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#### Concert Program

Premier Solo for Bassoon ......Eugene Bordeau (1850–1925)

Sonata in F Major......William Hurlstone (1876–1906)

I. Vivace

II. Ballade

III. Allegretto-Poco maestoso-Tempo I-piu lento

IV. Moderato-Vivace

- I. Opening
- II. Panorama
- III. Grandpa's House

Tomoko Kashiwagi, piano

Lia Uribe, bassoon

## Artist Biography

Jeff Keesecker is currently Professor of Bassoon at Florida State University, performs as Principal Bassoonist with the Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra, holds the Paul W. and Phyllis G. Runge Principal Bassoon Chair with the Pensacola Symphony Orchestra, is the Bassoon Mentor of the National Music Festival (Maryland), and from 2005–2014 was a Valade Fellow at the Interlochen Arts Camp (Michigan).

He has performed as Principal Bassoonist with the Florida Orchestra in Tampa, the Sarasota Orchestra, the St. Gallen Sinfonie (Switzerland), Solisti New York, and The Dorian Consort (Europe). He spent multiple summers with the Swannanoa Chamber Music Festival (Asheville NC), the Animas Music Festival (Durango CO), and the Utah Music Festival. His solo CD, with pianist Hélène Grimaud, is entitled Bassoon Music of the Americas, and in 2003 he performed the World Premiere of Eric Ewazen's Concerto for Bassoon and Wind Ensemble. He has given solo and chamber recitals and presented masterclasses across the U.S., and in Europe, Asia, and South America, and has performed numerous times at the conferences of the International Double Reed Society.

A native of Sarasota, Florida, he first studied bassoon with Trevor Cramer. He received a Bachelor of Music in Bassoon Performance at Florida State University, studying with William Winstead, and a Master of Music from The Juilliard School, where he studied with Steven Maxym. He participated in the Aspen, Waterloo, and Sarasota Music Festivals, in the National Repertory Orchestra, and in the New York String Orchestra Seminar.

## Program Notes

#### IN MALAYSIA - Shao Fern Teo

NOTES FROM THE COMPOSER

When I first started thinking about In Malaysia (sometime in April 2015), I immediately heard a bassoon melody playing in my mind that grew into a larger piece of music that painted my memories from my home country, Malaysia.

"Opening" expresses the mixed emotions of flying home and seeing the surrounding clouds from the airplane window.

"Panorama" is a stark contrast to the first movement, where the music is in a concise form depicting the layout and landscape of the ground as seen from the plane (e.g., the palm tree plantation that neighbors the Kuala Lumpur International Airport).

"Grandpa's House," is the concluding movement of this work and was written in memory of my late grandfather. Each motive represents various childhood memories at the traditional village house, such as playing the 5-stone game known as *Batu Seremban* with my cousins, cycling in the backyard, and jumping rope made out of rubber bands.

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# Guest Artist Recital Jeff Keesecker, bassoon

Tomoko Kashiwagi, piano Lia Uribe, bassoon

