

Wagner Society of New York

25th Anniversary Recital and Gala Reception



Adrienne Dugger (soprano) debuted in the title role of *Turandot* at the Met in October 2000, and returns in the role in 2002. She has sung *Fidelio*, *Aida*, *Abigaille*, and *Tosca*. She will sing *Brünnhilde* in a new production of the *Ring* in Mexico City in 2004.

Clayton Brainerd (bass-baritone) has sung the *Walküre* Wotan at Scottish National Opera's *Ring Cycle*, Teatro Colón, and New Orleans Opera. His roles include Wotan, The Wanderer, Gunther, the Dutchman, and leading roles in Italian and French repertoire.



Amanda Mace (soprano) debuted here as Sieglinde (*Walküre*, Act I) in May 2000 with the NJ Youth Orchestra. She made her New York and WSNY recital debut at Merkin Hall in January 2001. She will sing *Fidelio* in concert in Stuttgart in September.

Mark Nicolson (tenor) performs Italian, French, contemporary, and German dramatic roles. He sang Bacchus in New Orleans Opera's *Ariadne auf Naxos* and Siegfried excerpts in concert in NYC and has performed numerous roles in the U.S. and abroad.



Gigi Mitchell-Velasco (mezzo-soprano) has performed with OONY, Prague State Opera, Minn. Opera, Boston Philharmonic, and many other companies, and has sung Octavian, the Composer, Brangäne, and Fricka.

Jeffrey Swann (pianist) is renowned throughout Europe as well as the U.S. as a recitalist, recording artist, and Wagner scholar and lecturer. He will perform two Wagner transcriptions as part of this gala evening.



TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2002, 7:00 p.m.

RACQUET CLUB, 370 Park Avenue at 53rd Street, New York

Celebrate the Society's 25th anniversary and Wagner's 189th birthday with WSNY grant winners performing arias and scenes from Rienzi, Lohengrin, Tannhäuser, Die Walküre, and Götterdämmerung, and Mr. Swann performing "Ride of the Valkyries" and "Siegfried's Funeral Music."

- ◆ Pianist: **Linda Hall**, Metropolitan Opera assistant conductor, pianist for many distinguished performers.
 - ◆ Gala reception follows: champagne, open bar, hors d'oeuvres. Club dress code: jacket and tie required.
 - ◆ Admission: \$45.00; \$75.00; \$150.00. Higher categories include listing in program and reserved seating. All amounts above \$45.00 are tax deductible.
 - ◆ **Advance reservations with payment are REQUIRED by Friday, May 10.** Use form below (also available online). Tickets will be held for pickup at door.
 - ◆ Phone: 212/749-4561 Fax: 212/749-1542 E-mail: WagnerRing@aol.com www.wagnersocietyny.com
- Also note: 25th anniversary gala dinner and entertainment, June 14, at the Williams Club. Invitations to be mailed soon.*

Reservation Form—25th Anniversary Wagner Birthday Recital and Reception

Name _____ Phone (day) _____

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No. of tickets: \$45 _____ \$75 _____ \$150 and up _____ TOTAL \$ _____ Check Enclosed

American Express # _____ Signature _____ Exp. Date _____

I cannot attend but wish to make a contribution toward the Recital and Singers Fund. \$ _____

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