

Live Online Performance at Merkin Hall at Kaufman Music Center Streamed Saturday, June 12, 2021 at 8 pm ET

Raguel Gabriel tenor

Jeffrey Middleton, piano

Program

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About the Artists

Raguel Gabriel is a Trinidadian classically trained singer and actor. He studied for many years in his homeland at The Key Academy of Music and Alfred Wallace's School of Music. His desire for further training in acting took him to LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art) and then the Stella Adler Studio of Acting (New York City), where he graduated from the three year professional conservatory. Operatic roles performed on stage include Tamino in *Die Zauberflöte* (Mozart), Hoffmann in *Les contes d'Hoffmann* (Offenbach), Alfred in *Die Fledermaus* (Strauss II) and Aeneas in *Dido and Aeneas* (Purcell). He also interpreted musical theatre roles including Tony in West Side Story and Marius in Les Misérables. NYC acting credits include Antonio in *The Merchant of Venice* (Shakespeare), Sorin in *The Seagull* (Chekov) and the title role in *Othello* (Shakespeare). Mr. Gabriel continues to forge a very unique path expressing himself passionately in the areas of both drama and music, as both actor and singer. He is currently based in the United States.

Dr. Jeffrey Middleton is an American pianist and musician based in New York City. A graduate of The Juilliard School and Yale School of Music, his varied career includes solo and chamber music performances, vocal coaching, accompanying and teaching. Middleton's debut recital in 1995 was at Weill Recital Hall at the prestigious Carnegie Hall, where he was presented by Artists International Inc. Career highlights include his critically acclaimed recordings of Book II of Bach's *Well Tempered Clavier* (One Soul Records) and *Cathay*, a recording of solo piano pieces composed by Joseph Fennimore for Albany Records. Further collaborations with Fennimore include 23 *Romances for Piano* (2015) and *From My Window* (2018), also on Albany Records. Jeffrey Middleton has toured Taiwan, Switzerland and South Africa, among other countries. In June 2021 he received the Mae L. Wien Faculty Award for distinguished service from the School of American Ballet. This year Jeffrey Middleton will retire from the School of American Ballet after thirty six years on the Music Faculty.



Jeffrey Middleton and Raquel Gabriel

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