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From left: G.E. Smith will perform with Valerie June and Lola Kirke as part of the Portraits series on Thursday, Aug. 15; Rutus Wainwright wraps the summer season on Sept. 1. Opposite page: Chef Marcus Samuelsson will be the guest in the Stirring the Pot series hosted by Florence Fabricant on Sunday, Aug. 25.

8/15 G.E. SMITH'S PORTRAITS FEATURING VALERIE JUNE & LOLA KIRKE

Guitarist G.E. Smith returns to the stage after last month's concert with Yola to deliver another emotional musical performance. This series, featuring Valerie June and Lola Kirke, will include a mix of remarkable duets and candid conversations. Audience members can connect deeply with the music during this immersive experience. 7 p.m.

8/18 STARTALK LIVE! WITH NEIL DEGRASSE TYSON

Astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson brings a unique perspective to the dialogue on the synergy between science and the natural world this August, showcasing his storytelling talent and knowledge of fascinating topics. His discussions delve deep into the future of the Earth and its environment and the scientific principles behind historic moments in sports. Tyson will cover a broad

range of topics, including space exploration, extraterrestrial life, the Big Bang Theory and the impact of science on everyday life. 7 p.m.

8/25 STIRRING THE POT WITH FLORENCE FABRICANT: MARCUS SAMUELSSON & DAVID ROCKWELL

Florence Fabricant will conclude this season's Stirring the Pot with chef, TV personality, philanthropist and newly inducted member of the Guild Hall's Academy of the Arts Marcus Samuelsson. The discussion between Fabricant and Samuelsson promises to offer insights into Samuelsson's approach to cuisine and varied influences, making it a noteworthy event for those interested in the cross-section of culture and food. Samuelsson will be joined by special guest David Rockwell, designer of his new restaurant at the Perelman Arts Center, Metropolis. 10 a.m. breakfast courtesy of Citarella, 11 a.m. program



8/25 ACADEMY ICONS: SUSAN LACY LEONARD BERNSTEIN: REACHING FOR THE NOTE

Guild Hall continues Academy Icons, a new series showcasing the achievements of its distinguished members, this year celebrating filmmaker Susan Lacy. A presence on Broadway, in Hollywood, at Carnegie Hall and the New York Philharmonic, Leonard Bernstein was a major force in 20th century music. His exuberant and dramatic style caught the heart of America, bringing classical music to thousands of people from diverse backgrounds. The film will be followed by a talk with Susan Lacy and Jamie Bernstein, Leonard Bernstein's daughter. 7 p.m.

9/1 RUFUS WAINWRIGHT

Renowned for his distinctive compositions and vocal abilities, Canadian singer-songwriter Rufus Wainwright is set to close out Guild Hall's summer season. Wainwright's journey has seen him collaborate with celebrated artists from Elton John to Miley Cyrus, showcasing his versatility and broad appeal. He will take the stage for his first solo performance, promising an evening of his well-known musical talents. This event marks a significant milestone in his career, offering an intimate experience with his music that fans, old and new, won't want to miss. 7 p.m.