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“Songs from Newport” to be Performed in Concert at Rosecliff

NEWPORT, R.I. – Songs associated with Newport, spanning from the Civil War era through the Gilded Age and beyond, will resound through the elegant ballroom of Rosecliff as The Preservation Society of Newport County presents its latest historical musical program on Thursday, November 13, starting at 6 p.m.

“Songs from Newport,” led and narrated by Historic Music of Newport founder Dr. Mark A. Stickney, will feature soprano Krista Wilhelmsen, tenor Eric Fennell and pianist Brian Moll. The program will be preceded by a reception at 5:30 p.m. Virtual attendance by live video is also available. Tickets are available at www.newportmansions.org/events/songs-from-newport.

Musical selections will include a song with lyrics by Cornelius Vanderbilt IV, a grandson of Cornelius II and Alice Vanderbilt of The Breakers, written when he was an Army private during the First World War.

Dr. Stickney founded the nonprofit Historic Music of Newport in 2022 to research, preserve and perform the diverse musical heritage of this historic city. He also serves as the Artistic Director of the Seacoast Wind Ensemble in Kittery, Maine. In 2023, Dr. Stickney helped found the Gilded Age Orchestra of Newport, which has performed with great success at Rosecliff and The Breakers.

Wilhelmsen is recognized for her versatility across opera, musical theatre and concert repertoire, and is Associate Professor of Music and Chair of Performing Arts at the Community College of Rhode Island. Fennell’s career has included performances at Deutsche Oper Berlin, New York City Opera and many other opera houses in Europe and the United States. Moll has performed with leading Boston-area ensembles including Boston Baroque and the Handel & Haydn Chorus and Orchestra, in addition to teaching at Bard College and the Boston Conservatory at Berklee.

The Preservation Society of Newport County, Rhode Island, is a nonprofit organization accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. It is dedicated to preserving and interpreting the area's historic architecture, landscapes, decorative arts and social history. Its 11 historic properties – seven of them National Historic Landmarks – span more than 250 years of American architectural and social development. For more information, please visit www.NewportMansions.org.

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