Williams College Department of Music



Roomful of Teeth

Brad Wells, founder and director

Estelí Gomez, Martha Cluver, Caroline Shaw, Virginia Warnken, Eric Dudley, Jonathan Woody, Dashon Burton, and Cameron Beauchamp

William Brittelle High Done No Why To

Caleb Burhans No

Merrill Garbus Ansa Ya

Brittelle Done No Why Say Do

Burhans Beneath

Brittelle Amid the Minotaurs

brief pause

Garbus Hatari

Garbus doorstep

Burhans why must you leave me now, when you're so far away?

Garbus Quizassa

Brittelle Color of Rain

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Friday, February 18, 2011 8:00 p.m.

Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall Williamstown, Massachusetts

Upcoming Events:

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Williams Chamber Choir

| 2/19 | δpm | williams Chamber Players: Spanish Echoes | Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall | |
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| 3/2 | 12:15pm | MIDWEEKMUSIC | Chapin Hall | |
| 3/4 | 8pm | Berkshire Symphony Orchestra | Chapin Hall | |
| | 7:15pm | Pre-Concert Talk | Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall | |
| 3/5 | 8pm | Williams Brass Ensemble | Chapin Hall | |
| 3/9 | 12:15pm | MIDWEEKMUSIC | Chapin Hall | |
| 3/10 | 8pm | Visiting Artist: John Allmark Septet | '62 Center, MainStage* | |
| 3/11 | 8pm | Senior Thesis Recital, Rob Pasternak, composer | Chapin Hall | |
| 3/11 | 8pm | Zambezi Marimba Band | '62 Center, CenterStage** | |
| 3/12 | 2&8pm | Zambezi Marimba Band | '62 Center, CenterStage** | |
| 3/16 | 12:15pm | MIDWEEKMUSIC | Chapin Hall | |
| 4/8 | 4pm | Williams Chamber Choir | Williams College Museum of Art | |
| *** Artsbreak is canceled this season due to Clark renovations. | | | | |
| 4/9 | 3pm | Senior Recital: Josh Blanco, guitar | Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall | |

Williams College Museum of Art

Roomful of Teeth is a vocal ensemble that studies and incorporates non-classical vocal practices, combines them with western styles, and develops new compositions using the fullest possible range of vocal techniques.

Brad Wells, Founder and Director

Roomful of Teeth founder and director Brad Wells is a conductor, singer, and composer who serves on the faculty of the Department of Music at Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts.

At Williams, Wells directs the choral program, oversees and teaches studio voice, and leads courses in conducting, arranging and voice science and style. With Roomful of Teeth he has led premieres of works by Judd Greenstein, Rinde Eckert, Brian Simalchik, Caroline Shaw, Eric Dudley and Avery Griffin. Wells has held conducting positions at Yale University, Trinity College, University of California at Berkeley and California State University, Chico, and has directed choirs of all ages. His ensembles have performed throughout North and South America and Europe. In 2007 Wells commissioned and led the Williams Concert Choir in the world premiere in Palestrina, Italy, of Judd Greenstein's Lamenting, a work based on Renaissance composer Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina's settings of Hebrew letters from his Lamentations. In 2006 he assisted with the world premiere of Philip Miller's REwind: A Cantata for tape, testimony and voice in Cape Town, South Africa, and conducted the U.S. premiere at the Celebrate Brooklyn Festival in New York City. A champion of Estonian choral music, he has led the U.S. premieres of works by numerous Estonian composers including Raimo Kangro, Jüri-Ruut Kangur, and Lembit Veevo. He has lectured and published articles on the physiology and acoustics of non-classical vocal styles and the role of singing in film. As a singer he has performed and recorded with such ensembles as Paul Hillier's Theatre of Voices, Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra (under Nicholas McGegan and Philip Brett) and the California Choral Company (under William Dehning). In 1998 he was the recipient of the Aidan Kavanagh Achievement Prize from the Yale Institute of Sacred Music. Wells received the Doctor of Musical Arts (2005), Yale University; Master of Musical Arts (1998), Yale University; Master of Music (1986), University of Texas at Austin; B.A. (1984), Principia College.

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