



SongShop Live presents
Talking to Petals and Strangers,
August 20, 2022 in Albany Park, Chicago

Howard Pfeifer, Music Director,
 Claudia Hommel, Coach
 Jonathan Lewis, Stage Manager

Barbara Smith	<i>I Always Say Hello to a Flower</i>	Murray Grand
Staci Kelley	<i>I'm a Stranger Here Myself</i>	Kurt Weill and Ogden Nash (<i>One Touch of Venus</i>)
Jessie Bolger	<i>If Somebody There Chanced to Be</i>	Arthur Sullivan & WS Gilbert (<i>Ruddigore</i>)
Carol Weston	<i>The Man I Love</i>	George & Ira Gershwin
Irene Michaels	<i>Pillow Talk</i>	Sylvia Robinson
Gabriel Valentino	<i>Talking to Petals</i>	Gabriel Valentino
Claudia Hommel	<i>Once a Lady Was Here</i>	Paul Bowles
Ruth Fuerst	<i>Chain Store Daisy</i>	Harold Rome
Evelyn Danner	<i>Fly Me to the Moon</i>	Bart Howard
Jeanne Franks	<i>A Quiet Place</i>	Ralph Carmichael
Jonathan Lewis	<i>Hurry It's Lovely Up Here</i>	Burton Lane & Alan Jay Lerner (<i>On a Clear Day You Can See Forever</i>)
ENTR'ACTE		
Claudia Hommel	<i>Mandoline</i>	Gabriel Fauré & Paul Verlaine
Staci Kelley	<i>Pretty, Funny</i>	Benj Pasek & Justin Paul (<i>Dogfight</i>)
Jonathan Lewis	<i>Stranger in Paradise</i>	Alexander Borodin, Robert Wright & George Forrest
Jessie Bolger	<i>Va godendo vezzoso e bello</i>	G. F. Handel (<i>Serse</i>)
Gabriel Valentino	<i>I Am Who I Am</i>	Gabriel Valentino
Irene Michaels	<i>Embraceable You</i>	George & Ira Gershwin
Evelyn Danner	<i>Where are my Friends Now</i>	Duncan Lamont
Carol Weston	<i>On a Slow Boat to China</i>	Frank Loesser
Barbara Smith	<i>On a Bus to Saint Cloud</i>	Gretchen Peters
Jeanne Franks	<i>La vie en rose</i>	Louiguy & Edith Piaf
Ruth Fuerst	<i>Every Woman</i>	Janis Ian

OUR PERFORMERS

Soprano **Jessie Bolger** has sung everything from opera to jazz, and everywhere from the Kennedy Center to the Grand Ole Opry. When she is not singing, she enjoys composing and modernizing operettas.

Evelyn Danner, multi-talented singer, theater costume designer, and CPS educator, is a founding artist of **Black Voices in Cabaret**, a Working In Concert initiative.

Chicago native **Jeanne Franks** is a self-employed design professional in the architecture and construction industry. She performs as jazz vocalist for corporate and private events and is a long-time on-air radio host at **WDCB 90.9 FM**, Chicagoland's premier jazz station.

Ruth Fuerst, psychotherapist by day, Ruth joined SongShop in 2012 to dispense wisdom by night. She created the CAR trio with Carol Weston and Arlene Armstrong,

Claudia Hommel, singer-actor, is co-founder of Chicago Cabaret Professionals, SongShop (workshops), Cabaret Connexion, and nonprofit Working In Concert.

Staci Kelley, actress, director, and singer, Staci has performed in several musical and non-musical productions, and performs cabaret in the Chicagoland area.

Jonathan Lewis performed in his first musical at age 10 and appeared in over 100 productions. Post acting career, he has been a film critic, arts writer and author.

Irene Michaels has her own band called "Our House" and has been performing throughout Chicago, New York and Los Angeles. She also has her own beauty line called **I On Youth**.

Howard Pfeifer has worked in Chicago and LA as pianist, composer, arranger, and musical director with an extensive roster from Patti LaBelle to *Hamilton*.

Barbara Smith, winner of the 2018 Skokie Idol Contest, started as a folk singer, playing guitar. She is vice-president of Working In Concert and a lead coordinator.

Singer-songwriter **Gabriel Valentino** is inspired by "Words, life, possibility, and divinity". He is a founding member of the Chicago Paralegal Association and creator of the social media **Umami Memories**: "Savoring, Story, Song, & Soul."

Carol Weston, troubadour with guitar, playing in schools and libraries and heard at piano bars and cabaret, is a founding member of Chicago Cabaret Professionals.

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 Community Music Division of DePaul School of Music.
 Singers are invited to join us Tuesday evenings at DePaul!
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 to raise funds for the SongShop Scholarship Fund.
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