

2015-16 CONCERT SEASON

IN THIS BLUE ROOM

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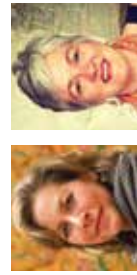
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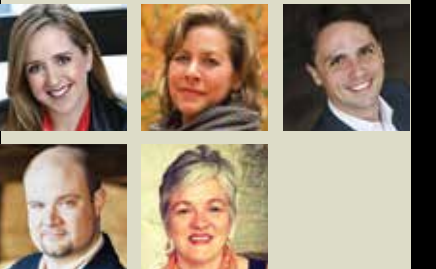
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LA DOLCE VITA The Sweet Life

Friday, October 2, 2015, 7:30pm at The Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill

Sunday, October 4, 2015, 3pm at The Academy of Vocal Arts

A breezy program of Italian favorites and little known gems celebrating the sweet things in life: Rossini quartets, Songs of Verdi, Respighi, Bellini and Puccini, Neapolitan song, opera and more. With singers Jennifer Aylmer, Suzanne DuPlantis, Eric Rieger, and Randall Scarlata, and pianist Laura Ward.





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THE RAVEN—A Poe Fest

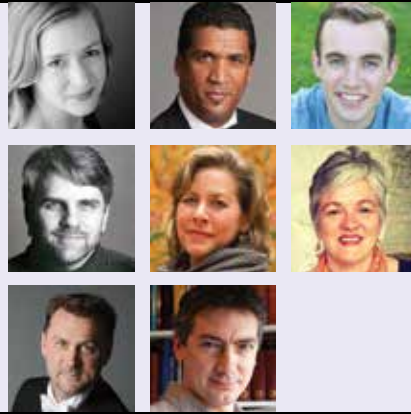
(A co-production with *Dumbarton concerts in Washington, DC*)

Saturday, November 7, 2015, 8pm
at **Dumbarton Concerts, Washington, DC**

Sunday, November 8, 2015, 3pm
at **The Academy of Vocal Arts**

A program celebrating the works and life of Philadelphia poet Edgar Allan Poe, featuring the

area premiere of *The Raven* by Nicholas White, scored for five solo voices, string quartet and piano. The concert is rounded out with solo song settings of Poe's poetic works, and readings from Poe's prose. With singers Emily Noël, Roger Isaacs, James Reese, Steven Combs, and Suzanne DuPlantis, pianist Laura Ward, conductor Nicholas White, and narrator Duncan Wu.



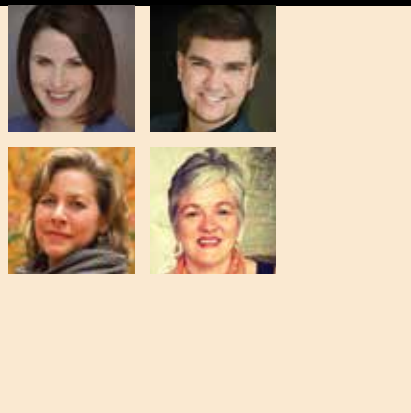
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SIBELIUS CELEBRATES 150—Mini Concert & Reception

Tuesday, December 8, 2015, 6pm
at **The Academy of Vocal Arts**

In commemoration of the 150th birthday of Jean Sibelius, Lyric Fest offers a new concert experience — a half-length program for after work. Featuring Sibelius's rare and wonderful songs

to be enjoyed with wine and refreshments. With Anne Marie Frohnmayer, Anthony Schneider, Suzanne DuPlantis, and pianist Laura Ward. Sung in the original Swedish, Finnish and German.



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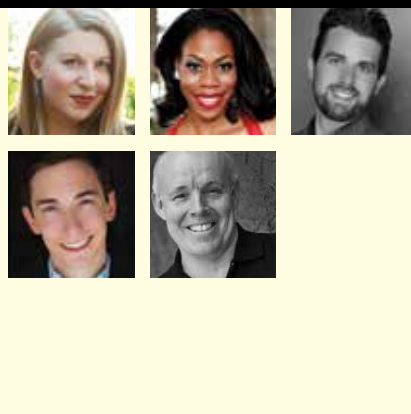
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A semi-theatrical program of Brahms's life and times, as told through his music and letters, including biographical narration.

Selections of solo songs, vocal quartets, duets. With singers Laura Dixon Strickling, Chrystal E. Williams, Jeffrey Williams, and Jonas Hacker, pianist Laura Ward, and actor Jim Bergwall.



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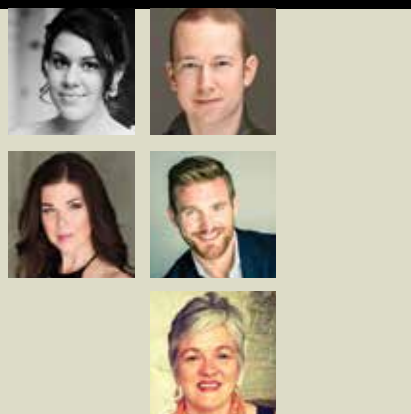
SINCERELY YOURS—Letters Set to Music

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 8pm
at **Haverford College**

Sunday, April 3, 2016, 3pm
at **The Academy of Vocal Arts**

This program of mostly American song takes a detour from the verse of poets and looks to settings of letters. Join Lyric Fest for its newest commission project, where each selection is a

story. New works premiered by three Philadelphia composers, Benjamin C.S. Boyle, John Conahan and Thomas Lloyd, joined by composers Abbie Betinis, Daron Hagen, Lori Laitman and Logan Skelton. With singers Kelly Ann Bixby, Andrew Fuchs, Katy Pracht, and Jarrett Ott, and pianist Laura Ward. Featuring young song composer competition.



Lyric Fest returns to Pittsburgh for another appearance presenting Kile Smith's song cycle:

IN THIS BLUE ROOM

Sunday, September 27, 2015, 4pm at
Shadyside Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, PA

Waxing Poetic—"In This Blue Room"
by Kile Smith—PITTSBURGH PREMIERE

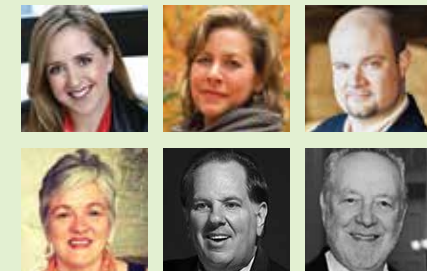
"Lyric Fest West" in PITTSBURGH opens the new "Music and the Arts Series" at Shadyside Presbyterian Church with Kile Smith's *In This Blue Room*. With Suzanne DuPlantis, Daniel Teadt, and Laura Ward. Featuring the batik paintings of Laura Pritchard.



Candlelit Cabaret Fundraiser & Silent Auction TIN PAN ALLEY AND MORE...

Sunday, February 21, 7pm, seating at
6:30pm at The Academy of Vocal Arts

Join Jennifer Aylmer, Suzanne DuPlantis, Randall Scarlata, Laura Ward, Harold Evans, and Emilio Gravagno for a sparkling evening of fine wine, appetizers and dessert. Featuring the songs of Tin Pan Alley. Save the date for a fabulous night that supports Lyric Fest!



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Haverford College, Marshall Auditorium in Roberts Hall, 370 Lancaster Avenue, Haverford, PA. Very near to the Haverford Train Station, served by the Paoli/Thorndale Line Regional Rail. See www.haverford.edu for parking information.

The Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill 8855 Germantown Ave, Philadelphia, PA. Free parking at the church.

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