FACULTY ARTIST SERIES PRESENTS

PHIL DEGREG
piano

KIM PENSYL
trumpet and flugelhorn

Monday, November 7, 2011
Robert J. Werner Recital Hall
8:00 p.m.
Jimmy Van Heusen (1913-1990) was inarguably one of the most accomplished songwriters in the history of the American Songbook. He was born Edward Chester Babcock but adopted his stage name in his early years as a radio DJ after seeing a billboard advertising shirts. He wrote primarily for movies and popular recordings. His long time friend Frank Sinatra recorded more of his songs (eighty-five) than those by any other composer. He also composed the songs for another good friend, Bing Crosby, for six of the seven Crosby/Hope Road pictures. Most of his songs were written with two lyricist partners Johnny Burke and Sammy Cahn.

Van Heusen was nominated 14 times for Academy Awards, winning 4 times. He also won one Emmy. Additionally, he was nominated for a Grammy Award, three Golden Globe Awards and two Tony awards. In spite of these accolades, Van Heusen personally felt that one of his biggest honors was being elected by his peers as one of the original inductees to the Songwriters Hall of Fame in 1971.

The songs of Jimmy Van Heusen are beautifully constructed and have been recorded by countless jazz singers and instrumentalists over the years. We hope you enjoy our renditions of these beautiful ageless melodies.

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