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Pianist Lorie Line returns to the OAC with her Christmas show

Lorie Line will present The 25th Anniversary Christmas Special at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, on the Oconomowoc Arts Center's Dr. Patricia E. Neudecker Stage.

Pianist Lorie Line is celebrating a big year. This season marks her 25th anniversary of touring and she is making this year's show special in every way. Line will showcase the best of the best of her holiday music over her 25-year career.

"I always look forward to playing at the Oconomowoc Arts Center. It's a very special facility and I love performing on that stage and of course, the audience is always amazing. We can't wait to bring our 25th Anniversary Christmas Special to Oconomowoc," said Line.

Backing up Line will be her Fab 5 musicians, including Robbie Nordstrom on violin, Drew Moore on bass, Marcus Farrow on drums, Mike Linden on guitar and Derek Bromme on trombone and euphonium.

Making his professional debut and first tour with Line, baritone Cody Schuebel from Boyd, Wisconsin will be the featured vocalist throughout the evening's performance.

"I found Cody at a country wedding I attended in Eau Claire and he has been working with me all summer to get ready for our tour of 42 cities in 42 days. Cody grew up on a dairy farm, singing to the cows every morning. He originally went to college to play football, but decided his true passion is singing and now he is pursuing a vocal performance major at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire," said Line.

It has taken a year to plan the Christmas Special's two-hour piano extravaganza, which will include Line's favorite Christmas arrangements, spectacular designer dresses and of course, a special appearance by Santa.

"It's great to be able to share my talents in a way that makes people happy during the holidays. The 25th Anniversary Christmas Special will celebrate with great music, laughter and sentimental moments and memories," added Line.

Pitch perfect

Line grew up in Reno, Nevada and has been playing the piano since age 5. A child prodigy, she won many annual statewide piano competitions. Line graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno with a BA in Music, Piano Performance. In 1986, she married Tim Line, moved to Minneapolis and landed the perfect job, serenading shoppers at the piano for Dayton's department stores.

Line started touring around the Midwest and her career took off. Since then, she has recorded 46 CDs, published 43 books of music and has sold six million albums while touring across the U.S. for 25 consecutive years, performing on over 2000 stages.

Over the years, Line has produced three television specials for PBS and has performed for two Presidents at the White House. The musician orchestrates and writes every note for her shows and has published over 500 arrangements for the piano and multiple accompaniment instruments.

Line has been married for 28 years to her business partner, Tim (alias Santa) and over the years they have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for charities.

For more information about Lorie Line and The 25th Anniversary Christmas Special, visit www.lorieline.com.

Tickets

Lorie Line presents The 25th Anniversary Christmas Special at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, at the Oconomowoc Arts Center, 641 E. Forest St. in Oconomowoc. Reserved seating tickets are \$45.50. Group discounts are also available with 10 or more tickets for \$40.95. Service fees apply to online, telephone orders, and day of show walk-ups.

The Oconomowoc Arts Center is located at 641 E. Forest St. in Oconomowoc and is part of the Oconomowoc Area School District. Box office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from noon to 4 p.m. and Thursday from noon to 6 p.m. In addition, the box office is open 90 minutes prior to show times.

To purchase tickets, call the OAC Box Office at (262) 560-3172 or visit www.theoac.net.