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Buffalo, N.Y. - On Saturday, September 9, 2023 at 4:00 pm in the Montante Center at Canisius College, 2001 Main Street, Buffalo, New York, A Musical Feast will present its season opening gala concert entitled, "The Joy of Music and Song". A Musical Feast has long been the centerpiece for performances by top artists with its signature blend combining music with art, literature, dance and theater. This concert will feature sopranos, Holly Bewlay of Buffalo State University and Tiffany DuMouchelle of the University at Buffalo, along with jazz pianist George Caldwell and classical pianist Michael Serio. The program will contain vocal and accompanied poetic songs. These will include "The Letter Duet" from The Merry Wives of Windsor (Nicolai), "O quante volte" from I Capuleti e I Montecchi (Bellini), "Ah, Je veux vivre" from Romeo and Juliette (Gounod) and Récitation No. 11 by Aperghis.

Topping off this already star-studded lineup, the concert will feature actor **Stephen McKinley Henderson** who will read from the works of Coleridge and Shakespeare. Henderson will also be interviewed by **Anthony Chase**, Co-host of WBFO's "Theatre Talk". In addition, Chase will moderate a Question-and-Answer session with this renowned theatre artist. Local audiences may remember Mr. Henderson as Professor emeritus of Theater at the University at Buffalo and the star of many Western New York productions. But he has gone on to international prominence for his performances in six Oscar nominated films including Denis Villeneuve's DUNE, Denzel Washington's FENCES, Greta Gerwig's LADY BIRD and Steven Spielberg's LINCOLN.

Most recently, Mr. Henderson has been nominated for a 2023 **Tony Award** as Best Leading Actor in a Play in the Broadway production, BETWEEN RIVERSIDE AND CRAZY. This is his second Tony nomination, having been nominated in 2010 for his supporting role in FENCES. In May, he is being honored with the 2023 Lifetime Achievement Award as part of **the Lucille Lortel Awards** and he will receive the **Drama Desk's** Harold S. Prince Lifetime Achievement Award. In Drama Desk's announcement, Henderson was cited for his "brilliant career of a genuinely gifted artist-educator who wraps his work and life in humanity".

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