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HOCHSTEIN ANNOUNCES VOICE FACULTY RECITAL **"THE BEST THINGS IN LIFE: HOCHSTEIN'S BEGINNINGS IN SONG"** *Music and Stories Spanning David Hochstein's Life*

At **2pm on Sunday, October 4** in the Hochstein Performance Hall, Hochstein School of Music Voice Department Faculty will be joined by Michael Lasser, host of WXXI's "Fascinatin' Rhythm" for a concert featuring songs from the lifetime of David Hochstein through the time of the Hochstein School's founding. **The performance is free of charge.**

The program begins with songs of World War I including "K-K-K-Katy" and moves forward in time to music of the Twenties and Flapper songs like "I Want To Be Bad." The performers will showcase torch songs such as "Can't Help Lovin' That Man o' Mine" as well as offerings by several famous songwriting teams, including Ager and Yellen and Donaldson and Kahn. The program ends, around the era when the Hochstein School opened, with well-known songs of songwriter Irving Berlin.

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Special guest Michael Lasser will join the performance as narrator of the musical journey. Along with hosting the public radio program "Fascinatin' Rhythm," Lasser has published two books on American popular music of the early to mid-20th century; his third book on the subject is forthcoming.

"The Best Things in Life: Hochstein's Beginnings in Song" features Hochstein School of Music & Dance Faculty musicians:

Riki Connaughton, mezzo soprano

Dr. Laura Schweibacher, soprano

Dr. Sandra Boysen Sluberski, soprano

Christopher Jones, tenor

William Scott, bass-baritone

Dr. Gary Palmer, piano

Coming up next at the Hochstein School of Music & Dance: *Live From Hochstein* Concert Series opener, the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra with conductor Ward Stare, performs music from Mendelssohn's Symphony no. 3 "Scottish." The concert takes place in the Hochstein Performance Hall from 12:10-12:50pm on Wednesday, October 7. This free "brown bag" lunchtime concert gives downtown business people, teachers, families, students and friends an opportunity to enjoy classical music together during their lunch hour.

About Hochstein: The Hochstein School of Music & Dance celebrates 95 years of nurturing the creative spirit by providing excellent music and dance instruction to anyone who is interested—regardless of age, level of skill, background, or ability to pay. In addition, the Hochstein School continues its commitment to the Rochester community by offering a variety of free and low cost concerts and performances, in the Hochstein Performance Hall, throughout the year.

We invite you to gather with us! Play—Sing—Move—Learn! And tap into your own unique creative spirit!

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