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PRESENTS Our November 2015 Luncheon

**The Artist Series Concerts of Sarasota, featuring:
LEE DOUGHERTY ROSS & JASON STEARNS, Baritone**

Friday, Nov. 13, 2015 - 11:30 am-1:30 pm

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Lee Dougherty Ross & Jason Stearns

All Harvard Alumni + Guests \$28

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WHERE: MICHAEL'S ON EAST

1212 S. East Ave. Sarasota, FL 34239



What is today known as the **Artist Series Concerts of Sarasota** was conceived in 1996 by **Co-Founders Jerold Ross and Lee Dougherty Ross** with a mission to present live concerts for the enjoyment and cultural enrichment of audiences in Sarasota, Florida and surrounding communities. The Artist Series' inaugural concerts were held in the lobby area of the Ross's beach-front condo, and performances moved in 2001 to the Beatrice Friedman Symphony Center and in October 2006 to the Historic Asolo Theater at the Ringling Museum, and additional venues throughout the Greater Sarasota Area are utilized for concerts as well.

The organization became a 501(c)(3) non-profit in 2003 and provided support to gifted students from 2002-2006; in 2007 a generous gift from Virginia Toulmin and others funded the beginning of an annual statewide competition for career potential young musicians. Since inception the program has made more than 65 awards totaling more than \$240,000 and scholarships.

In 2015-2016, its 20th Season, the Artist Series Concerts of Sarasota has scheduled 43 ticketed performances, priding itself on presenting major national and international varieties of concert, opera, orchestral, Broadway and film performances throughout their season. This season also sees the repositioning of the Series' statewide young musician scholarship competition to a national competition and the addition of a new competition for high school students in Sarasota and surrounding areas (<http://artistseriesconcerts.org/scholarships/>).

Lee Dougherty debuted at age twelve as a piano soloist with the Norfolk, Virginia Symphony Orchestra and later performed the Rachmaninoff 2nd Piano Concerto with the Eastman Rochester Symphony. She graduated from Eastman School of Music with a double major in both piano and voice. Her singing career included soprano performances at Carnegie Hall, Alice Tully Hall and the Broadway stage in New York, Queen Elizabeth Hall in London and The Kennedy White House. She frequently performs as a soloist and piano accompanist for the Series' Concerts.



Jason Stearns has steadily built a reputation as a distinguished interpreter of the most unique and challenging roles in the dramatic baritone repertoire. Stearns has made impressive appearances with the Metropolitan Opera, performing in such major operas as “Tosca,” “The Flying Dutchman,” “Simon Boccanegra,” “La Fanciulla del West,” “La Gioconda” and “Rigoletto.” A 21-year veteran of the U.S. Army, Stearns was a featured soloist with the United States Army Band in Washington, D.C., in both the Army Chorus and Army Chorale, where he entertained presidents and heads of state from around the world.

Stearns has performed internationally in operas, Broadway shows, revues and concerts globally, including title roles at the Metropolitan Opera, in Macbeth at Palacio das Artes in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, followed by Monterone in Rigoletto under Maestro Conlon at the Ravinia Festival, as Jack Rance in La fanciulla del West at Den Norske Opera in Oslo, and as Di Luna in the production of Il trovatore with Musiktheater im Revier in Gelsenkirchen.

He was awarded a Grammy in 1996 for the recording of his baritone solos in the National Symphony Orchestra’s performance of John Corigliano’s “First Symphony,” with Leonard Slatkin conducting. Jason Stearns also frequently performs in Sarasota and with the Artist Series Concerts of Sarasota.



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