

THE NEW YORK
POPS
A DIFFERENT KIND OF ORCHESTRA

Notes on the Program

by Steven Reineke, Music Director
Friday, April 16, 2010, 8:00PM, Carnegie Hall

My first season as Music Director of The New York Pops has been a thrill beyond words, surpassing my wildest expectations. The response from both the audience and orchestra has been enthusiastic and heartwarming. Each concert I have conducted here at Carnegie Hall with this incredible orchestra has been an unforgettable experience.

Tonight's program will be no exception. We are delighted to bring you an evening of the music of Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe. Their collaborations brought us some of the most beloved songs in theater history. There is so much wonderful music that it was hard to choose which selections to perform for you this evening, so I decided to bring you the very best of the best. We've included selections from five of their hit musicals, all of which were feature films as well: *Camelot*, *Paint Your Wagon*, *Gigi*, *Brigadoon* and *My Fair Lady*.

We are delighted to be joined by some of the best talent on Broadway. Three-time Tony Award-nominee Kelli O'Hara made her Carnegie Hall solo debut with The New York Pops in 2007 and we are delighted to welcome her back. Fresh off of his Metropolitan Opera debut in the production of Shostakovich's *The Nose*, Tony Award-winner Paulo Szot will make his Carnegie Hall debut tonight with The New York Pops. Joining these two mega-stars are young American tenor Michael Slattery, a Juilliard graduate and frequent soloist with opera companies around the world, the Clurman Singers, led by renowned choral conductor, Judith Clurman; and dancers from the New York Theatre Ballet performing Agnes DeMille's original choreography for *Come to Me*, *Bend to Me*. The orchestra will be performing the timeless arrangements created by legendary film score arranger Johnny Green some 50 years ago for a now classic RCA Victor L.P.

I hope that you enjoy tonight's performance as much as we've enjoyed preparing this wonderful music for you. I can't think of a better way to end my inaugural season with this amazing orchestra. Also, don't forget to join us on May 3rd for our 27th Birthday Gala as we pay tribute to the great Frank Sinatra. I hope to see you there!



- Steven Reineke