

**The Songs of Tom Cipullo  
Erin Brooks, narration  
And honored guests,  
Composer Tom Cipullo  
& Poet Robert Cole**



“...music of inexhaustible imagination, wit, expressive range, and originality.”  
American Academy of Arts & Letters

“...one of New York’s favorite song composers...”  
Russell Platt, *The New Yorker*

“...a natural master of writing for the voice.”  
Thomas May, *Backtrack* (London)

“...Cipullo is an expert on writing for voice.”  
Robert Croan, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

“...brought genuine smiles with its clever linking of matricidal emotion to Handel, Verdi, and Puccini favorites.”  
About *The Land of Nod*  
Bernard Holland, *The New York Times*

“From hope to despair, from love to hatred to forgiveness, the dramatic tension was relentless.”  
About *Glory Denied*  
Willard Spiegelman, *Opera News*

- Tom Cipullo in Song  
Erin Brooks, narration
- A Death in the Family  
from *The Land of the Nod* (1994)  
Alice Wirth Grey  
Donald George, tenor  
Kirk Severtson, piano
- The Pocketbook  
from *How to Get Heat Without Fire* (2000)  
Marilyn Kallet  
Deborah Massell, soprano  
François Germain, piano
- On Being Brought from Africa to America  
from *Climbing*, 7 songs on 8 poems by  
African Americans (2000)  
Phillis Wheatley  
Robert Hayden  
Lonel Woods, tenor  
Kirk Severtson, piano
- Touch Me  
from *Late Summer* (2001)  
Stanley Kunitz  
Kathleen Miller, soprano  
François Germain, piano
- A White Rose (2003)  
John Boyle O'Reilly  
Margaret Chalker, soprano  
François Germain, piano
- Yet Do I Marvel  
from *Climbing*, 7 songs on 8 poems by  
African Americans (2000)  
Countee Cullen  
Lonel Woods, tenor  
Kirk Severtson, piano

Summer into Autumn Slips  
from *Late Summer* (2003)

Emily Dickinson

Kathleen Miller, soprano  
François Germain, piano

The Garden  
from *Of a Certain Age* (2007)

Lisel Mueller

Deborah Massell, soprano  
François Germain, piano

2 arias  
from *Glory Denied* an opera with libretto (2007)

Tom Cipullo  
Adapted from  
the book by  
Tom Philpott

1. My Darling Jim aria of Young Alyce

Margaret Chalker, soprano  
François Germain, piano

2. The Congregation Aria of Old Thompson from *Glory Denied*

Nicholas Kilkenny, bass-baritone  
Kirk Severtson, piano

Magnolia  
from *Of A Certain Age* (2009)

Lisel Mueller

Colleen Skull, soprano  
Kirk Severtson, piano

Something About Autumn (2010)

Robert Cole

Lorraine Yaros Sullivan, mezzo soprano  
François Germain, piano

3 Songs from *Another Reason I don't keep a Gun in the House* (1998)

Billy Collins

1. Flames

Colleen Skull, soprano  
Kirk Severtson, piano

2. Desire

Lorraine Yaros Sullivan, mezzo soprano  
François Germain, piano

3. Another Reason I don't Keep A Gun in the House

Donald George, tenor  
Kirk Severtson, piano

You'll Never Sleep Tonight  
from *Insomnia* a song cycle for  
quartet in ten movements (2009)

Cornelius Eady

Deborah Massell, soprano  
Margaret Chalker, soprano  
Donald George, tenor  
Lonel Woods, tenor  
Kirk Severtson, piano