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Award winning opera singer Stephanie Blythe to perform April 13 at Texas State University

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SAN MARCOS, Texas - Mezzo-Soprano Stephanie Blythe, once described as having a "once-in-a-generation" voice, is coming to Texas State University for a public performance at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13, in Evans Auditorium. Her performance will be a part of the University Arts Series.

Blythe will be performing with pianist Craig Terry at the Texas State University campus in San Marcos. She recently released her first crossover recording on the Innova label with Terry, titled "As Long as There Are Songs."

During a stellar 20-plus-year career, Blythe has sung the most demanding roles in the world's greatest opera houses. She has performed in the Metropolitan Opera in New York more than 200 times, including productions of Wagner's monumental "Ring." Blythe was named Musical America's Vocalist of the Year in 2009, received an Opera News Award in 2007 and won the Tucker Award in 1999.

Blythe once said she attributes her big voice to her physiology. "A big sound is created with many different things working together," she told the San Diego Union-Tribune in 2014., "but basically it's the resonating space in your body, the resonating space of the room, how clearly the vowel is sounded, and how well you spin the tone. That's it. That's all it is."

Anthony Tommasini, in a review for The New York Times, said Blythe "boasts one of the most powerful voices in opera." He described her voice in a May 2015 Carnegie Hall performance as "luxurious."

Of the same performance, Judith Malafronte of Opera News wrote, "Stephanie Blythe treated Carnegie Hall like her living room, easily filling the space with her titanic voice and a sturdy, no-nonsense personality to match."

The performance at Texas State University will be from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Evans Auditorium on the Texas State University campus in San Marcos. Tickets are \$8 to the public and free for students.

About University Arts Series

The University Performing Arts Committee at Texas State University hosts the University Arts Series. The committee's mission is to bring outstanding artists to the university to support arts education and raise awareness of the arts by engaging audiences in diverse student-centered events that enrich and enliven the cultural landscape of the campus and surrounding region. We promote artistic excellence through diverse, inspiring and engaging programming for the university and local communities.

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