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I look back through the years at the excellent performing artists we have presented on these special evenings, starting with the transcendent Four Tenors in 2003 and then the great Ann Hampton Callaway in 2005. These two programs could not have been more different, but one thing in common was the great artistry. Since then, we have welcomed many other wonderful performers who have consistently delighted our audiences. The purpose of these evenings is to raise the funds that allow **Summer Concerts on the Hudson** to remain free for our residents and whoever else might wish to attend. We are a welcoming community. I like to think of these magical evenings on our spectacular waterfront as a gift and you, by supporting, are sharing in the gift-giving. So please enjoy tonight and leave the world behind for a moment. Thank you for your friendship, camaraderie, support, and generosity.

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An Evening with

Julie Benko

Jason Yeager
Musical Director, piano

Danny Weller, *bass*
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Julie Benko gained attention for her sensational success going from understudy to star as Fanny Brice in the Broadway revival of *Funny Girl*. She played the role over 180 times and received numerous accolades for her interpretation, including *Theatre World's* "Dorothy Loudon Award for Excellence in the Theatre." Aside from being named the 2022 "Breakout Star for Theater" by *The New York Times*, Julie was named one of "10 Broadway Stars to Watch for 2023" by *Variety*, honored as one of "40 Under 40" for *Crain's New York Business*, hailed by *CBS Sunday Morning* as "Broadway's breakout star," and profiled in numerous national media outlets such as *The New York Times* and *Time* magazine. Following *Funny Girl*, she returned to Broadway to originate the role of Ruth in Barry Manilow's new musical, *Harmony*. Julie has released three studio albums, including *Hand in Hand*, a duo effort with her pianist-composer husband, Jason Yeager, that won the *Broadway World* "Cabaret Award for Best Commercial Album." The recording also received a MAC Award nomination for "Best Major Album." Julie has played leading roles in many Off-Broadway and regional productions, and enjoys a vibrant concert career, having headlined sold-out solo shows at venues around the country and performing as a guest artist with numerous symphonies. Look for her movie debut in the soon-to-be-released film *Caravan*. Visit her website at JulieBenko.com, or follow her on TikTok or Instagram @Jujuliebe to discover more!

Jason Yeager, an award-winning pianist/composer, is an adroit and sensitive accompanist as well as an imaginative soloist and bandleader. Jason has released eight critically acclaimed albums of original music, including *Hand in Hand* with his spouse and Broadway star Julie Benko, and *Unstuck in Time: the Kurt Vonnegut Suite* with his eponymous septet and MacArthur Prize winner Miguel Zenón. His music has been featured in *Down Beat*, *The New York Times*, *Jazz Times*, and the *Boston Globe*. Jason has performed across six continents at such venues as Carnegie Hall, Birdland, and The Blue Note, to name a few. In addition to his work as a bandleader, Jason has played on over thirty additional albums and performed with such luminaries as Sean Jones, George Garzone, and Luciana Souza. He is currently an Associate Professor of Piano at Berklee College of Music and an adjunct instructor at MIT. www.jasonyeager.com Socials: @jyeagermusic

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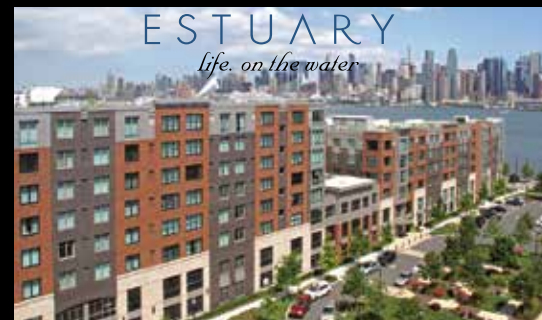


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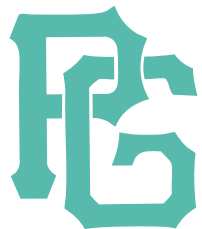
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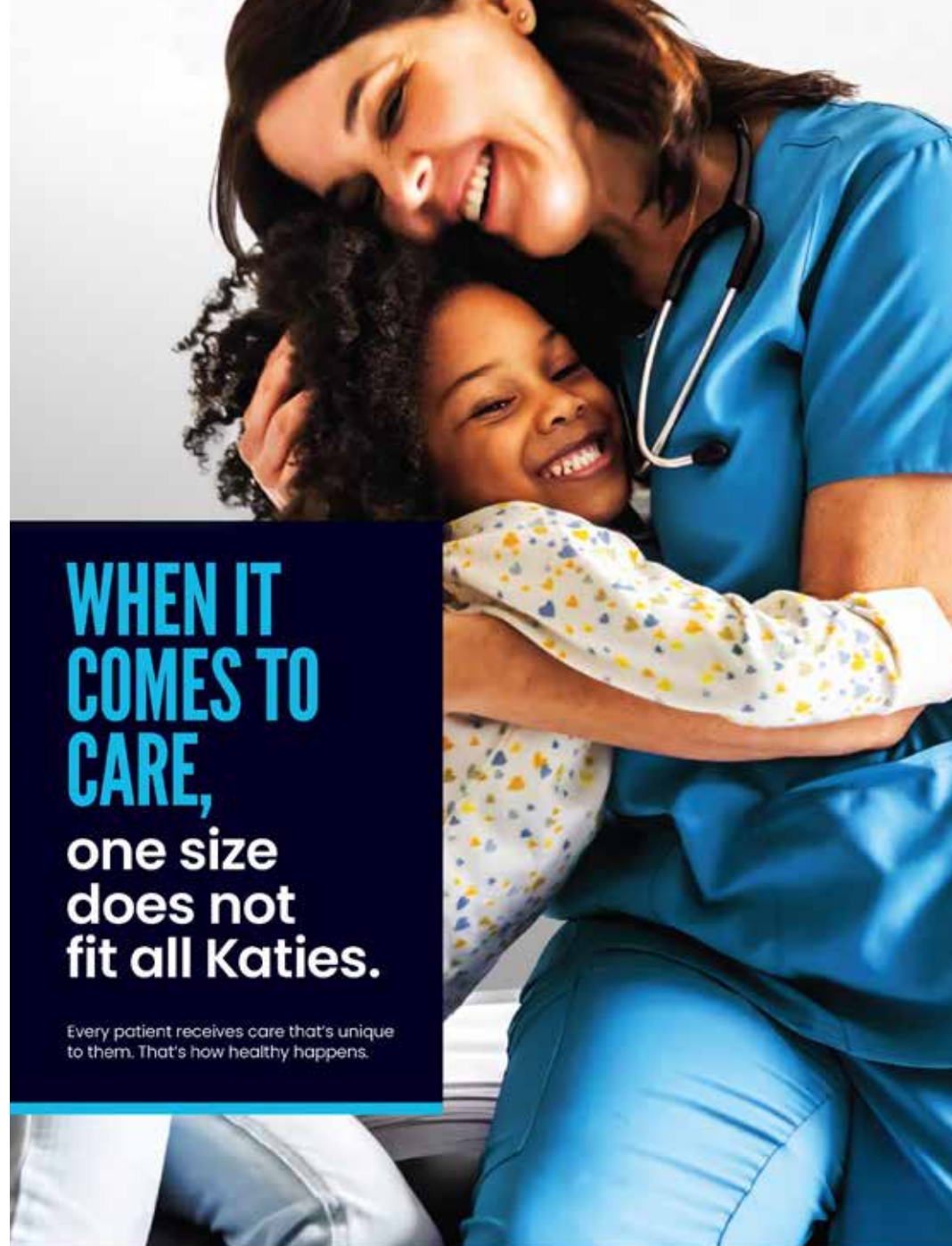


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