

Hawaii born pianist **Laura Bleakley** has won multiple competitions in piano and organ including the MTNA State Piano Solo Competition, American Guild of Organists Competition, Hawaii Institute of Contemporary Music Competition and the Aloha International Piano Festival and Competition. Laura performed on the National Public Radio for From the Top, performed and recorded multiple works for the Aura Contemporary Ensemble, and was featured in Houston Public Media's Skyline Sessions. She is currently the resident artist at Opera Saratoga, Opera in the Heights and is a frequent collaborator with Moore's Opera Center, Texas Music Festival, Houston Symphony Chorus, Musiqa, and the Aura Contemporary Ensemble.

Russian bass-baritone **Mikhail Smigelski** enjoys a career of vast and various genres including opera, art song, musical theatre and contemporary music. Mikhail performed on world's most prestigious stages including Carnegie Hall, Saint Petersburg Philharmonia, Berliner Philharmonie, Kölner Philharmonie, and collaborated with multiple European and American companies such as Saint Petersburg Chamber Opera, Theater Aachen, Theater Solingen, Ferus Festival, East Coast Contemporary Ensemble, Miami Lyric Opera, The Cleveland Opera, and others. In addition to his performance career, Dr. Smigelski is a Lecturer in Voice at the University of Texas at Austin, Music Director of a musical theatre company Opera Leggera, and an accomplished audio producer.

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