

SongShop Live presents  
**Better Together**  
**Wednesday, June 21, 2023**  
PianoForte Chicago  
Howard Pfeifer, Music Director,  
Claudia Hommel, Director/Producer



<b>Swingin' Sisters</b>	<i>In the Mood</i>	Joe Garland & Andy Razaf
<b>Jessie Bolger</b>	<i>Un moto di gioia</i>	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart ( <i>Le Nozze di Figaro</i> )
<b>Susan Arjmand</b>	<i>Why Did I Choose You</i>	Michael Leonard & Herbert Martin
<b>Claudia Hommel</b>	<i>Mon manège à moi</i>	Norbert Glanzberg & Jean Constantin
<b>Evelyn Danner</b>	<i>You're Getting To Be A Habit With Me</i>	Harry Warren & Al Dubin
<b>Carrie Hedges</b>	<i>Blue Moon</i>	Richard Rodgers & Lorenz Hart
<b>Cristina Marinescu</b>	<i>Lover, Come Back to Me</i>	Sigmund Romberg & Oscar Hammerstein II
<b>Lynne Jordan</b>	<i>If I Can't Sell It</i>	Alex Hill & Andy Razaf
<b>Ruth Fuerst</b>	<i>Far from the Home I Love</i>	Jerry Bock & Sheldon Harnick
<b>Gabriel Valentino</b>	<i>Pose in the Fire</i>	Gabriel Valentino
<b>Swingin' Sisters</b>	<i>Shoo Fly Pie</i>	Guy Wood & Sammy Gallop.
<b>—A Brief Intermission—</b>		
<b>Jessie &amp; Claudia</b>	<i>At the Riverside (Au bord de l'eau)</i>	Gabriel Fauré, Sully Prudhomme, C. Hommel
<b>Carrie Hedges</b>	<i>Falling in Love with Love</i>	Richard Rodgers & Lorenz Hart
<b>Susan Arjmand</b>	<i>Ah! Quel dîner</i>	Jacques Offenbach ( <i>La Périchole</i> )
<b>Ruth Fuerst</b>	<i>Good Thing He Can't Read My Mind</i>	Christine Lavin
<b>Cristina Marinescu</b>	<i>Hymne à l'amour</i>	Marguerite Monnot & Edith Piaf
<b>Lynne Jordan</b>	<i>Feeling Good</i>	Leslie Bricusse, Anthony Newley
<b>Swingin' Sisters</b>	<i>Sway</i>	Pablo Beltrán Ruiz, Luis Demetrio, Norman Gimbel
<b>Gabriel Valentino</b>	<i>Dance You Up to Heaven</i>	Gabriel Valentino
<b>Evelyn Danner</b>	<i>Happy Together</i>	Gary Bonner & Alan Gordon

## OUR PERFORMERS

**Susan Arjmand**, physician and medical educator, singer and pianist, Susan is a founding member of Opera Inter Alia, offering 25 years of opera in the salon.

Soprano **Jessie Bolger** sings from opera to jazz, from the Kennedy Center to the Grand Ole Opry. She enjoys composing and modernizing operettas.

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

**Ruth Fuerst**. Psychotherapist by day, Ruth dispenses wisdom as a cabaret singer by night. She has created several group and solo shows; her most recent *Stories, Standards and Shtick; Making It through Crazy Times*.

**Carrie Hedges** joined SongShop after retiring as a Staff Attorney for the U.S. District Court. Past president of The International Wizard of Oz Club, she offers solo shows inspired by *The Wizard of Oz*, songwriters Arlen & Harburg, and Rodgers & Hart.

**Claudia Hommel**, singer-actor, is co-founder of Chicago Cabaret Professionals, SongShop, Cabaret Connexion, and the nonprofit umbrella Working In Concert.

**Lynne Jordan**. Roger Ebert declared her his "favorite diva." Backed by her sizzling band The Shivers, Lynne is a Chicago institution, playing jazz and blues clubs, The Chicago Bluesfest, touring internationally (Join her in Paris for the Chicago Paris Cabaret Connexion August 28-Sept 4!—[cabaretconnexion.org](http://cabaretconnexion.org))

**Cristina Marinescu** When not teaching Computer Science, Cristina dedicates herself to singing. She is working on a new solo project entitled *Lucky Me!*

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

**Swingin' Sisters: Carolyn Broquet, Tirzah Blomberg and Barbara Smith** may not be sisters but they really do swing. **Barbara**, winner of Skokie Idol 2018, started as a folk singer, playing guitar. She is vice-president of Working In Concert. **Carolyn** studied Doo Wop at Old Town School and has harmonized her way ever since with The Mamas and Papas Ensemble, Higher Choir, and more. **Tirzah Joy** is a singer-songwriter with a passion for harmony, creating and performing with others.

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."

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**SongShop** (the art of song interpretation) is a program of the Community Music Division of DePaul School of Music. Singers are invited to join us Tuesday evenings at DePaul! **SongShop Live, Chicago Paris Cabaret Connexion, Black Voices in Cabaret** are initiatives of Working In Concert. Today's concert helps raise funds for our upcoming activities.

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