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**DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE AT EAST STROUDSBURG UNIVERSITY OF  
PENNSYLVANIA TO PRESENT AN *EVENING OF SONG* FEATURING  
THOMAS LEHMAN, BARITONE, THURSDAY, JULY 27**

EAST STROUDSBURG, Pa.—Internationally renowned baritone Thomas Lehman, a graduate of Stroudsburg High School, will present *An Evening of Song* Thursday, July 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Cecilia S. Cohen Recital Hall of East Stroudsburg University's Fine and Performing Arts Center, Normal and Marguerite streets, East Stroudsburg.

The program will feature works by composers Samuel Barber, Charles Ives and Henri Duparc and selections from the musical theatre repertoire. Kimberly Kong will be the accompanist for the recital.

General admission for the program is \$20; senior citizens and students are \$15. A portion of the proceeds from the recital will benefit the ESU Foundation's Theatre Department Scholarship Fund.

Tickets will be available at the door. For reservations, please call 570-422-3483, x. 4.

Since 2014 Lehman has performing lead roles at the Deutsche Oper Berlin including Valentin in *Faust*, the title role in *Il barbiere di Siviglia*, Guglielmo in *Così fan tutte*, Belcore in *L'elisir d'amore*, and recently made his debut at the Teatro Sao Carlos as Silvio in *I Pagliacci*. He made his professional operatic debut in 2010 as Guglielmo in *Così fan tutte* with the Delaware Valley Opera and also has appeared as a Studio Artist with the Chautauqua Opera.

Praised for his "pleasant, well-rounded voice," Lehman has performed solo in works by Bach, Britten, Dvořák, Orff, Beethoven, Schubert, Handel, Haydn, Schumann and others; the requiems of Duruflé, Mozart, and Brahms; and in pieces by contemporary composers including Ricardo Zohn-Muldoon and Arlene Sierra.

During the summer of 2014 Lehman was selected to participate in the Ravinia Festival's Steans Music Institute, where he worked with Dame Kiri Te Kawawa, Kevin Murphy, Patricia McCaffrey, Stephen King and other artists. One of four winners of the Opera Foundation Scholarships, Lehman won first place and the Lynne Clarke Vocal Prize at the 2010 Friends of Eastman Opera Competition. He earned degrees from Ithaca College and Eastman School of Music.

For more information about the program, please contact [esuarts@esu.edu](mailto:esuarts@esu.edu) or Margaret Ball, D.M.A., chair of the ESU Theatre Department at 570-422-3261.