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## Dear Friends,

As we approach the holiday season, a season of festivities and thanks, we wanted to say THANK YOU for all of your support. Whether you participated in our workshops, attended our 1st Happy Hour Fundraiser, attended or competed in our first bi-annual Mary Trueman Vocal Arts Competition, or spoke of ASPS to friends and colleagues - we whole heartedly appreciate all that you do to continue the Art Song conversation in New York City!

Next, we want to take advantage of this celebratory season and update you on our most exciting news! We are thrilled to introduce Summer of Song (SOS) 2013! Starting in June and ending in September, we will hold monthly master class sessions with our amazing Advisory Board Members/Guest Artists, Thomas Grubb (The Juilliard School), Dr. Carol Kimball (Art Song: Linking Poetry & Music), Thomas Muraco (Manhattan School of Music); and, introduce a new friend and teacher, Metropolitan Opera mezzo-soprano, Margaret Lattimore. With this dynamic line up, singers are guided and coached in the areas of German Lieder, French Melodie, Women Art Song Composers and 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> Century Art Song Compositions before an audience. Additionally, ASPS will present two outstanding recital performances during the Summer of Song series. The first features our Mary Trueman Vocal Arts Competition winner, Michael Weynadt (baritone), with Thomas Muraco at the piano. The second is part of the September Concert series, highlighting participants from the master class series in a concert of American Art Songs. More details will be forthcoming so stay tuned!

Finally, as it is the end of the year, we would like to take a moment to remind you that ASPS is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts organization. Thus, we urge you to support your favorite art song community while reaching the tax deadline for charitable contributions. Your gift of song will be tax deductible to the full extent of the law and help support our exciting Summer of Song series and other ongoing programs. Just click HERE to make your contribution or send us a check made out to ASPS in care of the address at the bottom of the letter.

We hope to see you on December 5th at our first SALON Workshop! There are a few spaces still available: http://www.artsongpreservationsocietyny.org/master-class-and-workshopcalendar.html. And for those you cannot attend, we wish you a wonderful holiday season and look forward to seeing you in 2013 in our continuing monthly workshops and new Summer of Song Series!

Happy Holidays, Your ASPS TEAM!

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