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PROGRAM TO CELEBRATE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE BEATLES IN NEW YORK

Friday, February 7, 2014 at 7PM

ALBANY, NY – A special program celebrating the 50th anniversary of the arrival of The Beatles in New York will take place on Friday, February 7 at 7PM at the Albany Institute of History & Art. It is produced by the Empire State Performing Arts Center and is free and open to the public.

Led by musicologist and Beatles scholar Gordon Thompson, the program, entitled “She Loves You – The Beatles and New York” will explore the impact of the British invasion, led by The Beatles in February 1964, their historic concert at Shea Stadium, John Lennon’s NYC connection and discuss how their music continues to be an inspiration to composers and performing artists today.

“The Beatles’ arrival in New York and their appearances on Ed Sullivan’s programs offer exciting and masterful examples of how planning and luck resulted in a cultural phenomenon that has not been repeated (and probably won’t)”, said Mr. Thompson, the author of *Please Please Me: Sixties British Pop, Inside Out*, and a forthcoming book called *The Beatles in Process*. “We will uncover the events and contexts that lead to those momentous appearances and others, and the role New York played in introducing the Beatles to the world.”

In addition to historic film clips, recordings and photos, the program will be highlighted by live, solo piano interpretations of Beatles classic songs by Cole Broderick. Well known for his jazz,

classical and original piano stylings, Mr. Broderick devoted nearly two years of his life painstakingly interpreting some of the group's most beloved songs on his recent recording "A Solo Piano Tribute to The Beatles."

The program is produced by the Empire State Plaza Performing Arts Center in Albany as part of its "New York Living Legacy" project which celebrates the work of legendary New York State performing artists and events through performances and community outreach activities.

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