

Wednesday, April 27, 2022 | 8 PM
William R. and Irene D. Miller Recital Hall

April Varner, jazz voice

Sam Towse, piano
Shimon Gambourg, bass
Tim Johnson, guitar
Josh Green, drums

PROGRAM

RICHARD RODGERS “You’ve Got to Be Carefully Taught” from *South Pacific*
(1902–1979)

OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II
(1895–1960)

SHIMON GAMBOURG *Dream State*
(b. 1995)

APRIL VARNER
(b. 1997)

MILTON NASCIMENTO *Viola Violar*
(b. 1942) **Tim Johnson**, guitar

OSCAR PETTIFORD *Tricotism*
(1922–1960) **Sam Towse**, piano
 Josh Green, drums

Intermission

APRIL VARNER

Red Velvet

Rico Jones, tenor saxophone

Hummingbird

DIANE DWYER SCANLON *I Know You by Heart/Always*

EVE NELSON

Sam Towse, piano

IRVING BERLIN

Jillian Grace, voice

(1888–1989)

BILLY CLARENCE

I Want to Talk About You

ECKSTINE

Jack Kotze, trombone

(1914–1993)

Rico Jones, tenor saxophone

April Varner, a student of Theo Bleckmann, is a candidate for the Master of Music degree. This recital is given in partial fulfillment of its requirements.

ABOUT MANHATTAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC

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