

Gregory Feldmann and Nathaniel LaNasa preview their Carnegie Hall debut in York, Pennsylvania

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Join baritone Gregory Feldmann and pianist Nathaniel LaNasa on a journey through the world of dissenters, social critics, and activist composers of the Third Reich. Winners of the Joy in Singing International Art Song Competition, the duo will present the same program at Carnegie's Weill Hall in New York on February 27, 2020.

Their recital, "Degenerate Music," features songs by composers suppressed under the Nazi regime. Works by Pavel Haas on ancient Chinese texts, sensual ("debauched") songs by Franz Schreker, and miniature dramas of exiled Erich Korngold are inserted between scathing critiques of contemporary society by Kurt Weill.

"When we memorialize victims of atrocities such as WWII," writes LaNasa, "we must also remember the conditions that led to such horrors, and the voices of those who tried to tell the world what they feared was approaching." Feldmann adds: "We want to commemorate the lives and work of these artists by giving our audience the opportunity to respond to their work. The oppressors of their day prevented society from hearing these words and scores, and it's a privilege for us to thwart that mission with music that is so beautiful and potent."

Their York recital will be held at Eastminster Presbyterian Church on Friday, November 22, and is a collaboration with the York County Honor Choirs. Feldmann, an alumnus of Central York High School and the YCHC, is currently pursuing his Artist Diploma in Opera Studies at the Juilliard School. He will also sing the baritone solos in Fauré's *Requiem* and Moses Hogan's *This Little Light o' Mine* with the Senior Honors Choirs on Sunday, November 24 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on West Springettsbury Avenue.

Who: Gregory Feldmann, baritone, and Nathaniel LaNasa, piano

What: "Degenerate Music," a voice and piano recital of songs by composers whose work was suppressed under the Nazi regime

When: 7:00pm, Friday, November 22, 2019

Where: Eastminster Presbyterian Church- 311 Haines Road, York, PA 17402

Admission: Free, with a free will offering

In collaboration with Eastminster Presbyterian Church and the York County Honors Choirs