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Sunday, April 27, 2025 at 4 PM

Chief O'Neill's, Chicago

Howard Pfeifer, Music Director

Claudia Hommel, Director/Producer

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Claudia Hommel *Henry's Blue Teapot* Tim Minikel & Claudia Hommel

Patricia Mosley *I Want a Little Sugar in my Bowl* Clarence Williams, J. Tim Brymn, Dally Small

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Susan Dennis *Hallelujah, I Love Him So* Ray Charles

Sue Susman *Night and Day* Cole Porter

Staci Kelley *She Used to be Mine* Sara Bareilles

Sheri Flanders *Somewhere That's Green* Alan Menken & Howard Ashman

Tirzah Joy *Guess Who I Saw Today* Murray Grand & Elisse Boyd

Lauren Lassen *Food Glorious Food* Lionel Bart and new lyrics by Ken Dermer

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