



Cabaret Duo Litt & Alpher Spring/Summer News

Rockport Chamber Music Festival

Opening Night

Thursday, June 9 at 7:30 p.m.

World Premiere!

Composer & RCMF Co-Founder
David Alpher, piano

with The Ikarus Chamber Players

"Song Without Words"

Also on the program

BEETHOVEN: String Trio in G
Major, Op. 9 No. 2

MENDELSSOHN: Piano Trio No. 1
in D minor, Op. 49

RCMF Artistic Director David
Deveau, piano

Anne Akiko Meyers, violin

Andres Diaz, cello

Shalin Liu Performance Center
37 Main Street, Rockport, MA



Dear (Contact First Name),

During the next few weeks, David and I go time-travelling!*

Memorial Day weekend, we make two appearances at Harvard University, as part of Jennie's 25th college reunion.

Just two weeks later, David will premiere "Song Without Words," his new quartet for piano and strings, on opening night of the Rockport Chamber Music Festival, which he co-founded *30 years ago*.

Contemplating all this, we're feeling equal parts excited, emotional, and just plain old. To counterbalance all this revisiting of past lives, we plan to spend much of July and August in the studio, laying down tracks for a CD of Alpher/Litt original cabaret songs. We hope to have some cuts from **Composing Ourselves: Songs By Alpher & Litt: The CD** available by the fall. We'll keep you posted!

Read on for the deets!

XO,

Jennie

*Did someone say "time-travelling?" Check out the Hugo- and Nebula-Award-winning novels of Connie Willis: *Doomsday Book*, *Blackout*, *All Clear*, *To Say Nothing of the Dog*, etc. Exquisitely literary historical science-fiction thrillers that'll knock your socks off!



Lila Deis - Mozart: Exsultate
Jubilate (Finale: Alleluia)

Song Without Words

Soprano Lila Deis and David were friends and colleagues since their undergraduate days at Indiana. How long ago was that? Let's just say that during intermission of Lila's senior recital (accompanied by David), they learned that Dr. Martin Luther King had just been assassinated!

David and Lila co-founded The Rockport Chamber Music Festival in 1981, along with Rockport businessman Paul Sylva. "Song Without Words," for piano, violin, viola, and cello, was commissioned to celebrate Lila's life and legacy, after she succumbed to ovarian cancer in 2010. Lila's artistry lives on via her recorded legacy. Now David has captured her incredible vitality and outsized Texas warmth in the "Perpetual Motion" and "Perpetual Song" movements of his new quartet. This sold-out concert, in the Festival's new showplace of a concert

MAY 27 & 28 AT HARVARD

OMG, it's my 25th college reunion *already*?! Anniversaries such as this make you take a good look at yourself and say, "Hmm . . ."-- especially when your classmates include such spectacular super-achievers as actress Amy Brenneman, Rage Against The Machine's Tom

hall, the [Shalin Liu Performance Center](#), with its stunning views of Rockport Harbor, is sure to be, as Lila would say, "a three-hanky" event.



**"Let me sing for you
All night long.
Let me be your song."
With love,
JENNIE & DAVID**

Morello, and pianist [Mia Chung!](#) The good news is, I get to share some [Alpher/Litt original cabaret tunes](#) with my awesome classmates at two different performance events during the Harvard-Radcliffe Class of 1986 Reunion weekend, May 27-28! Also on the bill: singer-songwriter [Debbie Deane](#), international chanteur [Jeffrey Korn](#), and TV/film composer [Adam Gorgoni](#), among others. And to top it off, I'll also be putting in an appearance on the panel of "Lawyer, Doctor, Banker . . . ARTIST!"

It may have put my parents in debt for literally decades, and have been utterly useless as preparation for a career in cabaret, but you gotta love that Harvard education!

Composing Ourselves: Songs By Alpher & Litt: The CD!

Summer will find us hard at work in the studio, recording a CD's worth of [original Alpher/Litt cabaret tunes](#). We've already collaborated with bass god [Ritt Henn](#), percussionist [Eddie Ornowski](#), and Renaissance harpist [Marcia Young](#), with more colleagues panting in the wings (they just don't know it yet!).

We'll be making tracks available for download as we finish them, so stay tuned!

In the meantime, here's a beautiful song in honor of our favorite borough, and (not co-incidentally) the location of [Doghouse NYC Studio](#), with its lovely Mason & Hamlin grand.

**CLICK BELOW!
[A Brooklyn Lullaby](#)
(music: David Alpher/lyric:
Jennie Litt)**

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