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**Hershey Felder's Great American Song Book Sing-Along**  
**McCallum Theatre**  
**Tuesday – January 28 – 8:00pm**  
**Wednesday – January 29 – 2:00pm and 8:00pm**

Palm Desert, CA – Hershey Felder, a McCallum favorite for his renowned portrayals of great American composers and songwriters, is returning to Palm Desert with his *Great American Songbook Sing-Along* for three shows, on Tuesday, Jan. 28, and Wednesday, Jan. 29.

The Tuesday, Jan. 28, show is presented through the generosity of Barbara Arnstein. The Wednesday, Jan. 29, evening show is presented through the generosity of Dan and Brooke Koehler.

With his signature style and lots of audience participation, Hershey Felder's *Great American Songbook Sing-Along* takes audiences through 100 years of American music—including Irving Berlin, Jerome Kern, George and Ira Gershwin, Rogers and Hammerstein, Leonard Bernstein, Stephen Sondheim, *The Sound of Music*, *South Pacific*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Showboat* and more! Audiences are encouraged to sing along with Felder as he leads them through their favorite songs.

Felder—whose work was listed as one of *Time Magazine's* 2016 Top 10 Plays and Musicals—has performed more than 5,000 performances of his self-created solo productions at some of the world's most prestigious theaters, and has consistently broken box office records. *American Theatre Magazine* said: "Hershey Felder is in a category all his own."

His shows include: *George Gershwin Alone* (Broadway's Helen Hayes Theatre, West End's Duchess Theatre); *Monsieur Chopin*; *Beethoven*; *Maestro (Leonard Bernstein)*; *Franz Liszt in Musik*; *Lincoln: An American Story*; *Hershey Felder as Irving Berlin*; and *Our Great Tchaikovsky*.

Felder is so renowned for his knowledge and talent in classical music that he appeared on a 2019 episode of *Jeopardy!* during which he performed music and narrated questions about composers.

In an interview with the *San Jose Mercury News*, Felder talked about his process.

"The creative life—that's what my life is," he said. "I am constantly working. I get off the phone, then I am off to rehearsal, three hours of rehearsal. It's not something you do a

few months. It requires a tremendous amount of work all the time—a nonstop job, I guess. I treat it as a responsibility. You gotta do it.”

He also told the *Mercury News* that the fact that he usually portrays other songwriters and composers in his shows has had an interesting side effect.

“Nobody knows what my voice is like” from his stage performances, he said. “I do the character. I tend to invest 1,000 percent in my characters.”

Felder has operated a full-service production company since 2001. He has been a scholar-in-residence at Harvard University’s Department of Music and is married to Kim Campbell, the first female Prime Minister of Canada.

Tickets for these performances are priced at \$78, \$58 and \$38. Tickets are available at the Theatre’s website at [www.mccallumtheatre.com](http://www.mccallumtheatre.com) or by calling the McCallum Theatre Box Office at (760) 340-2787. The McCallum Theatre, located at 73000 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert CA 92260, accepts payment by cash, personal check, VISA, MasterCard, Discover and American Express.

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