

2018 Spring Speaker Series

Date: Mar 6, 2018

Speaker: **Jordan Klapman**

Background: Educator, professional pianist/music director and record producer



Title: **“Get Happy! Hollywood’s Oscar-winning Songs”**

Description: Between 1932 and 2010, one particularly talented group of popular songwriters managed to win virtually half of all the Oscars awarded for Best Song of The Year. (They all happened to have Jewish backgrounds!) Their extraordinary songs, written expressly for Hollywood films— from 1934’s *The Continental* to 1969’s *Raindrops Keep Fallin’ On My Head*— constitute an impressive number of the most beloved and enduring popular songs of all time. These songs have become no less than the popular soundtrack of the 20th Century. If you love the music of Irving Berlin, Jerome Kern, the Gershwin brothers, Rodgers and Hammerstein, Harold Arlen, Leonard Bernstein, Lerner and Loewe, Barbra Streisand, Henry Mancini, Burt Bacharach, and many other legendary songwriters, you will love this musical lecture!

Join musician/musicologist Jordan Klapman on a very entertaining, song and classic film-packed journey through the fascinating stories behind the classic songs, and the songwriters who created 25 of the greatest moments from The Golden Age of the Hollywood Musical.

Presented via lecture, PowerPoint visuals and film clips, and historic recordings.

Link to more information:

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