

Classical vocal recital to feature AU voice/choral professor

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Soprano Luanne Crosby, Alfred University professor of voice and chorus, will be featured in a classical recital on Friday, Sept. 9 at 8 p.m. in Susan Howell Hall on campus. Admission is free. Joining Crosby will be tenor JR Fralick. They will be accompanied by pianist Adam Potter. The recital will feature solos and duets by Poulenc, Wolf, Schubert, Rachmaninoff, Carissimi, and Novella, as well as excerpts from operas by Monteverdi, Verdi, and Puccini. The program is part of short recital tour by the three that includes stops at the Chautauqua Institution, Houghton College, and Old Stone Church, Cleveland. Crosby has taught voice and directed the choral program at Alfred University since 1992. The lyric coloratura soprano earned bachelor's and master's degrees of music at the Fredonia School of Music and a doctor of musical arts in vocal performances degree from the Cleveland Institute of Music and Case Western Reserve University. She has sung professionally with the Cleveland Opera, Aspen Opera Theater, the Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes, Southern Tier Symphony, Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra, Cleveland Chamber Orchestra, and the Fredonia Chamber Players. Most recently, Crosby performed as soprano soloist in the Bulgarian premier of Mendelssohn's "Elijah" in Varna, Bulgaria. Crosby has been a frequent guest recitalist at Chautauqua Institution and is a soloist on the CD "With Heart and Voice: Anthems Across America" with Rochester-based chamber choir, Madrigalia. An avid recitalist and supporter of art song, Fralick has served on the Baldwin-Wallace Conservatory of Music faculty since 2001 where he teaches voice. He has served as a clinician, board member, and directed workshops for the National Association of Teachers of Singing. He has performed professionally with several opera companies and numerous orchestras, including the Israeli Symphony. Fralick earned a doctor of musical arts degree in vocal performance and pedagogy from The Ohio State University, a master's degree in musicology from Kansas State University, and a bachelor's degree in music education from Friends University, Wichita, KS. A versatile musician, Potter has been praised for a broad timbral palette, impeccable sense of time, consummate sensitivity to his musical partners, and intelligent musicality. He is equally sought after as a collaborative pianist, tenor, and conductor. He is currently the director of vocal Music at Dansville Senior High School. During the summers, he is a collaborative pianist and vocal coach for the Vocal Soloist Studies Program at the Interlochen Center for the Arts in Interlochen, MI. He is the accompanist and assistant conductor of the new WNY-based professional choir Vox Lumine. Potter studied solo piano with Louise Chernosky, Jane Schulze, and, most recently, William John Newbrough, a student of Leon Fleisher. He earned a bachelor's degree in vocal music education and a master's degree of music in choral conducting from the Greatbatch School of Music, Houghton College.