-year series featuring the chamber, vocal, and piano music of Robert Schumann.

This program presents some of this Romantic composer's best-loved vocal and piano works.

The concert opens with the song cycle *Frauenliebe und –leben*, Op. 42, one of Schumann's most beloved works. Set to a group of poems about a young wife, the music expresses Schumann's devotion to his new wife Clara and the joy of realized dreams. Mezzo-soprano Pamela Dellal and pianist Michael Beattie perform.

The *Fantasiestücke*, Op. 12 for piano, performed by Leslie Amper, shows the impassioned and dreamy sides of Schumann's alter egos in endless interplay and contrast. The piece was a favorite of Schumann's wife Clara, a superior pianist in her own right, who performed it throughout her career.

The *Spanische Liebeslieder*, Op. 138 ends the concert with a series of duets in different Spanish styles. The songs and duets are charming and entertaining, and were likely the inspiration for Brahms' better-known *Liebeslieder Waltzes*. Michael Beattie and Leslie Amper accompany soprano Kristen Watson, mezzo-soprano Pamela Dellal, tenor Frank Kelley, and bass Donald Wilkinson.

**Program:** *Frauenliebe und –leben*, op. 42  
*Fantasiestücke*, Op. 12  
*Spanische Liebeslieder*, Op. 138

**Performers:** Pamela Dellal, mezzo-soprano  
Michael Beattie, piano  
Leslie Amper, piano  
Kristen Watson, soprano  
Frank Kelley, tenor  
Donald Wilkinson, bass

**Date & Time:** Sunday, February 8, 2009, 4:00 PM

**Place:** Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury Street, Boston

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Emmanuel Music is the Ensemble-in-Residence at Emmanuel Church.