



Soundstreams presents Salon 21 - Love Songs

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Bata Shoe Museum
with special guest

Patricia O'Callaghan

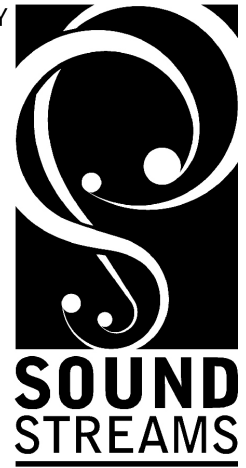
Patricia O'Callaghan was born and raised in Northern Ontario, Canada. At seventeen she lived in Mexico for a year as an exchange student. It was there that she had an epiphany one day and decided she should become an opera singer. Up until that time she could not decide whether to become a rock star or a nun and she thought opera was the perfect melding of the two: all the discipline and undebauched life of a nun, but she would still get to sing. She trained at the University of Toronto and the Banff Centre for the Arts. In 1996 she got a Chalmer's Grant which allowed her to stop waitressing and devote herself to music full time. Pulling in favours from friends and family, she made her first CD, *Youkali*. It featured cabaret songs by Weill, Satie and Poulenc - not quite opera, but close. She was signed to Marquis/EMI shortly thereafter. Following the release of her second CD, *Slow Fox*, her worldwide distribution outside of Canada was snatched up by Teldec/Warner. So her third CD, *Real Emotional Girl*, was released internationally, and she ended up touring her cabaret show around Europe and North America. Her fourth CD, *Naked Beauty*, is receiving critical and popular praise. Patricia does actually sing opera at times, mostly contemporary stuff. Recent highlights include opening the 2007 season in Weill's *Threepenny Opera* with Toronto's Soulepper Theatre Company and touring the Juno winning opera *Constantinople* by Christos Hatzis to Covent Garden's Royal Opera House. She recently appeared on jazz clarinetist Don Byron's CD, *A Fine Line*, and has been touring with him as well. She's also had the good fortune to appear in television shows, including the Ken Finkelman series *Foolish Heart*, her own Bravo! special, and the CBC/Rhombus special *Youkali Hotel*. Patricia makes her home in Toronto and feels pretty lucky to be able to travel all over the world, singing great tunes.

At Soundstreams' Salon 21 Patricia gives us insight into Love Songs that are important to her. Pianist Robert Kortgaard accompanies Patricia tonight.

We will learn more about, and listen to, an extraordinary mix of Love Songs from diverse genres including songs by Claude Vivier, Leonard Cohen, Henry Purcell and Magnetic Fields.

Soundstreams' favourite Love Songs:

Lawrence's favourite: Everything is Broken by Bob Dylan
Jennifer's favourite: Hallelujah by Jeff Buckley
Adriana's favourite: Bed of Roses by Bon Jovi
Catherine's favourite: I Only Have Eyes For You - The Flamingos
Elizabeth's favourite: Hallelujah by Leonard Cohen
Sam's favourite: Kissing You by Des'ree
Leonie's favourite: Ne me quitte pas by Jacques Brel



Soundstreams' concert on March 3, 2009 at 8 pm at the Jane Mallett Theatre will present Love Songs by Monteverdi, Ravel, Debussy, Régis Campo and Claude Vivier.

Buy Tickets through St. Lawrence Centre Box Office (27 Front Street East)
By phone 416-366-7723 or online at www.stlc.com.

BE AN ACTIVE GUEST AT SALON 21!

Bring us your favourite Love Song!

At about 8.30 pm everyone gets a chance to present their favourite Love Song. If you brought a CD please give them to Leonie upon arrival or after the talk.

Salon 21 invites you to explore several INTERACTIVE STATIONS:

LISTEN

Discover music from Soundstreams.

SEE

On a poster you find images of Salons from former centuries.

READ

Visit our Information Station. Discover Soundstreams topics: our House Programmes, Maria Guinand's projects, the libretto for *The Children's Crusade* by R. Murray Schafer, a Soundstreams and Luminato commission that will open the Luminato Festival 2009, the history of the Salon concept, the list of Soundstreams' commissions over the last 9 years.

NETWORK

In the middle of the room you see our "Busy Music Stand".
Attach your business cards, and help yourself to the cards of other guests.

COMPOSE

Take a crack at composing a jingle for Salon 21.

GUESTBOOK

Please give us your feedback, opinions and suggestions for Salon 21.
If you liked the Salon 21 evening, consider donating to Salon 21 in order to further develop this exciting new series.

TERRIFIC TOES TICKETS

At 8:30 pm there will be a contest! The guest with the most sensational pair of shoes will win two tickets for an upcoming Soundstreams concert.

BATA SHOE COLLECTION

From 8:30 to 9:15 pm you are welcome to visit the beautiful Bata Shoe collection.

I hope you enjoy the evening! With kind regards,
Leonie Hentschel
Salonière of Salon 21, Community Outreach Coordinator, Soundstreams