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Erin Alcorn *Lyric soprano and fast-rising opera star*

Praised for her expressive singing, Erin Alcorn is a lyric soprano currently based in Philadelphia. Erin was recently seen as Adina in *The Elixir of Love* with The Dallas Opera Outreach program and in Opera Philadelphia's *Turandot*. Erin has performed as a soloist for various engagements including the University of North Texas Gala featuring love songs from Broadway.

Liz Filios with Ira Cantor *Award-winning actress and pianist perform Sondheim and more*

Liz Filios (award-winning singer/actress) and Ira Cantor (pianist) specialize in musical theater and jazz. Liz is a recipient of multiple Barrymore Awards, the highest recognition of Philadelphia theater excellence, having starred in, among other productions, *Passion* and *Into the Woods* by Stephen Sondheim. Ira is a pianist who brings his classical, jazz, and musical theater training into a cohesive style. While specializing in the music of Stephen Sondheim (their program is entitled *Mostly Sondheim*), they can also perform a wide range of musical theater and jazz songs, and they also compose original music drawing on these influences.

Gloria Galante *Distinguished harpist who captivates audiences at all kinds of events*

Gloria Galante, CMP, MM, BS, studied the harp with the Philadelphia Orchestra's premier female harpist, Edna Phillips, winning the matinee musical award at age 18. Gloria has toured internationally as a solo artist, chamber musician, member of ensembles and orchestras. She is professor and founder of the West Chester University harp program since 1990. Gloria also plays for events, weddings, and other occasions.

Mary Groce *Highly regarded harpist and singer with a repertoire spanning the globe*

Mary Groce performs with Celtic, concert, and strolling harps, and her music ranges from Italian, Irish, Scots, Welsh, French, German, and Spanish to jazz, country, show, old-time standards, and popular music—including many of her own compositions. Her performances range from background instrumentals, to school and retirement home programs, to jazz clubs and concerts at distinguished venues such as Longwood Gardens and the Brandywine River Museum. She also works with dementia unit, physical therapy, and bed-ridden patients. Radio and TV appearances include PBS TV and WXPB.

Will Hammerstein *Speaker who honors the legacy of his grandfather Oscar Hammerstein II*

Oscar Hammerstein II, in collaboration with Richard Rodgers, wrote some of the most popular musicals of all time, including *Oklahoma!*, *Carousel*, *South Pacific*, *The King and I*, and *The Sound of Music*. In the fascinating program *Oscar Hammerstein: Broadway to Bucks County*, Oscar's grandson Will Hammerstein tells the whole story—from his birth into a theater family in 1895, through the ups and

downs and major influences of his career, up until his death in 1960 at his beloved home Highland Farm in Doylestown, Pennsylvania. Highland Farm is where the legendary Rodgers and Hammerstein partnership was formed, where Oscar did most of his lyric writing, and where he mentored a high school student named Stephen Sondheim. Will also explores his efforts to turn historic Highland Farm into a museum, dedicated to furthering his grandfather's great legacy. The program can be complemented by live musicians performing the Hammerstein songbook.

Hickory Brass ***Energetic, exciting brass ensemble featuring distinguished musicians***

The Hickory Brass has been featured worldwide on broadcast television, and members of the ensemble have performed as featured artists at Carnegie Hall in New York City, Disney Hall in Los Angeles, and the Kimmel Center in Philadelphia. The Hickory Brass entertains audiences with humor and excitement by featuring music that spans over 400 years. Whether performing high-energy jazz, soulful ballads, or noble classics, the Hickory Brass creatively arranges each musical number to tell a story. The Hickory Brass is available for concerts, weddings, religious services, private parties, and educational events.

Barry Jacobsen ***"Your Show of Shows" program features original TV clips and discussion***

For three years, Barry Jacobsen worked for Max Liebman, the creator and producer of the television show *Your Show of Shows* -- a live, 90-minute variety show broadcast weekly on NBC in the 1950s, featuring such stars as Sid Caesar, Imogene Coca, Carl Reiner, and others. Barry also worked with noted author Ted Sennett, who at the time was writing the definitive book about *Your Show of Shows*. These days, Barry is busy doing presentations to senior groups. He discusses his experiences working for Max, shows actual kinescope clips from the show, and provides memorabilia for all to see from Max's extensive collection. In addition to *Your Show of Shows*, Barry can present programs featuring Bob Hope and Carol Burnett.

Tony Juliano ***Experienced, engaging entertainer with a vast vocal/guitar repertoire***

Tony Juliano is a professional musician and entertainer with an impressive track record. He performs live as an engaging solo vocalist, accompanying himself on guitar and harmonica. In his 20s, he led his group Johnny's Dance Band to the peak of success in the tri-state vicinity. They appeared at prestigious venues such as The Tower Theater, The Spectrum, Philadelphia Folk Festival, Bucks County Playhouse, Trenton War Memorial, and more. As RCA recording artists, they released three albums. Tony also was a composer for *Sesame Street*. For decades, his music has been broadcast in over 75 countries, worldwide. Tony's programs include *Rock 'N Roll Hall of Famers*, *Sounds of the Caribbean*, *The Fifties*, *Classic Rhythm & Blues*, and more.

Joanna Mell ***Harpist-vocalist presents entertaining, engaging programs***

Joanna Mell has been delighting audiences throughout the United States with her beautiful, expressive harp playing and lovely voice for over 25 years. She is an accomplished storyteller as well, holding her audiences captive with delightful anecdotes and interesting facts about the selections in her programs. Joanna is equally adept on the concert harp as well as the Celtic harp, and she can sing in five languages. She encourages audience participation on many levels, including singing. Her programs include *Around the World with the Harp*, *A Broadway Bouquet*, *Christmas Around the World*, and *Irish Heroes and Characters*.

Andy Prescott ***Popular singer and pianist who blends music with humor***

Popular singer/pianist Andy Prescott will delight your audience with his unique brand of humor and music, engaging the crowd throughout his programs. Andy studied improv in Los Angeles at The Comedy Store and The Groundlings School, and he brings infectious energy and enthusiasm to his performances—which may include the music of Sinatra, Broadway, and the latest Justin Bieber. Your audience will not forget an hour with Andy Prescott!

Rebecca Robbins ***Broadway performer and cancer survivor presents must-see cabaret programs***

Rebecca Robbins is an actress, singer, and most importantly a cancer survivor. She has been seen on Broadway in *A Tale of Two Cities* and *The Phantom of the Opera* and has also toured North America with *The Phantom of the Opera*. Additionally, she has performed in Off-Broadway and numerous regional theater productions including 16 shows at the Walnut Street Theatre in Philadelphia. She is an alumna of the Curtis Institute of Music, where she received her early vocal training in opera and later gravitated towards Broadway. Her cabaret programs include *Great Sopranos of the Stage and Screen* as well as *I Am What I Am*, featuring unforgettable tunes from shows that Rebecca has performed in either on Broadway, Off-Broadway, or regionally.

George Sinkler ***Sing along with the man of 5,000 songs***

“There is nothing more fun than singing the songs we grew up with,” says George Sinkler, who leads audiences on piano with his fun-loving baritone (he provides lyric books). With a repertoire from Broadway, to pop standards, to 50s rock and roll, to jazz, George has been playing professionally full-time for over 35 years. He performs at restaurants, elegant supper club and dinner party settings, senior facilities, and jazz concerts, among other venues.

Jenny Lee Stern ***Broadway singer and actress inspired by legendary divas***

Jenny Lee Stern is a Broadway singer, actress, and dancer (*Jersey Boys*, *Rocky*, *A Christmas Story*) with a repertoire ranging from classical to country to modern Top 40—her expertise being vocal nods to classic divas. Jenny has garnered critical acclaim in New York City and across the country for her portrayals of Patsy Cline, Judy Garland, and Patti LuPone, to name a few. She brings an authentic elegance to any affair with her classic style and voice. She has been seen on TV in *The Sopranos* and *The Mysteries of Laura*, and her voice has been featured by Geico, Macy’s, and the Museum of Science in Boston.

Frank Stuart ***Pianist-vocalist charms crowds at private events and senior communities***

Frank Stuart started performing professionally in The Catskills at age 14 and went on to receive a BA in music from Columbia University. He has since played hundreds of weddings, bar and bat mitzvahs, dinner dances, and other events around the region as the leader of The Frank Stuart Orchestra. He has also performed solo at dozens of senior centers. Frank’s repertoire includes the American Songbook, show tunes, and music of the 1950s, ‘60s, ‘70s, and ‘80s.

Freyda Thomas ***Seasoned television and Broadway entertainer with a wide musical repertoire***

Freyda Thomas began her singing career as a vocalist with her father, Eddie Shaw, a popular Philadelphia big bandleader from the 1950s through the 1980s. She went on to develop a long career on Broadway and in television, appearing on such TV shows as *Murphy Brown*, *Murder, She Wrote*, and *Newhart*, and starring in many Broadway musicals, including *The Sound of Music*, *Oklahoma!*, *Annie Get Your Gun*, and *My Fair Lady*. She has worked with such luminaries as Jean Stapleton, Angela Lansbury, Theodore Bikel, John Raitt, Bob Newhart, and Candice Bergen. Freyda’s repertoire includes a vast array of song styles, from standards to Broadway to big band. She has been performing at many independent living communities, and residents rave about her unique voice and the way she interacts with her audiences, singing and telling stories about the Golden Age of Broadway, Hollywood musicals, and the Great American Songbook.

Tom Yurasits ***Magic and illusion that's sure to amaze and amuse***

Tom Yurasits has taken his show around the world, entertaining in resorts in the Pocono Mountains, the Catskills, Atlantic City, the Cayman Islands, and for colleges and TV, performing in 35 different states from coast to coast and in Canada. Tom uses his more than 25 years of experience to amaze and amuse his audiences, using magic, comedy, escapes, illusions, music, live animals and audience participation. Some of his creations can be seen in movies and shows around the world and in theme parks, and on TV magic specials including A&E’s “Mindfreak” TV series.