

SEATTLE PACIFIC UNIVERSITY  
MUSIC DEPARTMENT  
PRESENTS

# **SENIOR RECITAL**

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LIZZY BUTLER, SOPRANO

WITH

ASTA VAICEKONIS, PIANO

GAVIN ABEL, BASS

DAVID DIEPERSLOOT, GUITAR

JAYSON HARPER, DRUMS

NICKERSON STUDIOS  
FRIDAY MAY 1, 2026 | 7:30 P.M.

## PROGRAM

<i>Ici-Bas</i>	Gabriel Faure (1845-1924)
<i>Tu Che De Gel Sei Cinta</i>	Giacomo Puccini (1858-1924)
<i>Prendi Per Me Sei Libero</i>	Gaetano Donizetti (1797-1848)
<b>Laurie's Song</b>	Aaron Copland, (1900-1990)
<b>The Light in the Piazza</b>	Adam Guettel (b. 1964)
<b>What Remains</b>	Drew Gasparini, (b. 1986) <i>From "Circles"</i>
<b>Elephant</b>	Lizzy Butler (b. 2004)
<b>Merrily</b>	Lizzy Butler. (b. 2004)
<u><i>Intermission</i></u>	
<b>Tukwila</b>	Clover (ets. 2023)
<b>Wishful Thinking</b>	Clover (ets. 2023)
<b>Timelapse</b>	Clover (ets. 2023)
<b>86 degrees</b>	Clover (ets. 2023)

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<b>Get out</b>	Clover (ets. 2023)
<b>dreamscape</b>	Clover (ets. 2023)
<b>Charade</b>	Clover (ets. 2023)
<b>Teeth</b>	Clover (ets. 2023)

## ABOUT THE MUSICIANS

**Lizzy Butler** is a Senior at SPU majoring in Vocal Performance. She has been quite involved throughout the years in the Music and Theatre departments. One of her most cherished productions here at SPU was *The Old Man and The Old Moon*, a folk musical all about storytelling and finding yourself. Lizzy's love of music encompasses all parts of her life, whether it is performing with her band Clover that she met here at SPU, or performing classical works, for Lizzy, music is everything. Her passion for writing and composing is also a huge part of her life as the primary lyricist of Clover. This year Lizzy was a part of *More Music* at the Moore with her band, a showcase of local Seattle artists that give an opportunity to perform at the Moore Theatre for young emerging artists. Through the support of her professors to pursue things outside the university like *More Music*, Lizzy has taken many steps forward into her professional career. Lizzy is so grateful to Jan Nelson, Darrell Jordan, and Julie Kay Sigars for all the immense support in creating and nurturing her voice over the past years, and to Asta Vaičekonis for always believing in her, and being the most incredible collaborator and friend.

*Lizzy performs tonight in partial fulfillment of a BA in Vocal Performance*

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**Asta Vaičekonis** holds her MM in Piano Performance from the University of Washington and her bachelor's degree from Lithuanian Academy of Music. Asta was granted a diploma for best accompaniment in the International Competition of Chamber Music in Kaliningrad, Russia. She was a soloist with the Port Angeles Symphony Orchestra, performed in the University of Washington Summer Arts Festival, the Bach Festival in Lake Chelan, Washington, accompanist for Ladies Musical Club of Seattle's Awards Tours, and the Bumbershoot Festival in Seattle. Asta served as an accompanist and coach in the Summer Chamber Music Seminars in Berlin, Germany and has performed with the Chamber Dance Company of UW. She has played many recitals and chamber programs in various cities of the United States, Lithuania, Latvia, Germany, Russia, Israel, and Indonesia, and made several recordings for the Lithuanian Radio and Television, Seattle King FM. She was the first solo pianist to play in Seattle's own Benaroya Hall in the Open house concert. Asta has been on faculty at Music Works Northwest and collaborative pianist at Lithuanian Academy of Music, Bowling Green University, University of Washington, Western Washington University, and is currently on the faculty at Seattle Pacific University, while maintaining a private piano studio.

**Gavin Abel** is a multi-instrumentalist singer/songwriter, studying music production and film studies. He has released original music under his own name as well as with his band Clover, whom he writes and performs for. Gavin has played several notable venues in Seattle, such as the Moore Theatre, THING Festival, and Barboza. He looks forward to continuing to expand his musical talent and career within the community of the Greater Seattle Area.

**David Diepersloot** is a musician, recording engineer, mixing engineer, and producer from Santa Cruz, California. David has produced and mixed records for artists such as Oscar Warnersmith and Rose Peak, as well as assistant-engineered bands like Car Seat Headrest and Vic Bondi & His Mistakes. He is currently in his fourth year at SPU, pursuing a BA in Music Production. As a musician, David plays guitar in his indie-rock band, Clover, and enjoys filling in on guitar, keys, and vocals for various other bands.

**Jayson Harper** is a nursing student at SPU who also loves to play drums. His background is in rock music and his main band Clover formed here at SPU's music program. With some fellow musicians at SPU, Jayson has gotten to play venues like Barboza, The Moore Theater, and THING Fest, and has gotten to meet countless talented musicians in Seattle that continue to push his limits!

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