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“Steven Blier and Michael Barrett’s incomparable series” — *The New Yorker*

NEW YORK FESTIVAL OF SONG (NYFOS)

Steven Blier, Artistic Director • Michael Barrett, Associate Artistic Director

ends its 2012-13 Merkin Concert Hall Series with

SONG OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN

Scandinavian composers reveal hidden loves and the poetry of nature

Featuring the music of

**EDVARD GRIEG • JEAN SIBELIUS • WILHELM STENHAMMAR
BO LINDE • GUNNAR DE FRUMERIE • EINOJUHANI RAUTAVAARA
TURE RANGSTRÖM • GUSTAF NORDQVIST • GÖSTA NYSTROEM
CARL NIELSEN • HUGO ALFVÉN • LARS-ERIK LARSSON • CARL SJÖBERG**

as sung by

**JULIA BULLOCK, soprano • SARAH LARSEN, mezzo-soprano
THEO LEBOW, tenor • TOBIAS GREENHALGH, baritone**
of the Caramoor 2013 Terrance W. Schwab Vocal Rising Stars Program

with

NYFOS Artistic Director **STEVEN BLIER**, piano
NYFOS Associate Artistic Director **MICHAEL BARRETT**, piano

TUESDAY, MARCH 12 at 8:00PM

Merkin Concert Hall at Kauffman Center
129 West 67th St.

TICKETS

Single Tickets: \$40-\$55; Student Tickets: \$10
Real Deal Tickets: \$20, Advance Purchase, Limited Availability and Seating
Include post-concert wine reception with cast

*A NYFOS ON TOUR performance will take place Sunday, March 10, 4:00PM
at the Caramoor Center for Music and Arts in Katonah, NY*

FROM ARTISTIC DIRECTOR STEVEN BLIER:

“The week we spend at Caramoor is like a haven every year. Working intensely on a song program in that beautiful, secluded atmosphere, just at the moment when winter starts to give way to spring, we all feel a longed-for sense of regeneration. The Scandinavian repertoire I chose for this year’s project is perfect for that environment; the music has clean, soaring lines and a pristine beauty wedded to emotion that is sometimes tender and introspective, sometimes full-

throated and heroic. We've always had fine singers for the Vocal Rising Stars. This year's quartet is an especially thrilling group—four extraordinary voices, loaded with intelligence, soul, and sensitivity. *Song of the Midnight Sun* will be a banquet—for both the singers and the audiences.”

The [NEW YORK FESTIVAL OF SONG](#) concludes its 2012-13 Merkin Concert Hall season with its annual showcase featuring four of the nation's most promising young artists, performing music by some of the great Scandinavian composers in [SONG OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN](#) on **Tuesday, March 12 at 8:00PM at Merkin Concert Hall.**

Soprano [Julia Bullock](#), mezzo-soprano [Sarah Larsen](#), tenor [Theo Lebow](#), and baritone [Tobias Greenhalgh](#)—all members of the [2013 Terrance W. Schwab Vocal Rising Stars Program at Caramoor](#)—perform a program of hidden loves and the poetry of nature, courtesy of the acclaimed Scandinavian composers [Grieg](#), [Sibelius](#), [Stenhammar](#), [Nystrom](#), [Nielsen](#), [Rautavaara](#), and many others.

NYFOS associate artistic director [Michael Barrett](#) joins artistic director [Steven Blier](#) at the piano. The two conclude their fifth year of mentoring through the NYFOS@Caramoor professional training residency.

The Schwab Vocal Rising Stars program is presented in collaboration with the New York Festival of Song. The initiative, launched as a pilot program in spring 2009, focuses on singing outside the realm of opera, including the song recital and vocal chamber music. Singers at the beginning professional level are invited to Caramoor for a week-long residency that offers intensive daily coaching, rehearsals and workshops with mentors.

A *NYFOS on Tour* performance of *Song of the Midnight Sun* will take place on Sunday, March 10 at 4:00PM at the Caramoor Center for Music and Arts in Katonah, NY.

TICKETS

Single tickets are available for \$40-\$55, with discount tickets available for students at \$10, and a limited number of advanced purchase Real Deal tickets at \$20. Every concert is accompanied by a post-show wine reception with the cast.

THE PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION

I Seraillets Have (Stenhammar)
Vandring i skoven (Grieg)

YOUTH AND AGE

Den ängen där dy kysste mig (Linde)
Det kam ett brev (de Frumerie)
Duet from The House of the Sun (Rautavaara)

THE SEA

Afskedet (Rangström)
Till Havs (Nordqvist)

IN NATURE

Ute i skären (Nystroem)
Sommersang (Nielsen)

Våren (Grieg)

NIGHT TIME

Skogen sover (Alfvén)
Flickan knytter i Johannennatten (Stenhammar)
Var det en dröm (Sibelius)

THE RUINED MAID

Kyssande vind (Larsson)
Den enda Stunden (Rangström)
Flicka kam ifrån sin älsklings mote (Sibelius)
Im Feld ein Mädchen singt (Sibelius)

BENEDICTION

En svane (Grieg)
Tonerna (Sjoberg)
With a Hey, Ho, the Wind and the Rain (Sibelius)

LINKS

NEW YORK FESTIVAL OF SONG

<http://nyfos.org/>

STEVEN BLIER, Artistic Director

http://nyfos.us/blier_bio.html

MICHAEL BARRETT, Associate Artistic Director

http://nyfos.org/barrett_bio.html

JULIA BULLOCK, soprano

<http://www.juliabullocksoprano.com>

SARAH LARSEN, mezzo-soprano

<http://sarahlarsenmezzo.com>

MERKIN CONCERT HALL at the KAUFMAN CENTER

<http://kaufman-center.org/mch>

UPCOMING NYFOS EVENTS

Thursday, February 21, 2013, 8:00pm

Jacques Brel and Charles Trénet: Fire and Fantasy

Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at the University of Maryland, College Park, MD

Sunday, March 10, 2013, 4:00pm

Song of the Midnight Sun

Music Room, Rosen House, Caramoor Festival of Arts, Katonah, NY

Tuesday, March 12, 2013, 8:00pm

Song of the Midnight Sun

Merkin Concert Hall at Kaufman Center

Monday, April 8, 2013, 7:00pm

NYFOS Silver Anniversary Gala

Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall and '21' Club

With Darius de Haas, Judy Kaye, Sylvia McNair, Mary Testa, Steven Blier
NYFOS celebrates 25 years of "introducing artists and audience members to terrific songs in evenings that can feel like dream dinner parties—the kind where a group of fascinating strangers come together to have wonderfully unexpected conversations." (*Opera America*)
Gala tickets are \$750 & \$1000, which include the 7PM concert in Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall and the dinner that follows at '21' Club.

Information on tickets and tables can be obtained at www.nyfos.org or by calling (646) 230-8380. Donations can be mailed to: NYFOS, 307 Seventh Ave, Suite 1206, New York, NY 10001.

Tuesday, April 30, 2013, 7:00pm

NYFOS Next: Mohammed Fairouz

Mohammed Fairouz, host and curator
DiMenna Center for Classical Music

Monday, May 13, 2013, 7:30pm

NYFOS's 25th Anniversary Celebration

DiMenna Center for Classical Music

Caramoor's Terrance W. Schwab Vocal Rising Stars Program is made possible by generous support from The Terrance W. Schwab Endowment Fund for Young Vocal Artists.

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For further information, press tickets, photos, and to arrange interviews,
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