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# UPCOMING CONCERTS

#### TUTTI FIOR - Happy Hour/Mini Concert with Art Show of the Flower Paintings of Suzanne DuPlantis

Tuesday, December 10 at Moorestown Community House and Wednesday December 11, 2019 at AVA - 6PM Art, 7PM Music A concert and happy hour to celebrate the art of the flower. Featuring sopranos Irini Kyriakidou and Elizabeth de Trejo, mezzo-soprano Suzanne DuPlantis, and pianist Laura Ward, in flower songs from many cultures and genres. Performed together with an exhibition and sale of flower paintings by Suzanne DuPlantis — a portion of the sales will benefit Lyric Fest.

#### **THE ENCHANTED FLUTE - Song for Flute and Voice**

Saturday, February 29th, 2020 at 4:00 PM, at The Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill, Sunday, March 1st, 2020 at 3:00 PM at AVA Lyric Fest presents the bright and buoyant flute songs of William Bolcom, Jennifer Higdon, and Karl Hinze in a concert featuring flutist Ray Furuta, soprano Maeve Höglund, mezzo-soprano Suzanne DuPlantis, and pianist Laura Ward.

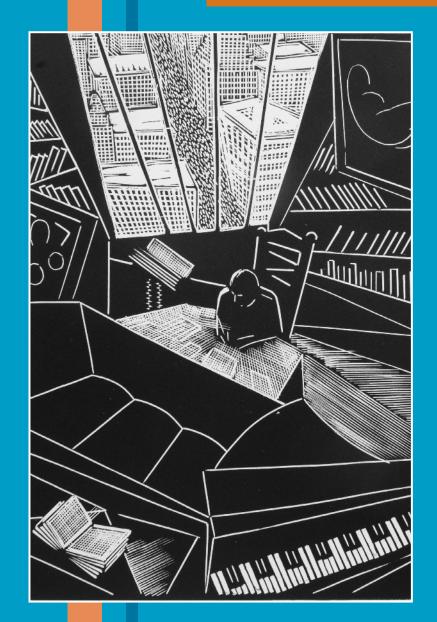
#### THE METAMORPHOSES OF PLANTS

Saturday, April 4th, 2020 at 4:00 PM at The Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill & Sunday, April 5th, 2020 at 3:00 PM AVA Lieder concert inspired by Goethe's epic poem, dedicated to all things botanical, with soprano Kristina Bachrach, mezzo-soprano Kathryn Leemhuis, tenor Andrew Fuchs, baritone Randall Scarlata, and pianist Laura Ward.

#### **KURT WEILL - Happy Hour/Mini Concert**

Tuesday, May 12th, 2020 at 6:15 PM at The Moorestown Community House, NJ Wednesday, May 13th, 2020 at 6:15 PM at AVA Celebrating the 120 Anniversary of this American Songbook Composer, with mezzo-soprano Suzanne DuPlantis, tenor Joseph Gaines and pianist Laura Ward.

# **DARON HAGEN** THE ART OF SONG



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**AMERICA (WALT WHITMAN) SEXTET** Tutti

UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES (ORSON WELLES, AARON COPLAND, JOSEPH R. MCCARTHY) SEXTET Tutti

PEACE QUODLIBET (A. LINCOLN, ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, AMELIA EARHART, PAUL ROBESON) QUARTET JUSTINE ARONSON, GILDA LYONS, JAMES REESE, STEVEN EDDY "Peace Quodlibet" was generously sponsored by Susan Rittenhouse Joseph and Peter Joseph

WAR IS KIND / IRISH AIRMAN (STEPHEN CRANE, WILLIAM BUTLER YEATS) BARITONE SOLO / FEMALE QUARTET STEVEN EDDY WITH JUSTINE ARONSON, GILDA LYONS, ELISA SUTHERLAND AND MEG BRAGLE

MOTHER OF EXILES (EMMA LAZARUS, ROY COHN, DONALD J. TRUMP) SEXTET

Tutti

# **PART TWO: AUTUMN**

THE MOTHS (GWEN HAGEN) SOPRANO SOLO GILDA LYONS

POMODORO (MARK CAMPBELL) TENOR SOLO JAMES REESE "Pomodoro" was generously sponsored by Scott Rogers and Suzanne DuPlantis

> Quail (Rhianna Brandt) SOPRANO SOLO JUSTINE ARONSON

**No Sad Songs (Christina Rossetti)** Duet for Two Altos ELISA SUTHERLAND AND MEG BRAGLE

**BROWN PENNY (WILLIAM BUTLER YEATS)** SEXTET Tutti

LOVE (SAPPHO) DUET FOR TWO SOPRANOS **JUSTINE ARONSON, GILDA LYONS** "Love" was generously sponsored by by Marianne Miserandino and Dimitrios Diamantaras

AMONG THE ASMAT (TOBIAS SCHNEEBAUM, ORSON WELLES) SEXTET

Tutti

"Among the Asmat" was generously sponsored by Lauren and Craig Meyer

# **PART THREE: WINTER**

WESTERN WIND (ANONYMOUS, 16TH CENTURY) FEMALE QUARTET JUSTINE ARONSON, GILDA LYONS, ELISA SUTHERLAND AND MEG BRAGLE *"Western Wind" was generously sponsored by Brenda Oliphant* 

> **PRAYER IN MIDWINTER (THOMAS KEN)** SEXTET Tutti

THAT I KNOW (GWEN HAGEN) DUET **JAMES REESE AND STEVEN EDDY** "That I Know" was generously sponsored by Peggy and Ron Gregg

WHAT LIPS MY LIPS HAVE KISSED (EDNA ST, VINCENT MILLAY) TENOR SOLO JAMES REESE "What Lips My Lips Have Kissed" was generously sponsored by Lauren and Craig Meyer

SUMMER IS GONE (ANONYMOUS IRISH, ADAPTED, 17TH CENTURY) FEMALE TRIO JUSTINE ARONSON, GILDA LYONS, ELISA SUTHERLAND "Summer is Gone" was generously sponsored by Clark Morrell

THE LAMB (WILLIAM BLAKE) ALTO SOLO Meg Bragle "The Lamp" was generously sponsored by Lawrence DuPlantis and Suzanne DuPlantis

**THE NEW YORKERS (DARON HAGEN)** SEXTET Tutti

THE GREEN FOR PAMELA (ROLAND FLINT) BARITONE SOLO STEVEN EDDY

**ALMIGHTY FATHER (TRADITIONAL, ADAPTED)** QUARTET JUSTINE ARONSON, MEG BRAGLE, JAMES REESE AND STEVEN EDDY "Almighty Father" was generously sponsored by Allan Schimmel

RAIN IN SPRING (PAUL GOODMAN) ALTO SOLO AND TRIO ELISA SUTHERLAND WITH JUSTINE ARONSON, GILDA LYONS, JAMES REESE

THE START OF EVERYTHING (DANTE ALIGHIERI) SEXTET Tutti

Please join us for cake and prosecco at The Academy of Vocal Arts - 1920 Spruce Street

THE WOLF (SEAMUS HAGEN) SEXTET Tutti

# PART FOUR: SPRING