



Before, After, and Because of Love

Lauren Strauch, mezzo-soprano

Daniel Seyfried, piano

April 4, 2026

10:30 am

Nelson Music Room

Una voce poco fa, from *Il Barbiere di Siviglia*

Giacomo Rossini (1792–1868)

L'énamourée
Le Rossignol des Lilas

Reynaldo Hahn (1874–1947)

As If We Never Said Goodbye, from *Sunset Boulevard*

Andrew Lloyd Webber (b. 1948)

I Don't Know How to Love Him, from *Jesus Christ Superstar*

Andrew Lloyd Webber

I'll Be Here, from *Ordinary Days*

Adam Gwon

~5-minute Intermission~

Sous le dôme épais, from *Lakmé*

Léo Delibes (1836–1891)

Sarah Gorbатов, soprano

Ach, des Knaben Augen
Wunden trägst du mein Geliebter
Gebet

Hugo Wolf (1860–1903)

Someone Like You, from *Jekyll & Hyde*

Frank Wildhorn (b. 1958)

The Light in the Piazza, from *The Light in the Piazza*

Adam Guettel (b. 1964)

*To give each audience member the opportunity to enjoy the performance fully, please silence all electronic devices.
Flash photography, recording, food, and beverages are not permitted.*

Lauren Strauch is a senior at Duke from San Antonio, Texas. She studies biomedical engineering and has taken voice lessons throughout her time at Duke. Over the last few years, she has had a blast singing hymns for the Duke Catholic Center, the national anthem for Duke Men's Lacrosse and Women's Volleyball, and anything from "Amazing Grace" to "Puff the Magic Dragon" for patients at Duke Hospice.

A note from the singer:

I would like to thank my parents for being my number one fans and my brother Elliot for his constant support, sitting through every volleyball and lacrosse game and my recital dress rehearsal. I love you all.

I am so grateful to Prof. Clara Rottsoik for her singing wisdom and for making voice lessons such a joy, and to Daniel Seyfried for being the best teammate a singer could ask for. Thank you to my friend Sarah Gorbatov for asking me to sing in her recital and joining me for mine too; it has been so fun to work on this song with you!

Thank you to my friends for coming to see me today and for all those times you have in the past. It is such a gift. And to my friends at the DCC and Coach Dino and his team — you all keep me motivated to sing when I am feeling tired. Your encouragement means more than you know — thank you!

I hope you enjoy the show. To God I give all the glory.

Sincerely,
Lauren