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OPERATIC ARIAS AND BROADWAY TUNES

A Concert by Soprano Tonna Miller Valles

At the New Utrecht Reformed Church

Editors: We invite your coverage Saturday, March 28, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish House at the New Utrecht Reformed Church, 18th Ave. and 84th St. in Bensonhurst. Contacts: mail@historicnewutrecht.org and 718-256-7173.

PHOTO ATTACHED: Soprano Tonna Miller Valles

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BROOKLYN: Soprano Tonna Miller Valles, who has performed at major American opera houses and in Broadway musicals, will give a concert on Saturday, March 28, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish House of the New Utrecht Reformed Church, 18th Avenue and 84th Street in Bensonhurst. Student soprano Diana Marie Paunetto will also perform. The event is sponsored by the Friends of Historic New Utrecht and will be free to the public.

Tonna Miller Valles has performed with many major opera companies, including the New York City Opera and the Metropolitan, where she appeared as Barbarina in "The Phantom of the Opera." She also maintains an active voice studio in New York City.

Diana Marie Paunetto, a sophomore at Edward R. Murrow High School, is a member of the Brooklyn Diocesan choir and has appeared as a soloist at many events including the Columbus Day Parade and the San Gennaro Festival as well as in many community theater productions.

Ms. Miller Valles and Ms. Paunetto will be accompanied on the piano by Steven Carl McCasland, a playwright ("Little Wars"), director and educator.

The 1892 Parish House is part of the landmarked campus of the New Utrecht Reformed Church, home to a congregation organized by Dutch settlers in 1677, which also includes the 1828 Church, now undergoing interior repairs and restoration, and the 1783 New Utrecht Liberty Pole. The Parish House is at 18th Avenue and 84th Street in Bensonhurst, with bus (B8, B1) and subway (D train) lines nearby.

This concert is one in a series of free concerts and history-related events offered each year by the Friends of Historic New Utrecht. Persons interested in learning more about the lecture and other Friends activities about New Utrecht's landmarks and its history are invited to contact 718-256-7173 or mail@historicnewutrecht.org, and to visit www.historicnewutrecht.org or on Facebook: www.facebook.com/FriendsofHistoricNewUtrecht.

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