

SongShop Live Salon

OCTOBER 23, 2016

The Fabric of Our Lives: Autumn Colors

Arlene Armstrong, Caryn Caffarelli, Don Hoffman and Robert Scheible

directed by Claudia Hommel and pianist Bobby Schiff

Don Hoffman

Nice Work If You Can Get It
How Little We Know

George & Ira Gershwin (*A Damsel in Distress*)
Hoagy Carmichael & Johnny Mercer (*To Have and Have Not*)

In the Wee Small Hours of the Morning
I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm
What Are You Doing New Year's Eve?

David Mann & Bob Hilliard
Irving Berlin (*On the Avenue*)
Frank Loesser

Caryn Caffarelli

Bei Mir Bistu Shein

Sholom Secunda, Sammy Cahn & Saul Chaplin
(1932 Yiddish musical, *I Would If I Could*)

Part of Your World

Alan Menken & Howard Ashman (Disney's *The Little Mermaid*)

I'm Going Bananas
The Second Star to the Right

Michael Kernan & Andy Paley (*Dick Tracy*)
Sammy Fain & Sammy Cahn (Disney's *Peter Pan*)

Arlene Armstrong

Satin Doll
Star Eyes
Charmed Life
Mood Indigo

Duke Ellington, Billy Strayhorn & Johnny Mercer
Gene de Paul & Don Raye
Diana Krall
Duke Ellington, Irving Mills & Albany Bigard

Claudia Hommel

Automne*

Gabriel Fauré & Armand Silvestre

Robert Scheible

Early Autumn
Autumn Leaves/Les feuilles mortes
Autumn in New York
[mystery song]

Ralph Burns, Woody Herman & Johnny Mercer
Joseph Kosma, Jacques Prévert & Johnny Mercer
Vernon Duke
Dave Stamper, attrib. (Bayes & Norworth)

* Autumn, your misty skies and heart-breaking horizons, rapid sunsets and pale dawns, I watch flowing past like a torrent your melancholy days.

My thoughts, carried away on the wings of regret (as if our age could ever be relived!) In reverie they roam the enchanted slopes where long ago my youth once smiled.

I feel, in the sunny glow of memory triumphant, the scattered roses reblooming in bouquets; and tears well up in my eyes, tears which my heart at twenty had already forgotten!

OUR PERFORMERS

BOBBY SCHIFF, pianist, is one of the nation's premiere arrangers and accompanists, recording and producing albums for numerous independent artists, leading several events bands at Chicago-area venues, and playing in a variety of venues with greats like Mel Torme and Peggy Lee. His CD, *Late Game*, includes his signature style string arrangements on several of the tracks. He has been Music Director for the Women of Southport Jazz Festival in Chicago. Bobby is a recipient of the Dal Segno Award, a recognition from colleagues and peers for his contributions to the field of music, music production and serving as inspiration in all the areas of his endeavors.

He also earned the Musical Achievement Award from The Association of Professional Orchestra Leaders (APOL). www.bobbyschiffmusic.com

Recently, Bobby was featured as piano soloist with the Mount Prospect Community band in a performance of Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*; a full concert at the Harris Theater of his arrangements of Christmas music for big band with strings; and three symphonic orchestral arrangements of American classic popular songs sung by Wayne Messmer in a performance with the Park Ridge Symphony. He is currently involved in an ongoing series of concerts with violinist Daniela Bisenius featuring mixtures of Classical Music, Jazz, Tango and Gypsy Music.

DON HOFFMAN is a practicing oral surgeon who has always found solace in singing. Don has participated in various singing groups since childhood, studies voice with Mary Ann Beatty. When not sculpting in clay, he gets great satisfaction interpreting the rhythms and lyrics of the American Songbook. He has sung in SongShop productions of *Take the Ride of your Life*, *Life at Home*, *Friends & Lovers*, the *SongShop Coloring Book*, and at Davenport's for CCP's *Strut Your Stuff*.

CARYN CAFFARELLI's performance career spans musical theatre, treading the boards as a member of Actors Equity Association at Marriott's Lincolnshire Theatre, the Athanum, and the former Candlelight Dinner Playhouse; touring the area as a member of the female

a cappella quartet, Route 66; teaching Chicago-area inner city youth about healthy lifestyle choices as a member of School Street Movement; singing and dancing in a summer festival in Elspe, Germany; and both singing and serving as board member of Acts Of Kindness Cabaret, a not-for-profit organization offering professional cabaret performances to help raise funds for other local not-for-profit organizations (www.aokcabaret.org). She received her MFA in Vocal Performance at Northeastern Illinois University, and has taught voice in her own studio.

In addition to cabaret singing, Caryn and her husband Craig live in Wilmette with their two daughters Anna and Gina. Her solo CD *Journey* is about her path to motherhood and is enjoyed by music lovers of all ages. Caryn is thrilled to be singing with this lovely group of fellow SongShop enthusiasts. What fun we have on Tuesday nights at DePaul sharing our lives through song!

ARLENE ARMSTRONG. Actor-Director-Musician. A multi-hyphenate before she was out of grade school, she recruited friends to do variety shows in her basement. "I wrote the scripts, built the set, auditioned all the acts. Ever since I played the Goose That Laid the Golden Egg in a school production of Jack and the Beanstalk, the stage was mine." She sang in the church choir and local gospel groups. "After church on Sundays I would come home and listen to blues and jazz with my father while my brother played and my mother sang as she made Sunday dinner."

She's performed three solo shows with Bobby Schiff—*Just a Girl and a Piano*, *Jazz Bird* and *To Carmen, with Love* (a tribute to Carmen McRae). With Ruth Fuerst and Carol Weston, she has appeared in *Life is...Snapshots in Song* and *Thank You for the Music*; She is a member of Chicago Cabaret Professionals and has performed in CCP and Midwest Cabaret Conference showcases, and in several SongShop Live concerts. She looks forward to presenting a new show in Fall 2017.

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ROBERT SCHEIBLE is a native of Chicago and a recently retired environmental engineer specializing in design and operation of wastewater treatment plants worldwide. In addition, Robert has been an active member of the Barbershop Harmony Society for over 55 years, half of which have been with the Northbrook New Tradition who has won 19 medals in International competition including 1 gold and 8 consecutive silver medals. Robert's seniors quartet, Gadzooks, won the Illinois state championship in 2011 and has also competed internationally several times. Robert studied voice with David Edelfelt for several years and sings at several piano bars, open mikes, Mango's, and Davenport's including three shows with Ron Anderson.

CLAUDIA HOMMEL. Born in Paris, raised in Detroit, and seasoned in New York, Claudia moved to Chicago to "do the work". A favorite from the Cabaret Lapin Agile in Paris to Cliff Dwellers Chicago, Claudia specializes in international classical and theatre songs, *chanson* to American Songbook. Projects include *Vocal Canvas* concerts for museums and arts center, the crossover *Jazz Fauré Project*; master classes in song interpretation, and Paris-inspired French-based school programs. Claudia invites her fans to join her for **Cabaret InTourludes to France.**

She is a member of the actors' unions and is on faculty at the DePaul School of Music Community Music Division. Under the Maison Clobert rubric, she has recorded five CDs and the Vocal Canvas film. She is proud to have founded the Chicago Cabaret Professionals (CCP) and SongShop with so many like-minded performers.

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About SONGSHOP

Claudia Hommel's SongShop, an ongoing workshop, offers theatre and music students, novices and professionals, the opportunity to strengthen and deepen how they approach, interpret, and communicate meaning in a song.

SongShop is open to all singers and takes place Tuesday evenings at DePaul School of Music and Saturday afternoons in Hyde Park. Find yourself in song at a place that feels like home.

www.songshoplive.com

SPECIAL THANKS TO you, our audience!

And to Barbara & Don Hoffman for opening up their home to SongShop

Susanne Baker, director of DePaul University School of Music, Community Music Division

Additional SongShop pianists & coaches: **Phil Caldwell, Philip Seward, Elizabeth Doyle, Mark Burnell, Bob Moreen and Wydetta Carter**

Owen Leroy for his design work and printing of our postcard and poster at Digiworld (312.593.8598)

Do you have a piano salon at home? Consider becoming a host for a future SongShop concert! Talk with Claudia.

THE FABRIC OF OUR LIVES

A SongShop Salon Series for Fall 2016

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2016
3 PM

at the home of
Cathy and Marty GLICKMAN
in BUCKTOWN

Dan JOHNSON, Raheal HANNA,
Leona ZIONS, Ruth FUERST

Singer Mark BURNELL at the piano.
With Cathy GLICKMAN
& Claudia HOMMEL

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2016
4 PM

at the home of
Jamie BRADY
in LINCOLN PARK

Adrienne MINNES
Kimberly MANN
Liz deKANTER
Lynda GORDON

Singer Bob MOREEN at the piano.
With Jamie BRADY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2016
2 PM

at the home of
Barbara & Don HOFFMAN
in DEERFIELD

Arlene ARMSTRONG
Caryn CAFFARELLI
Don HOFFMAN
Robert SCHEIBLE

Bobby SCHIFF at the piano.
With Claudia HOMMEL

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2016
3 PM

at the home of
Roxane ASSAF & Michael LYNN
in WEST RIDGE

Ron ANDERSON, Vivian BECKFORD
Steven COLE, Carrie HEDGES
Special guest Jeff DEAN

Singer-composer Elizabeth DOYLE
at the piano.
With Roxane ASSAF
and Claudia HOMMEL

Light refreshments will begin 30 minutes prior to concert time. Reservations required to receive address (and Deerfield shuttle info). More at 773.509.9360.

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