

PROGRAM

ROBERT GROSS

Composer

MASTER'S RECITAL

Sunday, April 19, 1998

8:00 p.m.

Hirsch Orchestra Rehearsal Hall

RICE UNIVERSITY

the
Shepherd
School
of Music

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Sakura (1997)

Robert Gross

An opera in one act

(b. 1973)

Libretto by Claire Villarreal and Robert Gross

Directed by Laura Duke

Rebecca Morris, Taeko/Dolores

James Harper, Nishio Naito/his son Toshio

Robert Gross, piano

Scene One: October 1944 in a small guesthouse in Taiwan built as a resort for kamikaze pilots during the Japanese occupation.

Scene Two: March 1995 in the same guesthouse, now a U.S.-owned getaway for American diplomats.

This recital is given in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree Master of Music.

Mr. Gross is a student of Arthur Gottschalk and a former student of Samuel Jones and Richard Lavenda.

This recital is dedicated to the memory of Robert Grundhofer.