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## COMPOSER'S VOICE FEATURES LIANA VALENTE FOR A PRE-THANKSGIVING FEAST

Sunday, November 17, 2013 1:00 PM (NEW YORK, NEW YORK) Liana Valente travels from Washington D.C. to serve New York City a delectable treat before the Thanksgiving festivities begin. She will begin with a scrumptious selection of 15 short one-minute miniatures by 15 different composers written specifically for her theatrical talents. This New York City premiere of Fifteen-Minutes-of-Fame is an encore of her previous performances in Florida and D.C earlier this year. The composers included are: José Jesus de Azevedo Souza, Juan Maria Solare, Jana Skarecky, Andy Evan Cohen, Frank E. Warren, Roger May, John Mackay, Yan Pang, Erik Branch, Peter Nickol, Timothy J. Brown, Phil Taylor, Rodrigo Baggio, Christopher M. Wicks, and Ken Paoli.

Valente then joins with New York pianist Sara Bong to fatten the menu with longer works by William Vollinger (commissioned by Liana Valente), Derek Healey, and Judy Strubhar Ross.

Admired for her work singing traditional soubrette/lyric opera, oratorio and song literature, Dr. Liana Valente is praised as an exciting performer of new music, regularly commissioning and premiering works written by emerging and established composers, appearing in concert and as a presenter throughout the U.S. and abroad. She is a frequent presenter at regional and national conferences hosted by the College Music Society, Music Teachers National Association and Sigma Alpha Iota, and was a presenter at The Phenomenon of Singing International Symposium VII held at Memorial University in St. John's Newfoundland, Canada in 2011.

Sara Bong began her piano studies at the age of 5 and made her Carnegie Hall debut at age 16, appearing in concert with the pianist Eugene List, with whom she coached for three years as his youngest student. Sara has worked in administrative positions and as a staff accompanist with a multitude of organizations, including as a coordinator of MidAmerica's Festival of the Aegean, a three-week multi-disciplinary festival of concerts, opera, drama, and dance on the Cyclades island of Syros, Greece in 2011 & 2012, as well as adding the responsibility of festival accompanist in 2013.

"...the 15 Minutes of Fame project of Vox Novus is a godsend. It organizes competitions whereby ensembles commission worldwide calls for submissions of approximately one-minute pieces, and then select their 15 favorites for premieres. "  
- Seth Gilman, New York Music Culture Examiner

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