

California State University, Fresno  
College of Arts & Humanities  
Department of Music  
presents

THE WORLD PREMIERE OF  
*Ascención*

A Dramatic Ethno-historical Cantata for  
Mezzo-Soprano, Piano, Chorus,  
& The Bells of Mission San Juan Bautista

Ascención  
Solórsano  
de Cervantes

Adapted from  
"The San Juan Report"  
of John Peabody Harrington

Music by Benjamin Boone

Book and Lyrics by  
Helene Joseph-Weil

Helene Joseph-Weil, *mezzo-soprano*  
Hatem Nadim, *piano*  
with

The Voices of the Fresno State Choirs  
Dr. Anna Hamre, *Director*



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Sunday, February 24, 2008  
3:00 p.m.  
Concert Hall