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“Word has gotten out about Lunchtime Concerts, the informal free performances at the intimate reading room in Philosophy Hall on the Columbia University campus...which is perfect for chamber music.”

— Anthony Tommasini in *The New York Times*

MILLER THEATRE AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

honors founding fathers of American Music with its acclaimed series

LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

Voxare String Quartet, pianist **Stephen Gosling**, and soprano **Sarah Wolfson** perform works by Ives, Copland, Thomson, and Barber in the cozy confines of Philosophy Hall.

September 13, 2010 – March 9, 2011 (see schedule below)

FREE – No tickets required

All concerts begin at 12:30PM • Philosophy Hall on the Columbia University campus

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FREE LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

Philosophy Hall at Columbia University, 12:30PM

(Philosophy Hall is on the east edge of campus, north of 116th St./College Walk and east of Low Library and Buell Hall)

Miller Theatre presents the fourth year of its exceptional **Lunchtime Concerts** series: 12 informal, one-hour concerts featuring performances by world-class musicians throughout the season—in an unusually intimate setting, and *for free*.

This season the concerts spotlight four of the founding fathers of modern American music, with works for voice, strings, and piano. Highlights include **Copland's** *Twelve Poems of Emily Dickinson* and Ives's String Quartet No. 2 (both of which premiered at Miller Theatre back when it was McMillin Theatre), plus **Ives's** *Concord Sonata*, **Thomson's** string quartets, and **Barber's** heartrending Adagio for Strings, heard in its original setting for string quartet. The brilliant players are the new **Voxare String Quartet**, plus soprano **Sarah Wolfson** and pianist **Stephen Gosling**. *Concertonet.com* has this to say about Voxare: “The Voxare Quartet is half-Russian, half-Chicagoan, 100 percent Juilliardian and 400 percent young, enthusiastic, blessed with individual great instrumental skills.”

FALL 2010 CONCERTS:

Music by Samuel Barber (2010 marks the centennial of his birth)

Monday, September 13: String Quartet, Op. 11 performed by Voxare String Quartet

Tuesday, September 14: *Hermit Songs*, Op. 29 performed by Sarah Wolfson, soprano

Wednesday, September 15: Cello Sonata, Op. 6 performed by Adrian Daurov, cello

Music by Aaron Copland

Monday, October 18: *12 Poems of Emily Dickinson* performed by Sarah Wolfson, soprano

Tuesday, October 19: Quartet for Piano and Strings performed by Voxare String Quartet

Wednesday, October 20: *Old American Songs* (selections) performed by Sarah Wolfson, soprano

BIOS:

New York City based **VOXARE STRING QUARTET** formed in 2007 and has since received critical praise for its inventive programming, technical prowess, attention to detail, and passionate performances. Recently making its debut at Weill Hall at Carnegie Hall, Voxare is a frequent performer at Bargemusic in New York City where the quartet has been quartet-in residence for two summers. Voxare has been featured live on *Soundcheck* on *NPR*. Individually, Voxare members have performed as soloist with orchestras such as the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and orchestrally with the Cleveland Orchestra, Milwaukee Symphony, and St. Petersburg Philharmonic. The four musicians have amassed a number of prizes at international competitions.

Pianist **STEPHEN GOSLING** enjoys a varied career as soloist and chamber musician with a particular focus on the music of our time. He is currently a member of the New York New Music Ensemble, Ensemble Sospeso, Manhattan Sinfonietta, American Modern Ensemble, and Ne(x)works. He is additionally a frequent guest of many other groups, including the New York Philharmonic, Orpheus, the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, Bang on a Can, and Absolute Ensemble. His work has garnered consistent critical acclaim, and he was profiled by *The New York Times* in October of 2005. Gosling earned his bachelor's, master's, and Doctoral degrees at The Juilliard School, during which time he was awarded the Mennin Prize for Outstanding Excellence and Leadership in Music and the Sony Elevated Standards Fellowship. Gosling has collaborated with John Adams, Milton Babbitt, Elliott Carter, Steve Reich, John Zorn, Pierre Boulez, James Dillon, Brian Ferneyhough, Oliver Knussen, and Marc-Anthony Turnage.

SARAH WOLFSON is the First Prize Winner of the 2007 Concert Artists Guild International Competition. Highlights from her 2008-2009 season included her recital debut at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall, as well as recitals for Columbia University's Italian Academy and the International Performing Arts Series at the University of Missouri/St. Louis. In addition, she is a featured soloist with the Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra and conductor Mischa Santora. Wolfson recently made her Lincoln Center recital debut at Alice Tully Hall as a winner of The Juilliard School's Vocal Arts Alice Tully Recital Debut. Other recital engagements include the Miami Museum of Contemporary Art and the Austrian Embassy in Washington, DC. Sarah Wolfson earned both undergraduate and graduate degrees at The Juilliard School. She is on the faculty of Columbia University, where she teaches vocal performance.

Continuing in Spring 2011: Lunchtime Concerts

All concerts 12:30PM · Philosophy Hall at Columbia University

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Music by Charles Ives (Monday-Wednesday, February 7-9 and Monday, March 7)

String Quartet No. 1, *Concord Sonata*, selected Songs, and String Quartet No. 2

Music by Virgil Thomson (Tuesday-Wednesday, March 8-9)

String Quartet Nos. 1 and 2

For more information, the public should call the Miller Theatre Box Office at 212-854-7799, M-F, 12-6PM starting August 23 or visit www.millertheatre.com.

For further information, press tickets, and to arrange interviews, please contact Aleba Gartner Associates at 212/206-1450 or a@alebagartner.com.

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