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THE GREAT AMERICAN SONGBOOK

Sunday, June 20, 2021 | 6:00 PM

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTORS

Welcome to Songs from the Steps – The Great American Songbook. As our first in a series of concerts, tonight focuses on songs written and first performed from the 1920s to the 1950s. From tin pan alley to the Broadway stage, these songs captured the ears and the hearts of all of America. We here at Stage 62 are so excited to gather this wonderfully talented group of artists together. Tonight you will hear some of 62's best voices as well as some new, exceptional performers to our group. So sit back, relax, and enjoy this incredibly talented cast as they take you on a tour through The Great American Songbook!



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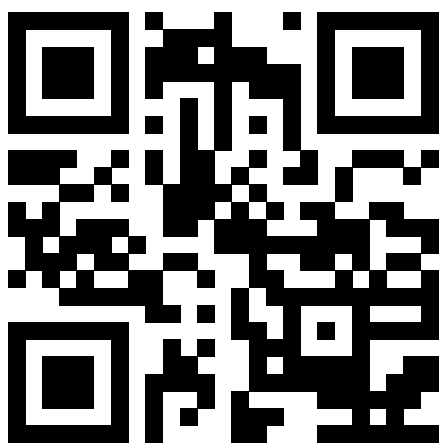
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Blue Skies.....JEAN BONAVIDA
Written by Irving Berlin

Cheek to Cheek.....ANDY FOLMER
Written by Irving Berlin

Look to the Rainbow.....NICOLE SHARKEY WELSH
From Finian's Rainbow

Over the Rainbow.....KRISTIN WELCH
From the MGM film The Wizard of Oz

Old Devil Moon.....DANIEL PIEFFER
From Finian's Rainbow

Always True to You.....SHELLY SCHUSTER
From Kiss Me, Kate

My Funny Valentine.....CALLEE MILES
From Babes in Arms

Luck Be a Lady.....RYAN HADBAVNY
From Guys and Dolls

They Can't Take That Away from Me.....STEPHANIE OTTEY
Written by George & Ira Gershwin

Do I Love You Because You're Beautiful?.....TONY HANES
From Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella

Show Me.....CAITLIN OVERTON
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RACHEL PERRY: After making her Stage 62 debut in *Guys and Dolls* (Hot Box Girl), Rachel is beyond excited to be back on "stage" after such a crazy year! This Pittsburgh native has been performing since she was 7 and favorite shows include *Godspell* (Robin), *Sister Act* (Sister Mary Robert), and *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* (Helena). Welcome back to the theatre and enjoy the show!

JEAN BONAVIDA is very excited to be performing in *Songs from the Steps*. His past credits include TV: *Chicago Fire* (Fox), Off-Broadway: *Romeo and Juliet* (Tybalt), *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Lysander), National Tour: *Tony N' Tina's Wedding* (Dominic), International Tour (Ireland): *Godspell* (Jeffrey).

ANDY FOLMER has been performing and working in numerous production roles for Stage 62 for nearly 30 years. He has also performed locally with South Park Theatre, RMU Summer Theatre, Actors Civic Theatre, and Little Lake Theatre. Favorite past roles in classic Broadway shows include Harold Hill in *The Music Man*, Captain Von Trapp in *The Sound of Music*, Bill Calhoun in *Kiss Me, Kate*, Billy Crocker in *Anything Goes*, Hysterium in *...Forum*, and El Gallo in *The Fantasticks*.

NICOLE SHARKEY WELSH has been performing with Stage 62 for almost 20 years. She was most recently seen as Schwartzky in The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee. Other favorites include Pinkalicious (Pinkalicious), *Dora the Explorer Live!* (Dora), *Hello, Dolly!* (Minnie Fae), *Urinetown* (Little Sally), *Into the Woods* (Little Red), and *Titanic* (Kate McGowan) – where she met her real like (J) ack. Love to J and Winnie.

KRISTIN WELCH is thrilled to be back on the steps of the Carnegie, Carnegie! Favorite 62 roles include Rose (*Dogfight*), Violet (*Side Show*), Magenta (*Rocky Horror Show*), and Pirate Pig (*Dora the Explorer Live!*). Many thanks to Cara, Rob, Chris, and Cynthia for making this event possible, to her husband, family, and friends for coming out to see us, and YOU for supporting Stage 62!

DANIEL PIEFFER has been a part of the ensemble for Stage 62's productions of *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* and *Mamma Mia!* He is a recent graduate of the University at Buffalo's BFA Music Theatre program.



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SHELLY SCHUSTER is very excited to perform for the first time with Stage 62! She works as a physical therapist and is from the Butler area. One of her favorite shows she performed in was *Kiss Me, Kate* (Bianca/Lois Lane), so performing this song tonight is a great joy for her! Cheers to live theatre!!

CALLEE MILES: This Pittsburgh native is just tickled to be back in her hometown. New York credits include Amanda in *David's Play* at the New York Fringe Festival, Horatio in *Hamlet* with *Hamlet Isn't Dead*, and Dyanne in *Million Dollar Quartet* at The Argyle Theatre. Callee made her LA theatre debut earlier this month as Elmire in *Tartuffe* with Ghost Players Theatre Company. Other favorite credits include *Les Misérables* (Eponine), *Gypsy* (Louise), *Much Ado About Nothing* (Beatrice), *The Drowsy Chaperone* (Janet). Education: Baldwin Wallace. Love and thanks to family, friends, Dr. Watson, and of course my sun and Skye. Matthew 19:26. callee-miles.com

RYAN HADBAVNY is the Communications Chair for the Stage 62 Board and hosts the Stage 62 Podcast. He was just seen as Frankie in *Forever Plaid* and is nostalgic to be reprising his song from our 2018 production of *Guys and Dolls*.

STEPHANIE OTTEY was last seen on stage saying "Goodnight Moon" as Old Lady and is overjoyed to be saying hello to you all now! Chair of the Stage 62 FUNdraising Committee, Stephanie is deeply grateful for the support received over the last year that makes this post-pandemic performance possible!

TONY HANES is originally from St. Marys, PA, but now resides in Pittsburgh and works as a floral and graphic designer. He enjoys long walks by the Ohio River and singing loudly in his apartment, much to his neighbors' resentment. While he hasn't been involved with any Stage 62 productions yet, some memorable theatre experiences include *Children of Eden* (Cain/Japheth) at The Strand Theater, *Seussical* (Horton) at RMU, and *Godspell* (Lamar) with Assumption Theatre Guild. www.tonyhanesdesigner.com



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CAITLIN OVERTON: Originally from northeastern Ohio, Caitlin has been singing for almost 20 years. A graduate of Lee University in Cleveland, TN, she moved to Pittsburgh in October 2019 to get some roots and look for more opportunities. This is her first show in Pittsburgh and she is very excited that it is with Stage 62!

NATALIE HATCHER is a longtime member of Stage 62, making her first appearance on the ACFL&MH stage in *Little Shop of Horrors* at the age of 16. She is forever grateful to Stage 62 for more memories than she can count and for bringing many of her favorite people into her life. Her favorite role to date is "Max's Mama."

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