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proudly presents

Songs Of Hope

April 3rd, 2011, 2 p.m.



Hariet rescued beagle, a Freegle



Betty



Kindness Ranch rescues



Photo by Jennifer Wenzel

*Cleo
CEM Mare from Mylestone*



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and Mylestone Equine Rescue**

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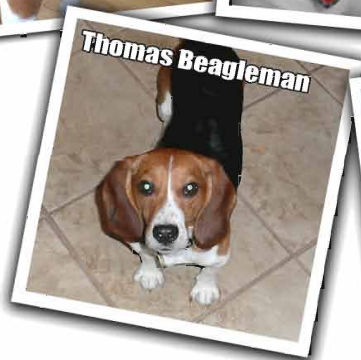
Thank you for supporting sanctuary. Here are our beneficiaries tonight below. There will be a booth for each at the reception immediately following the show:

The Kindness Ranch is the only American sanctuary that takes in all kinds of research animals. It is located in southwest Wyoming, the Hartsville area. Peace4paws has visited there and it's beautiful. Check out www.kindnessranch.org.

Mylestone Equine Rescue (M.E.R.) is a sanctuary dedicated to abused and neglected horses located in Phillipsburg, New Jersey. M.E.R. works to educate the general public about these unspeakable sufferings and promotes the plight of unwanted horses. M.E.R.'s goal is to place these once magnificent creatures in homes that will give them the true love and care they deserve. If suitable homes are not found, M.E.R. will be a permanent home for these horses. www.mylestone.org.

Pet's Alive is a no-kill animal shelter, located in Middletown, New York. Their mission is to improve the lives of companion animals everywhere by any means possible, including rescue, adoption, advocacy, collaboration, intervention and education. www.petsalive.com. Animals at the sanctuary range from dogs and cats to farm animals, exotic birds, and many others. Many of the animals at Pets Alive are older, have special needs or require special care. Pet's Alive took in 88 Freegles on July 4, 2010 As their first day outside the lab was on Independence Day, these beautiful beagles, such as those here tonight, Harriet, Juno, Bonnie, ThomasBeagleman, Tutti, and possibly more, are called Freegles.

The Freegles



Act 1

Una voce poco fa (Il Barbiere di Siviglia)

Gioachino Rossini

Jennifer Cece Bellon, Soprano,
Christopher Oldfather, Piano

O soave fanciulla (La Bohème)

Giacomo Puccini

Ronni Sarrett Lederman, Soprano,
Kenneth Whiteman, Tenor,
Christopher Oldfather, Piano

Sicilienne (Pelléas et Mélisande)

Gabrielle Faure

Anton Denner, flute, Nicki Denner, Piano

Faur Belle Nuit Barcarole (Les contes d'Hoffman)

Jacques Offenbach

Ronni Sarrett Lederman and Jennifer Cece,
Christopher Oldfather, Piano

Syrinx

Claude Debussy

Anton Denner, Flute

Holy Mother Earth The Eagle It Was the Wind (From Songs of the Wind, 2009)

Rosemary Waltzer

Native American Lyrics

Jennifer Cece Bellon, Soprano,
Rosemary Waltzer, French Horn,
Dennis Dougherty, Clarinet

Earth Anthem 2001

Judi Chase

Kenneth Bennett Lane, Tenor,
Jennifer Cece, Piano

Un bel di (Madama Butterfly)

Giacomo Puccini

Ronni Sarrett Lederman, Soprano,
Christopher Oldfather, Piano

Check out our raffle prizes, and buy tickets early!

INTERMISSION

Act 2

Nice Work if You Can Get it..

George & Ira Gershwin

More Than You Know

Vincent Youmans, Billy Rose & Edward Eliscu

Tonya Doran, Vocals
Aaron Berk, Piano

Jazz Standard

TBA

Anton Denner, Flute
Nicki Denner, Piano

Always

Irving Berlin

Memory (Cats)

Andrew Lloyd Webber

Ken Lane, Vocals
Jennifer Cece Bellon, Piano

Maybe This Time (Cabaret)

Kander and Ebb

Gabrielle Salerno, Vocals
Aaron Berk, Piano

If Mama Was Married (Gypsy)

Styne & Sondheim

Gabrielle Salerno, Erin Harris, Vocals
Jennifer Cece Bellon, Piano

River Don't Flow

Flying Home

Hear My Song (Songs for a New World)

Jason Robert Brown

Aaron Berk, Aysa Morehead,
Ron Morehead, Johanna Tacadena,
Liz Toleno, Piano

A Special Surprise Finale



Performer Biographies



Jennifer Cece Bellon, President of peace4paws, member NYSTA, NATS, www.jennifervocals.com sings for her three dogs daily and is honored to have the opportunity to sing for multiple Freegles today! Most recently this soprano has sung with New York Opera Forum as Elvira in Don Giovanni, and Vitelia in La Clemenza di Tito, and in solo with the North Jersey Symphony Orchestra and Rockland Symphony Orchestra. She has performed in the Mostly Mozart Festival in Lincoln Center, and as Rapunzel in Rapunzel at the PaperMill Playhouse. She is eager to perform Musetta in La Bohème with the new Palisades Opera Company, founded by her good friend Ronni.



Aaron Berkis ridiculously honored and excited to make a small contribution of time if it might benefit abused animals. His sister Amanda Berk is inspiring with her love towards animals in need, and he is grateful she introduced him to Jennifer Cece. He has performed all over the world in shows like Hair, The Rocky Horror Show, Hedwig and the Angry Inch, and many shows in NYC from concerts to off Broadway hits. He teaches privately in NYC and just finished musically directing Grease! Next is Songs for a New World with Crown Productions - some of which you'll hear tonite.



Anton Denner, woodwind, has worked with Ray Charles, Rosemary Clooney, Rita Moreno, and performed in the Minnesota Orchestra Pops. He has also played with many of the finest musicians in jazz, such as Clifford Jordan, Mel Lewis, Al Foster, Norman Simmons, Brad Meldau, Bill Carrothers, Larry Goldings, Terell Stafford, Dave Stryker, and Bill Stewart, to name only a few. Anton has also been a featured soloist at The Napa Valley Jazz Festival, the Istanbul Jazz Festival (with the NY Jazz Giants) and the LaVillete Festival in France (with the Bill Carrothers Trio).



Nicki Denner has performed with Sheila E., Savion Glover, Candido, and Doc Severinsen. Her CD, "Moliendo Café", was one of the "Top Ten Picks of 2006" in Latin Beat Magazine. She has released two other recordings, "Don't Just Stand There" and "El Médico de Coqui" which spent six months in Latin Beat magazine's Top 20 Hit Parade. She would like to dedicate today's performance to her two cats, Marty and Junior.



Tonya Doran is honored to be supporting such an important cause. She appeared in Mamma Mia! with the original Broadway cast as well as the National Tour. Regional credits include Once on this Island, Little Shop of Horrors, Show Boat, 1940's Radio Hour, and Swing Street. She has traveled throughout Europe with several shows including Hair, The Flower Power Musical Story and The Harlem Gospel Singers. This performance is dedicated to Winnie, Tweeter and Mya.



Dennis Dougherty, clarinetist, performs nationally and internationally in solo recitals and with orchestras. He is a proud member of Living Tree, the trio devoted to 21st century work, such as Ms. Waltzer's. Dennis is also a composer, his work premiering Russia and New York City. He misses the goat and the horse that lived at his neighbor's house, and advocates for animals to be treated kindly always.



Erin Michele Harris attended Montclair State University, receiving her B.A. in Theatre Studies. Some previous roles in the theatre include Celia (As You Like It), Sally Bowles (Cabaret), Martha Cox (High School Musical), Elsa (Sound of Music). Erin will be attending the William Esper Studio's Summer intensive this June-July. Love to my family, friends, and teachers who have always pushed and supported me. Thank you Gabby and Jennifer.

Performer Biographys



Ken Lane has sung the tenor lead in commercial premieres in New York of operas by Sergei Prokofieff [The Gambler] and George Antheil [Volpone] and others, and 65 leading tenor roles in the standard opera repertoire, and is an alumnus of Juilliard and Manhattan School of Music. Website: WagnerOpera.com where one may download 37 songs live from his two Carnegie Hall recitals.



Ronni Sarrett Lederman, Soprano, and proud owner of a cat named Fennel, (whom she rescued), is happy to sing in concert for the animals for the second time! Ronni has sung the role of Margarita in Faust and Pamina in Magic Flute, Mimi in La Bohème, Zerbina in La Serva Padrona, Gilda in Rigoletto, Maddelena in Linda Di Chamounix, First Lady/Spirit in Magic Flute, Dew Fairy/Sandman in Hansel and Gretel, and Frasquita in Carmen as well as many concerts and recitals. Upcoming performances with Palisades Opera (of which she is founder) will take place later this spring, The Many Faces of Opera, and fall, La Bohème.



Aysa Morehead did her post-graduate work at the American Musical and Dramatic Academy in NYC. Credits include the European Tour of Hair directed by James Rado, Woman 1 in Songs for a New World, Woman 2 in Closer than Ever, Sissy in Come Back to the Five and Dime Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean, Charlotte and the Strawberry Seller in the National Tour of Oliver!, and Delores in Working. One of her favorite roles was that of Yitzach in Hedwig and the Angry Inch, playing a man in a punk rock musical when she was 6 and 7 months pregnant with her daughter Willow.



Ron Morehead has performed with some of Broadway's most esteemed composers including Marvin Hamlisch (A Chorus Line), Steven Schwartz (Godspell), David Shire (Baby, Closer Than Ever) and Jason Robert Brown (Parade, Songs for a New World) and at venues including Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Radio City and the White House. He is Co-founder and Artistic Director of Crown Productions and serves as Theatre Chairman on the board of directors of the Arts Society of Kingston.



Christopher Oldfather – A New York pianist, devoted to 20th century music, Christopher Oldfather's eclectic career on all keyboard instruments including the Chromelodeon and the Harpsichord, has taken him as far as Moscow and Tokyo. He is considered a leading interpreter of twentieth century music on the harpsichord. He participated in innumerable world-premier performances, in every possible combination of instruments, in cities all over America. In 1986 he presented his recital debut in Carnegie Recital Hall. The New York Philharmonic, the San Francisco Symphony, and Ensemble Moderne in Germany have all presented him as soloist, and he is a longtime member of Boston's acclaimed Collage New Music ensemble. Duo with Robert Mann was nominated for two Grammy Awards in 1990. Recently he has collaborated with the conductor Robert Craft, and can be heard on several of his recordings. He loves all animals and plays for their liberation.



Gabrielle Salerno has been studying voice with Jennifer Cece for only a year now. She is graduating from Bergen Community College this spring with a degree in Musical Theatre / Dance. Gabrielle was seen in shows such as Kiss Me Kate, Cabaret, As You Like It, Beauty and the Beast, The King and I, and The Wizard of Oz.

Liz Toleno (Piano) is a full time musical director and vocal coach in the Hudson Valley, NYC and beyond. She performs & teaches flute & piano, is an adjunct at SUNY New Paltz Theatre Dept, & a longtime Musical Director at Stagedoor Manor.



Johanna Tacadena has performed in various theater productions including Miss Saigon (Broadway), Little Miss Buddha (off-off Broadway), Beauty and the Beast (national tour) and regional productions of 'Night Mother, West Side Story, La Traviata and The Merry Widow. Johanna has had the privilege of working with fellow actors Ron and Aysa Morehead in the original musical, Space, at the Arts Society of Kingston and recently in Crown Productions' Vagina Monologues, directed by Ron Morehead. Johanna works extensively in hosting, industrials and commercials and is an on-camera instructor in these fields, teaching students of all ages, privately and with Break-Through Talent of the Hudson Valley.



Rosemary Waltzer performed as soloist and as member of numerous orchestras and chamber groups throughout the US including American Wind Symphony, Florida Symphony, Riverside Symphony, Broadway Bach Ensemble, Park Avenue Chamber Symphony, Hawthorne Symphony, Einstein Symphony, Manor House Woodwind Quintet, Butterfield Brass, Living Tree and many others. She composes and teaches horn, piano and violin in New City NY.



Ken Whitman (Tenor): Recent roles for Mr. Whitman include "Faust" (this past fall), Alfred in "Die Fledermaus", Rinuccio in "Gianni Schicchi", the Duke in scenes from "Rigoletto", and numerous National Anthems for Veteran's groups in Rockland County, where Mr. Whitman lives with his wife, son, and two terriers. "I'm glad to be singing tonight; these animals have been through a lot, and deserve some peace."



Jim Cagle is a native of Oklahoma and lived in Texas for 20 years before becoming a Jersey resident in 2007. He is Vice President of Regulatory Business for United Water. Jim is a student of Jennifer Cece and a lover of music. His family proudly includes Chrissey, the rat terrier and Bella, the miniature dachshund



Jason DeGeorge guitarist for our reception, a recording artist, songwriter, & guitar teacher at Westwood Music Studios. He has performed on many albums, including The Adventures of Jodelle, Break of Day, and Life Is Strange. Jason is currently working on his first solo album, Realizing Me, due out in 2011. He & his wife Amanda are the proud parents of Ramona, a one-year old Black Lab mix rescue.

Special Thanks,

ABBA Pet Products, Amanda's No Tricks Just Treats, Andiamo, Arrow Stationery, Jennifer Cece Bellon Voice Studio, Ted and Elaine Berk, Broadway Joes, Jim Cagle, Katie Cagle: Stage Manager, Carnegie Hall, Vicky Charron, Conrads, Community Tax Services, Amanda and Brianna DeGeorge, Sue DiStefano, Essential Oils for Pets and People: Ginger and Chuck Glicksman, Furry Tails Connections, Goldberg's Bagels, Granita Grill, Hanami Restaurant, Heartsmith, iFHAT Digital, Kathy Aubrey, Jack's Café, Tom James Art, Jess & Company, Juluka Yoga, Lewis Drugs, L. & N. Grande, Kathy Hoffman, Kindness Ranch: Mike, Sleeper & Jill, Ronni Lederman Voice Studio, Gary and Candy Mass, John Mendlovitz: Stage Manager,, Mylestone: Kathy Stanwood, Kerry Mulvanney, The Nail House, Natures Variety: Doug Garstin, Pet's Alive, The Pet Lodge, The Printing Factory, Portifinos, Ray's Reproductions, Gina Santangelo, Gabrielle Salerno, Shelter Helpers on Wheels, Inc., Pat Shepherd: The Mother Lobe, Silpata Designs, Jill Thompson, Sushi Village, Sydney Madison Hair Salon, Trader Joes, Tuscany, Tyrrells Florist, Watch Out Jewelers, Adrian Waltzer, Westwood Music Studios, Westwood Pets, The Woofery, and Your Way Café.

Letter from the President of peace4paws

Thank you performers for your dedication to your craft and your willingness to share your talents today. We acknowledge the hard work of every member of our volunteer team. Every contribution small or large has been critical in making this event a success.

We are very grateful to Father Rob of Grace Episcopal Church for extending his ministry beyond his immediate parishners to include all of us in the extended community and all the animals. We have continually been met with cooperation and warmth throughout this entire process, and it engenders in us the same towards all we meet.

Grace Episcopal Church and Father Rob are in the forefront in offering a special blessing to our beloved animals. We encourage all of you here today to revisit Grace Episcopal Church for this special mass, "The Blessing of the Animals", that is held every October. Our Heavenly Father surely looks most favorably on all the love we show His creatures especially those abused or discarded.

The many Friends of peace4paws tonight want to thank all the audience members for choosing, Songs of Hope as the way to spend your Sunday. Supporting sanctuary is the first step in freeing animals from a life that usually ends in a research laboratory. All the Freegles here tonight are testimony that adoption of no longer useful research animals benefits both people and animals. Just watch the Freegle Families interact, and that should be your proof and motivation to move forward after this event with a much greater compassion. Also, maybe speak to Kate about Cooper, the returned Freegle who needs a home or email at kaubry@optonline.net.

Again, many many thanks for supporting our goal of funding humanitarian organizations that provide for animals in need of sanctuary. Please enjoy visiting the Kindness Ranch, Milestone Equine Rescue, Pet's Alive (where the Freegles were sheltered), and peace4paws booths at the reception. And special thanks to our co-founder, Susan Boudrot, the board and advisory board members for making this special afternoon possible.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Cece
President, Co-Founder, peace4paws



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Crown Productions will present the full production of Songs for a New World for United Way's "Hope's Fund Benefit" on April 15th and 16th, 8:00 at High Meadows Performing Arts Center, 3643 Main Street in Stone Ridge, New York. For tickets and information, call 845-331-4199, x3 or email marcys@hvc.rr.com 123



Palisades Opera, bringing professional quality opera to the Pascack Valley, will present their debut event Friday, May 27th, here at the Grace Episcopal Church, "The Many Faces of Opera", and in the Fall, La Bohème. Both events will include four of tonight's performers, co founders Ronni Sarrett Lederman and Ken Whiteman, Jennifer Cece, Christopher Oldfather and many other professional opera singers from the TriState area. For more information on auditioning or attending please contact ronni@vocalfocus.com.



Juluka Yoga. We appreciate Juluka Yoga Studio, 394 Hillsdale Ave, Hillsdale, NJ, julukayoga.com, 201-638-6828, for their continued support of retired research animals. Owner, and advisory board member Mandy Grant has generously donated many yoga classes for today's reception. Juluka offers a full range of yoga classes from kids to adults, beginner to advanced, special classes, and teacher training. In the month of May, Community Yoga classes proceeds will be donated to support Cleo at Mylestone Equine Rescue and the Kindness Ranch. "strength & balance for mind & body"

We are very grateful to thank **John Currens' Photography**, Inc for the professional photography at the event. Please visit John's website www.johncurrensphotography.com which will eventually include portraits of beagles, wolves, and other animals, and soon some pictures of the Freegles from today's event!

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