

Sonoma State University Department of Music presents

**Paulina Vaclav** Clarinet  
and  
**Emma Becker** Clarinet and Bass Clarinet

**End of the Beginning**  
Senior Recital



From the Studio of **Roy Zajac**  
Accompanied by **Marilyn Thompson**, piano

2:00pm  
April 13, 2024  
Schroeder Hall

This recital is presented in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Bachelor of Music in  
Education  
**Program**

**Sonatina for Clarinet and Piano**

Malcolm Arnold.....1921-2006

- I. *Allegro con brio*
- II. *Andantino*
- III. *Furioso*

Paulina Vaclav, Clarinet

**Sonate**

Paul Hindemith.....1895-1963

- I. *Massig bewegt*
- II. *Lebhaft*

Emma Becker, Clarinet

**Piece En Forme De Habanera**

Maurice Ravel.....1875-1937

Paulina Vaclav, Clarinet

**The Girl With The Flaxen Hair**

Claude Debussy *Arr. David Hite*.....1863-1918

Emma Becker, Clarinet

**Canonic Duets**

Georg Philipp Telemann.....1681-1767

- I. *Spiritoso*
- II. *Adagio*
- III. *Allegro*

Emma Becker, Clarinet

Paulina Vaclav, Clarinet

**Intermission**

**Sonate**

Johannes Brahms.....1833-1897

- I. *Allegro Amabile*

Paulina Vaclav, Clarinet

**Fantasy-Pieces for Clarinet and Piano No.1**

Robert Schumann.....1810-1856

Emma Becker, Bass Clarinet

**Three Pieces for Clarinet and Piano**

Paquito D’Rivera.....b. 1948

- I. *Contradanza*

Paulina Vaclav, Clarinet

**Ten Children No.1**

Michael Lowenstern.....b.

1968

Emma Becker, Bass Clarinet and Recording

## *Acknowledgments*

I'd like to thank Roy for pushing me out of my comfort zone and teaching me to love the B-flat clarinet and for putting up with my bass clarinet preferences and helping me always to do my best. Two years will never be enough, and I am so glad for our time together. I'd like to thank all of my friends who keep me afloat; Lily, Sarah, and my Aidan for supporting my craziness; my puppies for the chaos; my parents for everything under the sun; my Gramma Nancy and Papa Don for surviving all of the concerts from elementary school all the way until now; and my Gramma Pat, Papa Gary, Uncle Ron, and Unkee Jason for teaching me how to love music like it's life itself.

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Love, Emma ♥

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You are all the light that shines during my darkest days.  
I am grateful for you all, and I love you

~ Paulina



Emma has been playing bass clarinet and clarinet in marching bands, wind ensembles, and orchestras for nine years, and plans to move onto a career teaching high school band. She has taught private music lessons for 8 years and been an instructor at music camps. After graduating in 2020 from Granite Bay High School, and two years at Sierra College during the Pandemic, she transferred to SSU to complete a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education. The two years at SSU have been the busiest and most thrilling of her life. She will be continuing at Sonoma State University in the credential program and student teaching next year, and she looks forward to inspiring future music students to love music as much as she does every day.

Paulina has been playing since 7th grade in wind ensembles, symphonic bands, woodwind ensemble, percussion ensemble and marching band for a consecutive 11 years. She has held many teaching positions since she graduated from Clayton Valley Charter High School in 2019, specifically as Coach and Music Instructor at her alma mater. Paulina has also been exclusively working at Cazadero Music Camp for the past 3 years as Counselor, Music Instructor, a variety of many other hats, and she will be continuing as Dean in the summer! She has graduated from Diablo Valley College and the Puente Program in 2022 and will be graduating SSU with a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education. She cannot wait to see what's in store for her, and is thankful for the many experiences and memories made at SSU.



**Thank You for Coming!**