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# The Naturist Society Foundation

Dr. Leonard Lehrman, Director; Helene Williams, Assistant Director

in

## A Naturist CaBAREt

in memory of
Morley Schloss (Nov. 14, 1941-July 23, 2024)

starring

#### **Leonard Lehrman & Helene Williams**

### PROGRAMME

A Song to Begin	Gerhard Bronner-Leonard Lehrman
A Cockroach Christmas ListLou & Peter Be	rryman; 3rd verse (of 4) by Leonard Lehrman
Acme Forgetting Service	Lou & Peter Berryman
The Hereafter (A Journey from Judaism, to Buddhism, to Nudism!	)Leonard Lehrman
Naked & Nude	Lou & Peter Berryman
The Last Thing on My Mind	Tom Paxton; 4th verse by Kieran Gross
Uncle Dave's Grace	Lou & Peter Berryman
Hanukka in Santa Monica; Goot Yuntif	Tom Lehrer-Leonard Lehrman
Take Off Your Clothes	Mark Levy (adapted by the Lehrmans)
The Naturist Anthem (Tune: "Simple Gifts")	, ,

Acknowledgments: Susan & Jonathan Shapiro, Synthesizer

Sun., Feb. 16, 2025, 5:00 p.m. at the Cypress Cove Clubhouse, Kissimmee, Florida

**Leonard J. Lehrman**, former Metropolitan Opera Assistant Chorus Master, Laureate Conductor of the Jüdischer Musiktheaterverein Berlin, founded & directs the Metropolitan Philharmonic Chorus. He made his U.S. TV debut in the nude being rescued by the Binghamton, NY Fire Department after falling down a 25-foot

waterfall while skinnydipping April 20, 1973 in Ithaca, NY, where he received his doctorate from Cornell. As Founder & Director of the Opera/Musical Theatre SIG of TNSF, he led the first (and subsequent) International Naturist Opera Workshops in Bélézy, France 1989-96. His 270 works to date, including 12 operas, 7 musicals, and over 200 individual pieces written for Helene Williams, have been heard in 24 U.S. States, Canada, the Bahamas, Brazil, South Africa, Australia, Israel, England, France, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, Russia, Belarus, Italy, both Germanys, Austria, Israel, Australia, Romania, at the U.N., on 18 CDs and over 5000 YouTube videos with over a million views. His completion of Marc Blitzstein's *Sacco and Vanzetti* was nominated for a Pulitzer in 2022. In 2024, Dorrance Press published his CONTINUATOR: The Autobiography of a Socially-Conscious, Cosmopolitan Composer. https://tinyurl.com/ContinuatorPreOrder LeonardJLehrman.com

**Helene Williams** is co-founder of The Bronx Opera Company as well as (with Leonard) Court Street Music and The Opera/Musical Theatre SIG of TNSF. She majored in Drama at CCNY, appeared Off-Off-Broadway and in summer stock, as well as on TV and in films, had a contract with the Met, has sung in 17 languages on 5 continents, and founded Accent Reduction In English Speech. A professional concert, theatre & opera singer, she has sung and recorded more Marc Blitzstein than anyone, and toured all across the U.S. & Europe in Lehrman's *Musical Portrait of Emma Goldman & Superspy!: The Secret Musical*.

**Leonard & Helene** began working together in January 1987 and have performed together over 700 times, to date, on concert tours of Holland, France, Germany, Belarus and Russia, as well as Romania, Canada, California, Chicago, Washington D.C., Florida, Wisconsin, New England, Israel, England, and Australia. In 1990-2011 they appeared at 13 Eastern Naturist Gatherings; since 2002, regularly at Morley Schloss's festivals at Empire Haven and Sunsport. Their recordings include Premier, Capstone, Albany, Original Cast, Ravello, and Toccata Classics CDs, along with *Songs for Naturists: Live from the Naked Front*, sponsored by the Naturist Education Foundation. This is their first public appearance at Cypress Cove.

The Opera/Musical Theatre Special Interest Group of The Naturist Society Foundation (founded 1989), now in our 35<sup>th</sup> season, performs regularly at naturist resorts, festivals and gatherings in the eastern U.S. and abroad. Previous productions have included excerpts from the mermaid operas of Dvorák and Dargomyzhsky, the complete *Mermaid in Lock No.* 7 by Elie Siegmeister, Tom Cushing's *Barely Proper*, John Bramhall's *Stark*, Gerald Cockshott's *The Faun and the Forest, Adam & Lilith & Eve* by Leonard Lehrman after Manya Pruzhanskaya Lackow, Lehrman's & Sydney Ross Singer's *The Booby Trap* or *Off Our Chests*, The Tom Lehrer Song Festival, the song cycle *Naked Verses*, *The Creation and Other Pieces*, *Naked Klezmer* and the Shatzky-Mayer *Damn! That Apple!* - at Center for the Arts in Homer, Solair, Sunsport and Lupin. The group has also performed at Golden Fleece Ltd., on Manhattan Neighborhood Cable TV, at 3 Canadian Naturist Festivals, and at Sydney Naturally (taped by the ABC). Upcoming performances include a private recital Feb. 18 chez Paul LeValley, also in Cypress Cove. For further info please email us at ljlehrmandma@gmail.com *or* write us at 33 Court St., Valley Stream, NY 11580 USA.

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