### Stephen Sandy

# A VERMONT QUARTET —

### I. Prefect

Windrose Of upland clearing

Lichened outcrop Each crevice

Bubbling moss Milk quartz-

notched granite Nudging sheep-

cropped grass Coppery

Tip of earthcrust Dry rose

Petals sailing Volumes of lean

Pleistocene air Comb turf, the blue

Juniper tongues All one way

I the other Look back,

Perfect Stranger.

#### II. To Stand in a Field

To stand in a field silenced and drained for winter where one clover blooms and hear, muffled by distance, the geese calling for summer!

Ribboning silence they keep forming, keep a long communal mewing. I stood there when I heard this wan assumption of their cries.

### III. Wild Ducks

Nine mallards amiably swim
The stream's treadmill. Sedate,
Intent: bills front, they form
A V unmoving as kites.

Swimming the unseen wind. Upstream they go together; They glide as if upstream Some hand guided then there.

With button eyes not looking They move, unmoved, in the pull Of taut, positioning strings, The hand's extended will.

### IV. Bingham Hill

A doe like a brown empress
Sitting at twilight there
In the snow watches the hounds
gathering like retainers
Slowly tracking the rise
Bearing the gifts of blood
In their eyes.

Against sun falling past locust saplings How serenely the doe looks out down the snowfield Chalked with dusk's blue! Her shoulder is broken

no pain: or There is none I can see.

A bronze stillness letting death in
The unknown the fearful
The black shapes of hunters and dogs
become the known
Holding no fear longer
Slowly approaching the cloud
One imagines before her eyes there
As breaths in the cold air.

I cannot tell how she accepted death Unmoved, unmoving.

## In Memory of Marni and Callie Goldstein

# BENNINGTON COLLEGE MUSIC DIVISION Presents

# A CONCERT OF FACULTY COMPOSITIONS

Wednesday March 27, 1985 8:15 P.M. Greenwall Music Workshop

Marni Goldstein White and Callie Goldstein were both graduates of Bennington College. They were the daughters of Harold and Sara Goldstein of Washington, D.C.

Marni graduated from Bennington as a Social Science major in 1966. At the time of her death in 1984, she was a Senior Market Planner at the Travellers Insurance Company in Hartford. Before working at the Travellers, she had been a project director of an NIMH study of the relationship between housing and health. Earlier in her career, for her Ph.D. dissertation at Columbia University, Marni had made an extensive study of the politics of urban renewal in Middletown. She had written several papers and articles on urban sociology and had participated in organizing and teaching the first Women's Studies courses at Wesleyan. Shortly after her death, her husband, Duffield White, wrote: "Marni lived her whole life with the verve, radiant beauty, good taste and dedication to justice that her Bennington friends probably remember her for." Marni is survived by her two sons Alex and Matthew, her husband and her father.

Callie transferred to Bennington from the University of Chicago. She, too, majored in Social Science, and graduated from Bennington in 1971. In 1972, shortly after her untimely and tragic death, her parents established the Callie Goldstein Memorial Fund at Bennington College. Because Callie had a strong interest and love for music and was also involved in the Early Childhood Center's program, at the request of the family, the fund sponsors a concert or lecture each year, and any remaining funds are donated to the Center. Several years ago in *Quadrille*, an article was written which stated, "Like the Treehouse at the Center (made possible by the Fund) which perpetuates the life of the tree that once thrived on the Bennington campus, the Callie Goldstein Fund commemorates and memorializes Callie's energies and interests at Bennington."

This memorial concert, presented by the Music Division, is sponsored by the Callie Goldstein Memorial Fund.

### — P R O G R A M —

### Air for Cello and Piano (1944)

LIONEL NOWAK

Michael Finckel, cello Elizabeth Wright, piano

### Three Lieder for Viola and Piano (1979) VIVIAN FINE

The Balcony Moon-Stream Transfiguring Night

> Jacob Glick, viola Elizabeth Wright, piano

Night Lyric (1949)

LIONEL NOWAK

Michael Finckel, cello

### \*A Vermont Quartet (1984)

**JEFFREY LEVINE** 

Prefect
 To Stand in a Field

(text by Stephen Sandy)

- 3. Wild Ducks
- 4. Bingham Hill
  - Susannah Waters, soprano

Elizabeth Wright, piano

### -INTERMISSION-

### \*Castle of Ghumdan (1985)

NADI QAMAR

Scored for solo performance

Instrumentation The Mama Likenbi Assembly of African Idiophones Nadi Qamar

### \*Isoquarto (1984)

LOUIS CALABRO

I. Allegro Moderato II. Lento Assai

III. Allegro

Barbara Allen, harp Jacob Glick, viola Michael Finckel, cello Jeffrey Levine, bass

<sup>\*</sup> First Performance