Evening Concert Series
2018–2019 Season
Sara M. Snell Music Theater Thursday, September 20, 7:30 PM

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
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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 Congretation 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