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**Bronx Council on the Arts and Hutchinson Metro Center present  
Two Free Lunchtime Holiday Concerts at the Hutch Metro Café on Thursday, December 10 & 17**

(November 19, 2015 — Bronx, NY) The Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) and Hutchinson Metro Center present two free, Thursday lunchtime holiday concerts at the Hutch Metro Café located at Hutchinson Metro Center, 1200 Waters Place (between Eastchester Road and Westchester Avenue).

On **December 10th**, enjoy a performance of holiday favorites by soprano **Elizabeth Farnum** and on **December 17th**, another performance of holiday music by soprano **Ilana Davidson**. Each concert includes two performances — at 12:15 and 1:15pm. Admission is free and all are welcome!

**Soprano Elizabeth Farnum** is a specialist in classical contemporary music. She is an active performer in many diverse musical styles. Her performances of modern music, early music and musical theater include such venues as Alice Tully Hall, London's Institute of Contemporary Art, the Concertgebouw in Amsterdam and in various venues throughout the U.S., the Caribbean, Alaska, Europe, Australia and Japan. Ms. Farnum's main career focus has remained in the field of modern music although she maintains an interest in many genres. She is one of the most sought-after performers of this repertoire today. Her performances of early music, opera, oratorio, modern repertoire and ensemble music have taken her to five continents and she has been featured on over 30 CDs, four of which have been nominated for Grammy awards. In addition, Elizabeth has performed in Riverdance on tour and on Broadway and has appeared at the Metropolitan Opera. Elizabeth lives on City Island, NY with her husband Kenneth, a piano technician, keyboardist and music director/arranger for The GIZMO SynFauxNY.



Grammy Award-winning soprano **Ilana Davidson** enjoys a busy singing career. She recently made her third appearance at Carnegie Hall in a lead role with the American Symphony in Max Von Schilling's *Mona Lisa*. Her recording *Songs of Innocence and of Experience* with Maestro Leonard Stalkin won six Grammy Awards in 2006. She has sung with major symphonies and opera companies throughout Europe and North America. This summer she reunited with Maestro Keith Lockhart at the Brevard Music Festival in Mahler's *4th Symphony* and Mozart's *Exsultate Jubilate*. Ilana has given numerous world premieres and is a crusader for the works of Ernst Krenek (1900-1991). She frequents the baroque and early music repertoire and has recently represented the famous "Girl with the Pearl Earring" in repertoire of the 16th century baroque with Ars Antiqua. She is the Artistic Director of the classical chamber music series in Riverdale called ClassicalCafé.



During the lunchtime series, you can shop for some unique holiday gift items at the **bronxArtworks Holiday Trunk Show and Craft Sale**. BCA's Artisans Collective will be on hand displaying and selling their imaginative creations in all price ranges. Items include crocheted hats, ethnic masks, illustrations, jewelry, knitwear, note cards, paintings, paper mache masks, post cards, sculpture, vases, and more.

**Directions by Subway:** #6 to Westchester Square stop, then take courtesy shuttle bus to Hutchinson Metro Center. **Directions by Bus:** Bx21 to Waters Place & Hutchinson Parkway or Bx8 or Bx14 to Westchester Ave & Middletown Road or Bx40 or Bx42 to East Tremont Ave & Hutchinson River Parkway.

For additional information about these concerts or other programs and activities of the Bronx Council on the Arts, visit BCA's website at [www.bronxarts.org](http://www.bronxarts.org) or call 718-931-9500 x33.

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