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“Bon Appétit! at Governors State University’s Center for Performing Arts

(University Park, IL) – Bon Appétit! is a comedy opera mimicking a classic Julia Child television broadcast. Witness an “episode” live on Sunday, March 1 at 4 p.m. at Governors State University’s Center for Performing Arts, 1 University Parkway, University Park.

Julia, played by the “deeply expressive” Sarah Ponder Brock (*Chicago Sun Times*), teaches the basics of making a classic French chocolate cake. The score, written by Lee Hoiby, takes listeners on a musical journey to match the cooking mayhem unfolding before their eyes, in classic Julia Child fashion. And it’s not just about cake. The Julia Child episode lasts about 20 minutes and additional songs about food and wine complete the experience including, “Be Our Guest” (*Beauty and the Beast*) and “Fin ch’an dal vino” (*Don Giovanni*) to “Votre Toast” (Bizet’s *Carmen*).

Not an opera fan? You will be surprised and entertained by a laugh-out-loud production with familiar musical themes and a hilarious, fanatically whisking chef who whips up a decadent masterpiece. The audience gets to sample the food along with the songs and witness the hilarity up close and personal from tables that are on the stage!

Tickets are \$50 per person and include wine and food sampling throughout the show. Seating is limited so it is recommended to reserve your ticket in advance.

Meet the Cast

Desiree Hassler, soprano
Sarah Ponder Brock, mezzo soprano
Hoss Brock, tenor
Michael Cavalieri, baritone
Marta Johnson Lettofsky, pianist

How to Buy Tickets

Online: CenterTickets.net
By Phone: 708.235.2222

In Person at the Box Office: 1 University Parkway, University Park, IL

Box office hours: Monday - Saturday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The box office is open two hours prior to shows.

Download the Center's APP: goo.gl/nqy4ul

Bon Appétit! is part of the Center's Opera Up Close series, produced by Lyric Opera tenor John Concepcion. A portion of The Center's programming is supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.

Center for Performing Arts is located on the campus of Governors State University at 1 University Parkway I University Park, IL; parking is free.

About Sarah Ponder Brock

Known as a "first-class soloist" (*Chicago Classical Review*), some of Sarah's recent favorite performances include two featured solo appearances with Grant Park Music Festival, a full recital at the Cultural Center as part of the Musicians Club of Women "Award Winners in Concert" series, playing one of the Lehrbuben boys in Lyric's *Die Meistersinger*, and a rousing rendition of "Row, Row Your Boat" with Yo-Yo Ma at Children's Memorial Hospital as part of her ongoing work with the Citizen Musician Initiative. Through her outreach at Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Sarah has also "beguilingly" (*Chicago Tribune*) performed several solo concerts with Maestro Riccardo Muti at the piano. A dedicated teacher, Sarah holds positions at two highly acclaimed suburban music programs in addition to her work at Loyola, the Merit School of Music and Chicago Academy for the Arts.