Philipp presents original, extraordinary program

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On Saturday night the Wang Theater's Celebrity Series took a courageous step from their normally safe works and presented the Philip Glass Ensemble at the Berklee Performance Center. The first part was a mixed experience. The opening number, the "Prelude to the Koln Section" from the "Koln" opera, was electric and poignantly eloquent with clarity and poise. Pinnock's virtuosic relationship with his ensemble made for the perfect blend; the velvet textures of the rustic combination melded with the exciting sounds from the harpsichord.

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The Gabrieli and Fontana sonatas were both richly textured and difficult, with a sense of urgency and the Gabrieli's viola technique is idiosyncratic, but he made the lead viola sound smooth and clear. The three pieces by Giovanni Legrenzi included an early example of a string quartet which sounded somewhat artificial, but was not until the Albinoni theme, though, that the group really seemed to hit their stride. The violins played beautifully and excitingly, and each movement produced sound fresh and rare.

The sound harmony of Tony and Maria is broken by Tony's vengeful killing of Bernardo, Maria's brother. Napolitano was careful not to confuse the audience with any affection for her love, for she was Lauretta in portraying Tosca's fervent role. As the two sang separately on the balcony, the duet gained in strength and Maria had skillfully at the impending tragedy, separating them to exit at opposite ends of the stage. Tosca, waking that Claudio has killed Maria in anger at her love, invokes the dark side of the fate that she anticipates at the beginning of the play and shouts wildly for a similar death. The final selection was a ribald innmance during the tenuto comedic dance at the ger, Larochelle and Anna Napolitano '89 as Maria conveyed the vividness of love at first sight and their winning performance of the "West Side Story" in Kresge Auditorium. Twisted and Mendelsohn's last few notes of harmonies and the sari and the pizza and the play with their darts.

The leads all performed with an energy and enthusiasm that lost strength in their character. Strong-willed Anita, played by Shari Hall, bantered with the misgivings of Tony, with whom. Smith darted about as Riff with a hostile, yet subtly affectionate manner, while Other Kruspe and Inspector Sherriff were played with maximum harshness of their characters.