

June 14 concert to feature SUNY Broome faculty **updated**

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“Remembering Duane Skrabalak: A Celebration in Song,” an afternoon of music and memories, will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 14, at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 1 Aquinas St. (off Highland Avenue), Binghamton. Skrabalak (1949-2014) was chorus master, conductor and artistic director of Tri-Cities Opera and an adjunct professor in the Binghamton University Music Department.

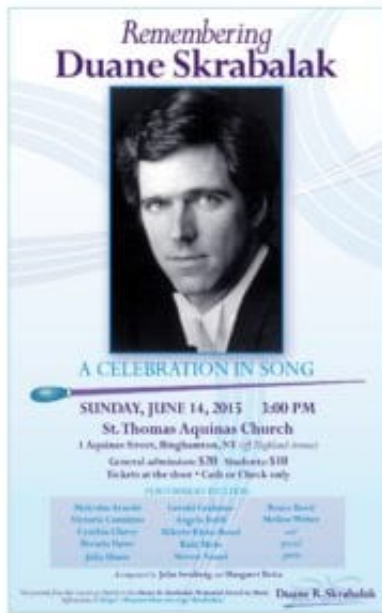
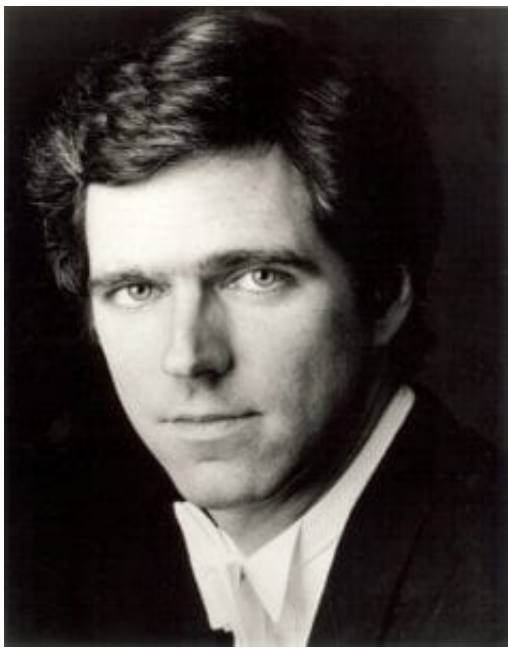
The concert, produced SUNY Broome instructor Peter Sicilian, will feature everything from opera to Broadway to jazz. Performers include Cynthia Clarey, Raul Melo, Steven Nanni, Bruce Reed, SUNY Broome Music Coordinator Brenda Dawe and SUNY Broome instructors Gerald Grahame, Laurence Elder and Margaret “Pej” Reitz.

Skrabalak’s siblings have established an award in his memory at Johnson City High School, the place where he first discovered the art form to which he devoted his career. Net proceeds from the concert will go to the new Duane R. Skrabalak Memorial Award in Music at JCHS.

General admission tickets at the door are \$20; student tickets are \$10. (Special reduced prices for JC students, staff and parents are available through the school district or at the door with proper ID.) Cash and checks only will be accepted; checks should be made payable to Community Foundation for South Central New York (CFSCNY).

Persons interested in contributing directly to the scholarship fund can receive complete information at <http://donorswhocare.org/skrabalak>. You also are invited to “like” www.facebook.com/SkrabalakAward and share information about the award and the concert.

(Note: The church is handicapped-accessible and air-conditioned and has ample parking.)



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