

SongShop Live presents  
***Weather Report***  
**Sunday, June 23, 2024**  
 Garden concert in Albany Park Chicago  
 Howard Pfeifer, Music Director  
 Claudia Hommel, Director/Producer

Beth Halevy	<i>I've Got the Sun in the Mornin'</i>	Irving Berlin
Claudia Hommel	<i>Sous le ciel de Paris</i>	Hubert Giraud & Jean Dréjac
Ren Perez	<i>I'm Always Chasing Rainbows</i>	Harry Carrol adapted from Frédéric Chopin; lyrics by Joseph McCarthy
Lauren Lassen	<i>Raindrops Keep Fallin' on My Head</i>	Burt Bacharach & Hal David
Swingin' Sisters	<i>Rum and Coca-Cola</i>	Lionel Belasco & Lord Invader.
Gabriel Valentino	<i>Evergreen</i>	Gabriel Valentino
Carrie Hedges	<i>The Man that Got Away</i>	Harold Arlen & Ira Gershwin
Barbara Smith	<i>We Will Dance</i>	Steven Curtis Chapman
Christian Halvorsen	<i>It's Raining...</i>	Paul Jabara & Paul Shaffer
Ruth Fuerst	<i>Look to the Rainbow</i>	Burton Lane & Yip Harburg

ENTR'ACTE

Lauren Lassen	<i>What a Diff'rence a Day Made</i>	María Grever & Stanley Adams
Ren Perez	<i>Soon It's Gonna Rain</i>	Harvey Schmidt & Tom Jones (The Fantasticks)
Gabriel Valentino	<i>Puzzle in the Afternoon</i>	Gabriel Valentino
Swingin' Sisters	<i>Shoo Fly Pie</i>	Guy Wood & Sammy Gallop
Carrie Hedges	<i>Let's Call the Whole Thing Off</i>	George & Ira Gershwin
Claudia Hommel	<i>Chanson des vieux amants</i>	Jacques Brel & Gérard Jouannest
Ruth Fuerst	<i>I've Got a Rainbow Working for Me</i>	Jule Styne & Yip Harburg
Beth Halevy	<i>Before the Parade Passes By</i>	Jerry Herman
Christian & Carrie	<i>Somewhere Over the Rainbow</i>	Harold Arlen & Yip Harburg

## OUR PERFORMERS

**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.*

**Beth Halevy** studied voice and acting in New York; performed in regional theatres in Alabama, Chicago, and New York, including leading roles in *The Boyfriend, Company, Oklahoma, Once upon a Mattress*, and *There's a Girl in My Soup*. Beth took a break from theatre to pursue a career in law, and now returns to her first love, performing.

**Christian Halvorsen**, from Staten Island's Children's Choir at Our Lady Help of Christians to finding his voice while managing the Gentry of Chicago, he favors obscure Broadway tunes because it's not a solo if everybody is singing with you.

**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. She is being awarded the Médaille d'or by the Renaissance Française this fall.

**Lauren Lassen.** New to SongShop, Lauren grew up performing and producing musicals at home with her older brother and singing in choir. Recently moved from George, she is pursuing a future as a vocalist.

**Ren Perez.** Ren enjoys singing, tending to his garden and his cats and to rescuing wild animals. Ren has performed in musical theatre productions In Europe.

**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 cofounder of Chicago Paralegal Association and creator of social media Umami Memories: "Savoring, Story, Song, & Soul."

**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.

**Help us reach today's goal of \$750.**

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