

Force Majeure Quintet

presents:

A World Premiere Concert featuring Alan Theisen's *Gallery for woodwind quintet*

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Force Majeure Quintet was founded in 2012 by flutist Nicole Riccardo, oboist Casey Knowlton, clarinetist Patrick Fulton, bassoonist Kelsey Weber, and horn player, Joey Cafeo. The quintet is comprised of both past and present students from the College of Music at The Florida State University. The ensemble's mission is to promote the value of fine arts in society, culture, and education through public performance and community outreach. Force Majeure is proud to present a very special concert on April 20, 2014 at 8 p.m. in Opperman Music Hall on the campus of Florida State University. The program will feature a world premiere of a new work by composer Alan Theisen titled *Gallery*.

Alumnus of The Florida State University College of Music, Alan Theisen is Professor of Music at Mars Hill University where he is also the coordinator of music theory and composition. Theisen's compositions have been performed throughout the United States and Europe. His music, frequently commissioned by chamber and large ensembles, has been described by composer Dimitri Terzakis as being "the product of a unique talent." Theisen's works combine an expressive melodic sensibility, a diverse harmonic language, and elaborate formal designs.

In a new work for woodwind quintet titled *Gallery* commissioned by the University Musical Associates, the community patrons' group for the Florida State University College of Music, and Force Majeure Quintet, Alan Theisen has been inspired to explore the interplay of visual art and music. In each of the five movements of this work, Theisen has selected a work of art as his inspiration, highlighting each of the members of the quintet along the way. Listeners are greeted with a diverse collection of musical styles explored through Claude Monet's *The Cliff Walk at Pourville*, Gustav Klimt's *Water Serpents II*, Roy Lichtenstein's *Ohhh...Alright...*, Marcus Jansen's *Creeping Obstacles in Kansas*, and Piet Mondrian's *Broadway Boogie Woogie*. Force Majeure Quintet is delighted to give this premiere of an exciting new work destined for many more performances worldwide. The featured composer, Alan Theisen, and artistic inspiration for *Gallery*, Marcus Jansen, will be joining the quintet for this premiere.

Jansen, a combat Veteran born in Manhattan, NY, transformed his life from being at War to becoming a leading contemporary painter. He became known for his gritty urban landscape paintings in the late 1990's and is a pioneer of expressive urban socio-political painting. His museum collections include The Moscow Museum of Modern Art (MMOMA), Russia; The PERMM Museum of Contemporary Art, Russia; The New Britain Museum of American Art, CT; The Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, MO; The National Taiwan Museum of Fine Art, Taiwan; The Housatonic Museum of Modern Art, CT; and the Smithsonian Institution in Washington DC. Additionally, Jansen is one of the ABSOLUT VODKA Artists of the Century alongside artistic greats including Damien Hirst, Andy Warhol, and Keith Haring. The media and critics alike praise Marcus Jansen as one of America's leading expressionist painters of the 21st Century.

Come join the members of Force Majeure Quintet at OPPERMAN MUSIC HALL (in the Kuersteiner Music Building at the intersection of North Copeland Street and West Call Street) on SUNDAY, April 20th at 8 p.m. The performance will be followed by a reception in which attendees will have the opportunity to meet composer Alan Theisen and artist Marcus Jansen, as well as the members of Force Majeure Quintet. The event is FREE and open to the public! For venue information, please call the FSU College of Music Box Office at (850) 645-7949 during the hours of 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Monday through Friday.

Works to be featured on the program include:

Jacques Ibert- *Trois Pièces Brèves*

David Maslanka- *Quintet for Winds No. 3*

Samuel Barber- *Summer Music*

Alan Theisen – Gallery

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For more information on Force Majeure Quintet, please visit: www.forcemajeurequintet.com

For more information on composer Alan Theisen, please visit: www.alantheisen.com

For more information on artist Marcus Jansen, please visit: www.marcusjansen.com