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Tenor **Jonathan English** has sung a wide variety of styles: Opera, Oratorio, Art Song, Chamber Music, Contemporary Music, Broadway and Jazz. His last concert tour was called “*An Audio Biography: The Life of a Tenor*” featuring music important to his life and experiences. One reviewer called it “...a wonderful romp – glorious singing, glorious music - at times wonderfully funny and at times deeply moving.” English is a member of the voice faculty at Syracuse University, and Music Director and Cantor at St. Daniel Church in Syracuse. “I first heard Schubert’s Winterreise when I was 18 years old and was completely consumed by its beauty and power. It has been a lifelong dream to perform this work.’

Sar-Shalom Strong - In a career spanning over 25 years, Sar has collaborated with international artists such as flutists Judith Mendenhall and Gary Shocker, trombonist Joseph Alessi, violinist Sarah Crocker, singers Helen Boatwright, Peter Vandergraaf and Sanford Sylvan. Strong performs with the Society for New Music, where he has been involved in the premiere of many new works, and also appears on programs for Civic Morning Musicals, the Skaneateles Festival, A Little Summermusic, The Oasis Center of Syracuse, Hamilton College and Utica College. He has performed orchestral keyboard with virtually all the orchestras in the area, most notably for almost 10 years with the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra, and is a founding member of both the Jewell Piano Trio and the Southwick Trio. A native of Utica, Strong is currently a lecturer in piano and coordinator of staff pianists for Hamilton College, where he has taught since 2001. He maintains a strong commitment to teaching and encouraging aspiring younger musicians: pianists, singers, instrumentalists, and composers. Strong is active as an adjudicator and vocal coach, and also has been the accompanist/music coach for West Genesee High School since 1997. He is a member of The College Music Society, Music Teachers National Association, American College of Musicians, and the American Federation of Musicians.

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