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PROGRAM

Classic Cole Porter

Music & Lyrics by Cole Porter
arr. Mac Huff

I.

Another Op'nin', Another Show
From This Moment On
Just One of Those Things

II.

Ev'ry Time We Say Goodbye

III.

True Love [Soloists: Elizabeth Sims and Jack Grimes]
So in Love [Soloist: Céline Bell]
In the Still of the Night [Soloist: Sarah Sanke]

IV.

Anything Goes
You're the Top
It's De-Lovely
Let's Misbehave
My Heart Belongs to Daddy
Be a Clown
Friendship
Begin the Beguine
Night and Day
From This Moment On



Sondheim! A Choral Celebration

Music & Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim
arr. Mac Huff

I.

Comedy Tonight [Soloists: Emily Israel and Patrick Lundy]
Into the Woods [Soloists: Susan Foster and Gray Plunkett]
Putting It Together [Soloist: Bill Henderson]

II.

Not While I'm Around
Losing My Mind
[Soloist: Sonya Ovbey]
Send in the Clowns

III.

Company
The Little Things You Do Together
[Soloist: Jackie Putnam]
Being Alive [Soloist: Lukas Bailey]



Hamilton – A Choral Medley

Music & Lyrics by Lin-Manuel Miranda
arr. Lisa DeSpain
Orch. reduction – Michael Duff

Alexander Hamilton
My Shot
The Schuyler Sisters
You'll Be Back
The Room Where It Happens
Helpless
Yorktown
[The World Turned Upside Down]

Alexander Hamilton – Lukas Bailey
Aaron Burr – Carl Wright
John Laurens – Bill Waldorf
Angelica Schuyler – Andrea Seoney
Eliza Schuyler – Chelsea Burney
Peggy Schuyler – Seema Jani
King George – Patrick Lundy
Lafayette – Gray Plunkett
Ensemble – Andrea Ferrard, Vicky Rice, David Cameron, Joe Steele



A Gershwin Portrait

Music & Lyrics by George and Ira Gershwin
arr. Mac Huff

I.
They Can't Take That Away from Me
Nice Work if You Can Get It
'S Wonderful
Let's Call the Whole Thing Off
They All Laughed

II.
Fascinating Rhythm
I Got Rhythm

III.
Love is Here to Stay
[Soloists: Teya Szabo & John Pawlenko]
But Not for Me
Somebody Loves Me
Lady Be Good
Someone to Watch Over Me
Embraceable You
The Man I Love [Soloist: Fonda Lorentz]
I've Got a Crush on You [Soloist: Teya Szabo]

IV.
Strike up the Band
Love is Sweeping the Country
Love Walked In
Of Thee I Sing
Strike up the Band [Reprise]



PROGRAM NOTES

The power of music lies in its ability to transcend time and culture, resonating deeply with individuals across generations. Our concert, ***The Songs of Our Lives***, pays homage to some of the most influential composers and lyricists of the past hundred years: Cole Porter, Stephen Sondheim, George and Ira Gershwin, and Lin-Manuel Miranda. Each of these luminaries has left an indelible mark on the world of music, and their compositions continue to shape our lives in profound ways.

Cole Porter, with his sophisticated melodies and witty lyrics, captured the essence of the Jazz Age and the glamour of Broadway. His songs, such as *In the Still of the Night* and *You're the Top*, have become timeless classics, evoking images of romance, longing, and unbridled passion. Porter's music has a way of transporting listeners to a bygone era, where love and desire reign supreme, reminding us of the enduring allure of romance and the pursuit of happiness.

Stephen Sondheim, often hailed as a master of the modern musical theater, has pushed the boundaries of the genre with his complex characters, intricate plots, and thought-provoking themes. His songs delve into the depths of the human psyche, exploring the complexities of love, loss, and redemption. From the haunting words and melody of *Send in the Clowns* to the poignant introspection of *Being Alive*, Sondheim's music speaks to the universal struggles and triumphs of the human experience, challenging us to confront our own emotions and desires.

Lin-Manuel Miranda, the visionary behind the groundbreaking musical ***Hamilton***, has redefined the landscape of contemporary theater with his innovative blend of hip-hop, rap, and traditional Broadway styles. His songs explore themes of identity, ambition, and resilience, celebrating the diverse tapestry of American culture and history. Miranda's music has sparked a cultural phenomenon, inspiring audiences to embrace their own stories and celebrate the power of community and belonging.

The Gershwin brothers, George and Ira, revolutionized American music with their innovative blend of jazz, classical, and popular styles. Their iconic songs, such as *Fascinating Rhythm*, *I've Got a Crush on You*, and *The Man I Love*, were able to capture both the spirit of the Roaring Twenties and the longing for a better life during the Great Depression of the 1930s. Through their music, the Gershwins celebrated the vibrancy of urban life and the enduring power of love. Their timeless songs continue to inspire and uplift audiences around the world, reminding us of the boundless potential of the human spirit.

The music of Cole Porter, Stephen Sondheim, George and Ira Gershwin, and Lin-Manuel Miranda has had a profound influence on our lives, shaping our perceptions of love, longing, and the human condition. Through their songs, these individuals have captured the essence of the human experience, inviting us to reflect on our own hopes, dreams, and aspirations. As we celebrate their enduring legacy in today's concert, let us be reminded of the transformative power of music to unite, inspire, and uplift us all.

- Michael O'Neal

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