

# Steve Levy shares passion for Cole Porter Radio Hour

## Midsummer Night’s Gala offers unique experience featuring Indiana Composer

By Nicole Davis

His sixth time to perform Cole Porter Radio Hour, Steve Levy of Encore Vocal Arts says he and the other performers have fallen in love with the show which portrays the life of Indiana composer, Cole Porter, through his music.

“I always feel moved when I perform it,” Levy says. “The songs resonate with me. The unique thing about Cole Porter is that his songs stand the test of time. The music is something people young and old can recognize. He wrote the music and lyrics himself for very moving songs. I always feel an emotional tie when we perform it and we are always able to move the audience.”

On Aug. 30, the group of professional vocalists will perform with professional actor, Rob Johansen, for the fourth annual Midsummer Night’s Gala. The night will begin with wine and hors d’oeuvres at 5:30 p.m. at the Gallery on the Square, 51 S. Washington St., Danville. A fundraiser for the Hendricks County Arts Council, the event will move to the Royal Theater next door at 7 p.m. for the performance. Levy said the venue is perfect for the portrayal of Porter, who grew to success in the 1920s, becoming a major songwriter for Broadway in the ‘30s.

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me,” says Levy, a graduate of IU Jacobs School of Music in vocal performance, currently employed by the Brownsburg Kiwanis Club and intends to audition his talents for the TV show, The Voice. “We’re also definitely happy to support the Hendricks County Arts.”

This is the first year having a featured performance for the gala. Unique to this event, the performers will offer a preview on Aug. 27 with a dress rehearsal and question and answer session at the theater.

“Since Cole Porter is from Indiana, we thought it was a really nice match to celebrate his life being from Indiana,” said Kathy Brelage, advisor for the Hendricks County Arts Council. “I am just really looking forward to seeing this performance. I hear it is a fantastic performance that has been done before. I love his music.”

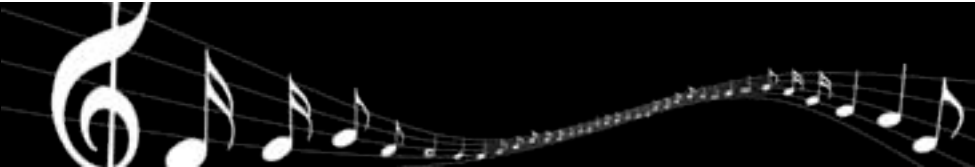
Tickets cost \$50 for Aug. 30 and \$65 to add on the preview performance. The arts council is a nonprofit group that relies on donations.

They will split this year’s proceeds with the Hendricks Symphonic Society. Encore Vocal Arts has recorded a CD with songs from the Cole Porter Radio Hour, which they will sell at the show and can also be purchased at [encorevocalarts.org](http://encorevocalarts.org).

“We think particularly the Hendricks County community will enjoy this piece,” Levy said. “For me, I like the comedy of it. The blend between acting and

singing tells the story well. (As volunteers,) we’re doing it for the enjoyment of performing the show.”

For more information, visit [hendrickscounty-arts.org](http://hendrickscounty-arts.org) or call (317) 892-0144.



### Bariatric surgery weight loss seminar

Hendricks Regional Health and partner, St. Vincent Bariatric Center of Excellence, will host a free surgical weight loss seminar on Wednesday, Aug. 15, from 6-7 p.m., at the Hendricks Regional Health YMCA, 301 Satori Parkway, Avon. Learn more about the bariatric surgical process and find out if bariatric surgery is the right choice for you. Hendricks Regional Health can provide patients with services locally – both preparation before and follow-up care after bariatric surgery.

For more information, call (317) 745-3553 or visit [www.hendricks.org](http://www.hendricks.org)



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## Sycamore Services hosts Tiki Time annual fundraiser



Tiki Time at Treasure Island will offer a pirate-themed event with dinner, dancing and silent and live auctions to benefit Sycamore Services on Aug. 11 from 6-10 p.m. at Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds and Conference Complex located at the intersection of County Road 200 E and East Main Street, Danville. Tickets cost \$35 or \$225 for a table of eight people.

“It’s kind of our baby,” said Karen Houk, coordinator of Sycamore. “My favorite part is just seeing everybody have a good time. I am the coordinator for the last two years and it’s a lot of work to pull it all together. When we see people enjoying it with friends, it makes it all worthwhile.”

Sycamore Services, Inc., is an organization which provides individualized training and

services to increase independence of individuals with disabilities and others experiencing daily challenges. Tiki Time is the only fundraiser Sycamore hosts to benefit direct services of the organization. Expanding into the 4-H fairgrounds has allowed them room to accommodate more guests and improve the event each year.

“If you really want to do a good thing, come to the event and see the faces of the people and know that you are making a real difference in someone’s life,” Houk said. “When you see what you are doing and the results and impact of giving over the years, you know you are making a difference.”

For more information, visit [sycamoreservices.com](http://sycamoreservices.com) or call (317) 745-4715.

## Striking Out Cancer softball tournament

Striking Out Cancer ladies’ softball tournament will benefit the Sweet Melissa Foundation, which helps others with their journey through cancer. The tournament will take place Aug. 25, with registration at 9 a.m., the first pitch at 10 a.m., a raffle and silent auction from 10 a.m. -6 p.m., a Kids Zone 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. and player’s lunch and exhibition game immediately following the final game. Located at Brownsburg Girls Softball League, 1000 S. Odell St., Brownsburg, the cost is \$40 per player. For more information, visit [sweetmelissafoundation.org](http://sweetmelissafoundation.org) or call (954) 347-8673.

## Charity car show helps fund WWII Memorial Park in Avon

As thanks to the generation who served during WWII, the third annual Avon WWII Memorial Charity Car Show will take place on Aug. 19, 8 a.m. – noon at Avon Town Park, 6570 E. US Highway 36. Admission is free to the public. All funds raised will benefit the creation and construction of WWII Memorial Park in Avon.

“We really wanted to accomplish something dedicated to the entire WWII generation as recognition to that heritage and as a focal point for education in the community,” said Paul Morton of the park’s committee. “It highlights Avon’s dedication to the veteran’s community. This will be the only dedicated WWII memorial park in Hendricks County.”

The park, still underway, will also greatly benefit the schools. Since it is located across from Pine Tree Elementary, the park will be a point of interest for American history education. Throughout the year, the Town of Avon, The American Legion and other community groups will hold events in support of the park. This year’s show will bring in cars from half a dozen surrounding states and represent cars from every decade.

For more information, visit [avonsgreatest.org](http://avonsgreatest.org) or call (317) 340-8554.



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