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Known as the Dean of Northwest Composers, George Frederick McKay composed and arranged a wide variety of works, ranging from orchestral compositions and music for ballet to band marches, over the course of forty years as a professor at the University of Washington. McKay was the first student to graduate in composition from Eastman. Although his performance instrument was the violin, the piano compositions here included exemplify his ability to write idiomatically for the instrument. Chamber works for strings, dance music and some of McKay's lovely songs showcase the composer's ability to write engaging music that is firmly rooted in the art music of the time.

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GEORGE FREDERICK MCKAY (1899-1970)

William Bolcom*, Logan Skelton+ and Sanford Margolis*, Piano
Joan Morris, Mezzo-Soprano# • Mahoko Eguchi, Viola®

Caricature Dance Suite (1924)* Dance Suite No. 2 (1938)*

1 SnickerSKIP	1:50	17 Insouciant Proclamation	0:52
2 Jabberlyflip	1:00	18 Naive Pastorale	1:11
3 Swaggerhop	1:07	19 Athletic Poem	1:11
4 Burlesque March	2:33	20 Calisthenics a la Hollywood	2:03
		21 A Giddy Pace	1:14

From My Tahoe Window - Summer Moods and Patterns (1965)*

5 Sunrise	2:29	Excerpts from Five Songs for Soprano (1964)*#	
6 A Morning Mood	1:05	22 Bunches of Grapes	1:23
7 Looking Upward	1:36	23 Days of the Week	1:55
8 Storm Clouds	1:27	24 The Flower will Bloom	
9 Caballeros	1:14	25 Another Year	2:06
10 Sundown	2:07		
11 Summer's End	2:14	26 Every Flower That Ever Grew (1969)*	2:54
12 Americanistic Etude, Op. 27 (1924)*	2:16		

An April Suite, Op. 3 (1924)*

13 To The Blue Eyed Days of Spring	1:43	Suite for Viola and Piano (1948)@*	
14 One April Morning	1:21	14 Allegro moderato, vigoroso e parlando	3:42
15 A Remembered Happiness	2:40	15 Cantante e poetico	4:26
16 Prelude to a Summer Day	1:38	16 Moderato scherzoso e grotesco	2:25
		17 Moderato cantabile	5:15
		18 Moderato marziale, ritmico e marcato	2:35

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American flag, folk artist, 1880s.

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