



**Celebrating American Music**

Robert Paterson, *Artistic Director*

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**WHAT'S SO FUNNY?**

Can classical music be funny? Our final program of the season does just that with guest star **PETER SCHICKELE**, popularly known as P.D.Q. Bach, narrating his own work ***The Emperors New Clothes***. The program also features baritone Robert Gardner, singing works by Aaron Copland and David Heuser, and guest artist soprano Nancy Allen Lundy singing song cycles by Robert Paterson and Vineet Shende. This promises to be an unforgettable night celebrating the end of our fourth season.

**PROGRAM**

**From Old American Songs**  
**Thursday**  
**Struwwelpeter-lieder**  
**Immaculate, Bored, Off-Key and Vain \***  
**The Emperor's New Clothes**

**Aaron Copland**  
**Robert Paterson**  
**Vineet Shende**  
**David Heuser**  
**Peter Schickele**

\* NYC Premiere Performance

Continuing a popular AME tradition, artistic director Robert Paterson will host an on-stage discussion with the composers, and audience members will have an opportunity to meet the composers and artists during a post-performance reception.

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Monday, April 27, 2009 at 7:30 PM

**The Times Center**

242 West 41<sup>st</sup> Street, NYC (across from Port Authority)

**TICKETS \$35 (\$30 Seniors & Students)**

(includes the post-performance reception)

**ADVANCE TICKET PURCHASE**

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**PARTICIPATING ARTISTS**

**PETER SCHICKELE**, narrator  
**NANCY ALLEN LUNDY**, soprano  
**ROBERT GARDNER**, baritone

**ROBIN ZEH**, violin  
**VICTORIA PATERSON**, violin  
**DANIELLE FARINA**, viola  
**ROBERT BURKHART**, cello

**SATO MOUGHALIAN**, flute  
**MEIGHAN STOOPS**, clarinet  
**BLAIR McMILLEN**, piano  
**ROBERT PATERSON**, conductor

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