

Our heartfelt thanks to The Academy of Vocal Arts for the use of the Helen Corning Warden Theater.
Very Special Thanks to all our sponsors who helped Lyric Fest commission new works.
Our Gratitude to The CHG Charitable Trust and The Philadelphia Cultural Fund for their support.

Lyric Fest Board of Directors

Jane Kamp, Chair; Mignon Groch, Vice Chair; Lauren Pfundt Meyer, Secretary; Marissa Lieb, Treasurer;
William Bosch, Dimitrios Diamantaras, William L. Leonard, Thomas Lloyd, and Loretta Witt

Suzanne DuPlantis and Laura Ward, Artistic Directors

www.lyricfest.org, Lyric Fest, 312 Carpenter Lane, 3rd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19119, 215. 438. 1702

LYRIC FEST'S 2016/2017 - A SEASON FOR AMERICA

A Neighborhood of Friends - Children's Concert

Sunday, November 13, 2016 at 3 pm at Main Line Reform Temple

Actor Jake Miller and Child-Actor Mia Rosof-Mallory take young audiences on a song journey across this patchwork quilt country we call America, celebrating our immigrant communities. Artists include: Jean Bernard Cerin, Cristina Nassif and Laura Ward, Piano.

Letters to Santa - by Logan Skelton

Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at The Academy of Vocal Arts - Happy Hour and Mini Concert - 5:30 for refreshments, 6 pm music

A hilarious, quirky and touching new song cycle that sets letters dating from the 1800's to the present, and interspersed with aphorisms on childhood. A work that speaks to all ages, especially "grown-ups." With Sara Duchovnay, Keith Phares, Katharine Pracht and Laura Ward, Piano.

Music in the White House - with Lyric Fest and Singing City

Saturday, January 28, 2017 at 7:30 pm at St. David's Episcopal Church and Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 3 pm at Church of the Holy Trinity

An entertaining and historic retrospective on the American Presidency and the role that music has played in shaping the American spirit.

Featuring music performed in the White House from the early 1800's to the present and narration of presidential history.

With Suzanne DuPlantis, Stephen LaBrie, Christine Lyons, Matthew White and Laura Ward, Piano;

Singing City Choir, Jeffrey Brillhart conducting and Charlotte Blake Alston, Narrator.

It's Elementary - Songs of Earth, Wind, Fire and Water

Friday, March 31, 2017 at 7:30 pm at Chestnut Hill Presbyterian Church and Sunday, April 2, 2017 at 3 pm at The Academy of Vocal Arts

An eclectic program of songs about the natural world—earth, wind, fire and water— and featuring mostly American song, premieres two newly commissioned song cycles by Michael Djupstrom and John Musto. With Jonas Hacker, John Moore, Olivia Vote, Meryl Dominguez and Laura Ward, Piano.

Happy Birthday to Irving Berlin

May 11, 2017 at The Academy of Vocal Arts - Happy Hour and Mini Concert - 5:30 for refreshments, 6 pm music

Raise a glass to that great American treasure, Irving Berlin. This mini concert features his timeless songs and a brief biography of Berlin's amazing life.

With Suzanne DuPlantis, Randall Scarlata and Harold Evans, Piano.

I HEAR AMERICA SINGING

WITH

TONY BOUTTÉ

TROY COOK

SUZANNE DUPLANTIS

MICHELLE JOHNSON

AND LAURA WARD, PIANO

LYRIC
FEST

Saturday, October 8, 2016 at 7:30pm at Chestnut Hill Presbyterian Church
Sunday, October 9, 2016 at 3 pm at The Academy of Vocal Arts

PROGRAM

Laura Ward, at the piano

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING - JOHN CONAHAN (1974 –) Arranger & additional lyrics
** World Premiere - Commissioned by Lyric Fest through a generous gift
given on behalf of the Havertown Choristers, in loving memory of Ruth Miller Cox.*
Tutti

VOICES IN THE LANDSCAPE

THE WHITE DAWN IS STEALING - CHARLES WAKEFIELD CADMAN (1881 – 1946)
(from Four American Indian Songs)
Troy Cook

DEAR SILENT GHOST - LOGAN SKELTON (1961 –)
Suzanne DuPlantis

SURE ON THIS SHINING NIGHT - SAMUEL BARBER (1910 – 1981)
Tony Boutté

AS IMPERCEPTIVELY AS GRIEF - ANDRÉ PREVIN (1929 –)
Michelle Johnson

TREES FOR PROGRESS, TREES OF AGONY

LINE GANG - ELLIOT CARTER (1908 – 2012)
Troy Cook

STRANGE FRUIT - ABEL MEEROPOL (1903 – 1986)
Michelle Johnson

WHEN WHITMAN REMEMBERED LINCOLN
(from When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloom'd)

THE NIGHT IN SILENCE - GEORGE CRUMB (1929 –)
Suzanne DuPlantis

SONGS OF HOPE

OVER THE RAINBOW - HAROLD ARLEN (1905 – 1986)
Tony Boutté

LADY OF THE HARBOR - LEE HOIBY (1926 – 2011)
Suzanne DuPlantis

WALK TOGETHER CHILDREN - MOSES HOGAN (1957 – 2003), ARRANGER
Michelle Johnson

WONDROUS LOVE - SACRED HARP
Tutti

INTERMISSION

I LOVE YOU TRULY - CARRIE JACOBS BOND (1862 – 1946)
Tony Boutté

A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

CHARLIE RUTLAGE - CHARLES IVES (1874 – 1954)
Troy Cook

LEATHER-WINGED BAT - JAKE HEGGIE (1961 –)
Suzanne DuPlantis

COYOTES - RICKY IAN GORDON (1956 –)
Michelle Johnson

WHAT TO DO WHEN LOST IN THE WOODS - ZACHARY WADSWORTH (1983 –)
Tony Boutté

TWO FACES OF WAR

EMILY (THE BALLAD OF THE BOMBARDIER) - MARC BLITZSTEIN (1905 – 1964)
Troy Cook

CHIMES OF FREEDOM - JOHN CORIGLIANO (1938 –)
Michelle Johnson

EMERSON'S THOUGHT

THERE IS NO GREAT AND NO SMALL - KILE SMITH (1956 –)
** World Premiere, Commissioned by Lyric Fest and Suzanne DuPlantis in honor of,
and with loving gratitude, to Mignon Groch*
Suzanne DuPlantis

TWO FOLKSONGS

JEANIE WITH THE LIGHT BROWN HAIR - NED ROEM (1923 –) ARRANGER
Tony Boutté

THE BOATMAN'S DANCE - AARON COPLAND (1900 – 1990)
Troy Cook



I HEAR AMERICA SINGING - DARON HAGEN (1961 –)
** Premiere of new arrangement*
Tutti