

LYRIC FEST is excited to sponsor an art song competition for emerging young composers!



Dear Composers,

LYRIC FEST is holding an art song competition for emerging composers under the age of 30. We are asking for songs that set letters to music to be submitted to Lyric Fest by December 1, 2015. The winner will receive \$750 and his/her work will be premiered at the April 2016 Lyric Fest concert, *Sincerely Yours*. Submissions should be scored for voice and piano, and run no longer than 5 minutes. There is no entrance fee and the winner will be announced in February.

We are asking you to help us get the word out to any current or former students.

All songs should be submitted electronically to info@lyricfest.org in two copies: one with composer's name and one without. The blind copies will be forwarded to a well-respected panel of judges selected by LF Artistic Directors. Applicants may submit a midi file, but it is not required.

Lyric Fest is committed to commissioning new songs for a new age, both to keep the art of the song recital alive and to connect more directly to today's audiences. We hope to inspire a new generation of song composers and appreciate your help in identifying and encouraging young song composers.

For More Information about Lyric Fest visit www.lyricfest.org

The premiere details are as follows:

Lyric Fest presents *Sincerely Yours*
April 2, 2016, Haverford College
April 3, 2016, Academy of Vocal Arts

Singers will be Kelly Ann Bixby, soprano; Andrew Fuchs, tenor; Jarrett Ott,

baritone; and Katherine Pracht, mezzo-soprano; with pianist, Laura Ward.

Sincerely Yours is a program of predominantly American song: prose settings of letters and the historical context and stories that surround them. Traditional repertoire will include selections by Dominick Argento, Lee Hoiby, Gabriel Kahane and more. The centerpiece of the program will feature songs commissioned by Lyric Fest from seven composers, including three Philadelphia composers, Benjamin C.S. Boyle, John Conahan, and Thomas Lloyd, as well as Abbie Betinis, Daron Hagen, Lori Laitman, and Logan Skelton.

Thank you for your help,

Suzanne DuPlantis & Laura Ward

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