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Alumni Series Concert

James Baumgardner, tenor Karen Stoody, piano

February 15, 2012 7:30 p.m. **Organ Recital Hall**

Program

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en FolksongsBenjamin Britten Illy Gardens" (1913-1976) sh Grove" ast Rose of Summer"
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antérieure" e <i>di Tosti:</i> Francesco Paolo Tosti '(1846-1916)
York Lights" from A View From The Bridge William Bolcom (b. 1938)
om West Side Story Leonard Bernstein (1918-1990)
Home I Know" from <i>Shenandoah</i>

Performer Bios

James Baumgardner, tenor, is a Colorado native currently residing in New York City. He has been seen with many reputable companies around the Colorado and western regions and is expanding his reputation quickly on the east coast.

While in Colorado, James received great acclaim for his portrayal of the Count Almaviva in Opera Theatre of the Rockies' production of Il barbiere di Siviglia. The show was reviewed by local and state newspapers as being a great success with "a perfect cast, delightfully acted and beautifully sung". Regionally, James has also made leading and supporting role appearances with Central City Opera, Opera Fort Collins, The Longmont Symphony Orchestra, Colorado State Opera Theatre, and CU Opera.

James' young artist training in opera has included summers with two of North America's premier apprentice artist programs. He spent the summers of 2008 and 2009 with Central City Opera's Studio Artist Program, and in 2009 was awarded with the outstanding studio artist of the year award. In 2010, James was accepted into the very prestigious Santa Fe Opera Apprentice Singer Program. While in Santa Fe, he presented scenes from Adamo's Little Women and Weill's Street Scene in the well acclaimed, annual "Apprentice Singer Showcase".

James is also an accomplished competition singer and has placed in the Rocky Mountain regional finals for the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions, and has also placed twice in the prestigious Denver Lyric Opera Guild Competition.

James holds a Master of Music degree in Vocal Performance from the University of Colorado - Boulder School of Music, and both the Bachelor of Music in Music Education and the Performance Certificate in Voice from Colorado State University. While attending these universities, James participated in numerous opera productions, acting workshops, and directed/led a number of opera scenes programs.

Karen Stoody is finishing her ninth year as one of the professional staff pianists here at CSU, where she has primarily specialized in voice, opera, choir, and flute performances. She is also organist for Fort Collins First United Methodist Church, a position she has held since 2003. She is rehearsal pianist for Opera Fort Collins, and performs monthly with the Arias@Avos event sponsored by the Opera Fort Collins Guild.

Karen studied organ and piano at Colorado Women's College under Dr. Austin Lovelace and Ruth Parisoe, then completed her under-

graduate studies at Adams State College with Dr. Karl Wienand. She has a B.A. degree in organ performance, with a secondary emphasis in collaborative piano. Her education continued in the school of life as she studied and performed chamber music, choral music, and opera with directors from schools as diverse as CU, Baylor, UNM, Juilliard, Eastman, and Cincinnati. She has held organist positions in Delta, Alamosa, Greeley, Montrose (where she was also a director of music), and now Fort Collins. For over 30 years she also has maintained a private piano studio, teaching several hundreds of students.

This collaboration with James Baumgardner is a special treat, as she was his pianist for many undergraduate performances, including junior and senior recitals, Singer of the Year and NATS winning performances, and many operas.

A note from James:

I want to first thank Colorado State University, Dr. Todd Queen, and all who were involved in bringing me back for this Alumni Recital Series concert. What an honor it is to come back to the place where my love for solo music started and present some of my favorite pieces from the last eight years. This is quite simply the theme around which I programmed the music for this recital. I hope that this selection from Handel's exciting proclamation at the beginning of his beloved *Messiah*, to Britten's fantastic stylization of these well know British folk songs, and then both Wolf's and Duparc's hauntingly beautiful melodies and poetry will move you as much as they have me in my young classical career. Then sit back, relax, and have fun with Tosti's beautiful love songs and a selection of great classical music theater pieces. Thank you for joining me in this celebration of beautiful music and for supporting the School of Music, Theatre, and Dance at Colorado State University. For many of you here today including family, friends, mentors, colleagues, and employers who have supported me through my career thus far, I cannot thank you enough and tell you how much your support means. The world of performance can be a very hard and discouraging path for many, but these kinds of events that remind us why we fell in love with music at the start are invaluable to a young performer! GO RAMS!

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