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## Concert: Ithaca College Vocal Jazz Ensemble

Lauri Robinson-Keegan

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**PROGRAM**

Bernie's Tune Bernie Miller

I've Got the World on a String Ted Koehler/Harold Arlen  
arr. Michele Weir

It Don't Mean a Thing Duke Ellington/Irving Mills/Louis Prima  
if It Ain't Got that Sing, Sing, Sing arr. Tom Anderson

Come Fly with Me Sammy Cahn/Jimmy Van Heusen  
arr. Gregory Yasinitzky

So Danço Samba Antonio Carlos Jobim/Vinicius de Moraes  
arr. Dave Riley/Dana Wilson

My Friends Stephen Sondheim  
arr. Samuel Lupowitz

I Hear Music Frank Loesser/Burton Lane

In a Mellow Tone Duke Ellington/Jon Hendricks  
arr. Darmon Meader

Here's that Rainy Day Jimmy Van Heusen/Johnny Burke

Agua de Beber Antonio Carlos Jobim/Vinicius de Moraes  
English words: Norman Gimbel  
arr. Anita Kerr

A Little Minor Booze Willie Maiden  
words by Vikki Dale

**ITHACA COLLEGE VOCAL JAZZ ENSEMBLE**

**Lauri Robinson-Keegan, musical director**  
**Tom Witkowski, guest pianist**

**Ford Hall**  
**Monday, May 3, 2010**  
**8:15 p.m.**

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## **Performer's Biographies**

Multi-instrumentalist Tom Witkowski is a mainstay of the Syracuse music community. Valued for his versatility and authenticity across genres, Witkowski plays with many bands including Salt City Jazz Collective, Gary Dunes Band, John Spillet, and as a guest with countless other regional ensembles. He has played for national touring acts The Drifters, The Diamonds, Freddy "Boom Boom" Cannon, Gene Chandler, Steve Smith (formerly of the rock band Journey), and The New York Voices. He is currently the musical-director/pianist of Salsa Son Timba, a popular 12-piece modern salsa band based in Syracuse. Witkowski studied piano with Dr. Kevin Moore of Onondaga Community College, Bill DiCosimo of Syracuse University, and Cuban pianist Jesus "Chucho" Valdez. He studied trombone with Victor Mallia and Bill Harris (principal trombonist of the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra). He also sings, plays bass, guitar, and trumpet.

**Lauri Robinson Keegan** arrived in the Central New York region as an undergraduate student at Ithaca College in 1984. While earning degrees in music education, she pursued her passion for jazz in the school's Vocal Jazz Ensemble directed by professor Dave Riley, and through study/performance with IC's Director of Jazz Studies, guitarist Steve Brown. After graduation, she settled in Ithaca and established a career as a performer and teacher. She is currently in her 12th year of leading the Ithaca College Vocal Jazz Ensemble. She also teaches jazz singing at Cornell University. Cookie performs frequently in a

variety of venues and contexts. In addition to leading her own bands, other regional bands frequently invite her to be a guest vocalist. She has performed as a featured soloist with the Central New York Jazz Orchestra, the Salt City Jazz Collective, the Catskill Symphony Orchestra, Gap Mangione, the Voices Multicultural Choir (Ithaca), the Ithaca Ageless Jazz Band and many others. She is active in the education community as a clinician, guest conductor/artist, and private instructor.

## **Vocalists**

Brittany Concannon  
Amy Czuhanych  
Nicolas Dell'Anno  
Tim Eyring  
Samantha Free  
Alex Gingrich  
Louis C. Hatzipetrakos  
Travis Kaller  
Alexis Parshook  
Geoffrey Peterson

## **Instrumentalists**

Jason Archimandritis, guitar  
Sam Lupowitz, bass  
Drew Serafini, guitar  
Jason Staniulus, drums