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Michael Feinstein to feature Songbook Academy™ winner in concert at Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts

New York, NY – Former American Songbook Youth Ambassador Annie Yokom will join multi-platinum selling, five-time Grammy-nominated entertainer Michael Feinstein for a Frank Sinatra centennial celebration at the Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts. The event takes place Saturday, October 24th, as a season kick-off event.

Annie, who hails from Chicago, Illinois, was the winner of the 2010 Great American Songbook Academy™. She has performed in summer stock productions across the country, as well as with Michael Feinstein at Feinstein's at Loews Regency. A recent graduate of the musical theatre program at Carnegie Mellon University, Annie now resides in New York City.

"My time at the Songbook Academy™ was one of the most exciting experiences of my life. To work with mentors like Michael Feinstein and Sylvia McNair on interpreting and singing the music of the Great American Songbook was an incredible opportunity," Annie said. "And now, to share the stage with Michael again is a dream come true."

Michael Feinstein founded the Great American Songbook Foundation in 2007 in order to preserve, promote, and perpetuate the music of the Great American Songbook to future generations. The work of the Songbook Foundation includes educational programming, a reference library, archive and gallery, the Great American Songbook Hall of Fame, and the annual high school Songbook Academy™.

"I created the Songbook Academy™ to foster young artists who have an interest in the American Songbook, which includes the music of classic Broadway, Jazz standards, and popular music. Through this program, we are reaching a new generation to teach the music of the American Songbook and the history that inspired and influenced its composers," said Michael Feinstein, founder of the program and the organization called the Great American Songbook Foundation. "Annie Yokom has been a wonderful Ambassador for the Songbook Foundation. She is a talented musician with great natural instincts, and that cannot be learned," said Feinstein.

Michael Feinstein will perform a rousing celebration of Frank Sinatra, singing splendid musical arrangements of the greatest hits of Ol' Blue Eyes! The show is scheduled for Saturday, October 24, 2015

at 7:30 pm. Tickets may be purchased at the Walt Whitman Theatre, 2900 Avenue H, Brooklyn, New York or online at www.BrooklynCenter.org.

About Michael Feinstein

Michael Feinstein, the multi-platinum-selling, two-time Emmy and five-time Grammy Award-nominated entertainer dubbed “The Ambassador of the Great American Songbook,” is considered one of the premier interpreters of American standards. His 200-plus shows a year have included performances at Carnegie Hall, Sydney Opera House and the Hollywood Bowl as well as the White House and Buckingham Palace. Feinstein’s work has received national recognition for his commitment to celebrating America’s popular song and preserving its legacy for the next generation. He founded the Great American Songbook Foundation in 2007. Feinstein also serves as Artistic Director of the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel, Indiana, which opened in January 2011.

The Songbook Academy™

Now in its seventh year, the Songbook Academy™ provides high school singers in grades 9-12 with the life-changing opportunity to work with music industry professionals and educators from top college arts programs to experience firsthand the uniquely American and culturally significant music known as the Great American Songbook.

The Songbook Academy™ is a celebration of the Golden Age of American Popular music. This program is the only high school music intensive in the U.S. dedicated solely to the music from Broadway, Hollywood musicals and the Tin Pan Alley era of the early to mid-twentieth century.

The Songbook Academy is designed to be a collaborative, rewarding, and fun experience for all participants. Students will have the opportunity to participate in workshops, one-on-one coaching sessions, and master classes with celebrity performers, music industry professionals, and educators from top college arts programs from across the country. The week’s events will culminate in a live show on July 23, 2016, at the Palladium in Carmel, IN, where award winners will be selected. For more information, visit www.TheSongbook.org.

The Great American Songbook Foundation

Michael Feinstein founded the Great American Songbook Foundation in 2007 in order to preserve, promote, and perpetuate the music of the Great American Songbook. The mission of the Foundation is to inspire and educate by celebrating the Great American Songbook. The Foundation is housed on the campus of the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel, Indiana. The work of the Foundation includes:

- High School Songbook Academy™
- Educational programming
- Library, Archives, and Gallery Exhibits
- Great American Songbook Hall of Fame

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Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts

Established in 1954, Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts at Brooklyn College is an independent, nonprofit organization located on the scenic campus of Brooklyn College. Brooklyn Center's mission is to present outstanding performing arts and arts education programs, reflective of Brooklyn's diverse communities, at affordable prices. A central part of the Center's mission is to introduce young people to the performing arts, enhance their creativity, and expose them to new cultures and ideas.

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