

Lincoln Center's

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American Songbook

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The Program

Monday, March 27, 2017, at 8:00 pm

Matt Gould & Griffin Matthews

This evening's program is approximately 75 minutes long and will be performed without intermission.

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Matt Gould & Griffin Matthews



Matt Gould is a composer who has received the Richard Rodgers Award (2012, 2014), a Jonathan Larson Award, and the ASCAP Foundation's Harold Adamson Lyric Award and Michelle and Dean Kay Award. With Griffin Matthews he created the documentary musical *Witness Uganda* (a.k.a. *Invisible Thread*), which had

its New York premiere at Second Stage Theatre and its world premiere at American Repertory Theater. Mr. Gould's upcoming original works include *The Family Project* (co-written with Mr. Matthews), *Lempicka* (National Alliance for Musical Theatre), and *Baby Girl* with Pulitzer Prize winner Paula Vogel. He wrote *Twilight in Manhego* (directed by Tony winner Billy Porter) for the New York Musical Theater Festival and has written, arranged, and conducted music for theaters around the country. He also translated, adapted, and directed *Romeo and Juliet in Pulaar*, a language spoken in Mauritania. Mr. Gould has performed in Uganda, Mauritania, Japan, and across the U.S. A graduate of Boston University's College of Fine Arts, he is a frequent speaker and guest lecturer at schools and universities. He is the co-director of UgandaProject.

Griffin Matthews graduated from Carnegie Mellon University, in his hometown of Pittsburgh. He co-wrote and starred in *Witness Uganda* (a.k.a. *Invisible Thread*), which received the Richard Rodgers Award as well as ASCAP's Harold Adamson Lyric Award and Michelle and Dean Kay Award. He was also commissioned to co-write a new documentary musical called *The Family Project* about the ever-changing face of the American family. Mr. Matthews has directed several readings of the new musical *Lempicka* for Yale Repertory Theatre, New Dramatists, and National Alliance for Musical Theatre. He has choreographed pieces at Vassar College, Lincoln Center, Warner Theatre, Ndere Centre in Uganda, and in Tokyo. Television credits include *Law & Order: SVU*, *The Carrie Diaries*, *The Mentalist*, *Suburgatory*, *Weeds*, and *90210*. Mr. Matthews and Mr. Gould have performed *Witness Uganda: In Concert* all over the U.S., in schools, churches, theaters, concert halls, basements, and living rooms. *Witness Uganda* is a docu-musical based on the struggles of Mr. Matthews's organization UgandaProject, which he founded in 2005.

American Songbook

In 1998 Lincoln Center launched American Songbook, dedicated to the celebration of popular American song. Designed to highlight and affirm the creative mastery of America's songwriters from their emergence at the turn of the 19th century up through the present, American Songbook spans all styles and genres, from the form's early roots in Tin Pan Alley and Broadway to the eclecticism of today's singer-songwriters. American Songbook also showcases the outstanding interpreters of popular song, including established and emerging concert, cabaret, theater, and songwriter performers.

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Rocky Noel

Lighting designer Rocky Noel returns to Lincoln Center's American Songbook after recently completing two weeks on Broadway with Kristin Chenoweth in *My Love Letter to Broadway*. Mr. Noel calls New York City home and has worked extensively with artists such as Liza Minnelli, Barbra Streisand, Alan Cumming, Chita Rivera, Christine Ebersole, Elaine Paige, Stephanie J. Block, and Joel Grey, among countless others.

Scott Stauffer

Scott Stauffer has been the sound designer for Lincoln Center's American Songbook since 1999. His Broadway design credits include *A Free Man of Color*, *The Rivals*, *Contact* (also in London and Tokyo), *Marie Christine*, *Twelfth Night*, and *Jekyll & Hyde*. Off-Broadway Mr. Stauffer has worked on *Subverted*, *Promises, Hereafter*, *A Minister's Wife*, *Bernarda Alba*, *Third*, *Belle Epoque*, *Big Bill*, *Elegies*, *Hello Again*, *The Spitfire Grill*, *Pageant*, and *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*. His regional credits include productions at the Capitol Repertory Theatre, University of Michigan, Hanger Theatre, Berkshire Theatre Festival, Chicago Shakespeare Theater, and Alley Theatre. His concert credits include many Lincoln Center galas, as well as the Actors Fund concerts of *Frank Loesser*, *Broadway 101*, *Hair*, and *On the Twentieth Century*. At Carnegie Hall he has worked with Chita Rivera and Brian Stokes Mitchell. As a sound engineer, Mr. Stauffer has worked on *The Lion King*, *Juan Darién*, *Chronicle of a Death Foretold*, *Carousel*, *Once on This Island*, and the original *Little Shop of Horrors*.