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**Anne Harley Receives Fourth Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts
Award to Fund New Works of Vocal Chamber Music by California Composers**



CLAREMONT, CA (17 May 2021)—[Anne Harley](#), associate professor of music at Scripps College, has been approved for a \$15,000 Grants for Arts Projects award from the National Endowment of the Arts (NEA). This award will help fund three new works of vocal chamber music by emerging California composers Aida Shirazi, Anton Prebensen and Fahad Siadat. The resultant musical program will present settings of texts by or about women spiritual leaders from the Persian Islamic tradition, in the original Farsi and Arabic, and will premiere at Scripps College and in downtown Los Angeles. Harley has invited Professor of Dance Ronnie Brosterman and Assistant Professor of Dance Kevin Williamson to collaborate on a student-faculty dance project in conjunction with the premieres. This is the fourth year that Harley has received an NEA grant, having previously received awards for projects in 2017, 2018 and 2019.

“This is the culmination of years of work with Siadat, Prebensen and Shirazi, who are some of the most exciting new voices in California’s classical new music scene,” Harley said. “I’m honored to at last be able to bring our work to audiences in musical premieres. Furthermore, this is a particularly fitting project for Scripps College, which, as a women’s college, has fostered the leadership and creative voices of women since 1926.”



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This project will be part of Harley's ongoing [Voices of the Pearl](#) series, which commissions, performs and records new musical works from composers across the globe, focusing on the tradition of female spirituality and world traditions throughout history. As part of the project, each new musical work will be also recorded for digital release on Harley's independent label of the same name.

[Scripps College](#) was founded in 1926 by Ellen Browning Scripps, a pioneering philanthropist and influential figure in the worlds of education, publishing and women's rights. Today, Scripps is a nationally top-ranked liberal arts college and women's college with approximately 1,082 students and is a member of The Claremont Colleges in Southern California. The mission of Scripps College is to educate women to develop their intellects and talents through active participation in a community of scholars, so that as graduates they may contribute to society through public and private lives of leadership, service, integrity, and creativity.