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Warmest holiday wishes and Happy New Year!



FROM YOUR FRIENDS AT RUSSO DEVELOPMENT



6:00 Opening Remarks – Emcee, Burt Baron
6:05-6:45 Performance by The Duprees
6:45 Remarks by Former New Brunswick City Council
President, Suzanne Sicora-Ludwig
6:50 Welcome Remarks by New Brunswick Mayor, Jim Cahill
6:55 Countdown of New City Center Tree
7:00-7:45 Performance by Tenor, Amine Hachem
7:45 Countdown of Operation Ride Home JD Barrel Tree
8:00 Closing Remarks – Emcee, Burt Baron

On behalf of New Brunswick City Center and the City of New Brunswick, the Hub City Holiday Committee would like to thank each of you for joining us this evening. Please make sure to dine at the many fine restaurants in town, support local businesses, and enjoy all we have to offer throughout December to make your holiday season merry and bright.

Warmest Wishes

Councilwoman, Suzanne Sicora-Ludwig, Assistant Business Administrator, Brandon Goldberg, Anthony Camioni, Matthew Ferguson, Hasan Raza, Gus Sleiman, Julie Stevens, and Executive Director, Pamela Stefanek

















The Sound is Unmistakable

The Duprees are known the world over for their romantic interpretations of some of the most beautiful love songs ever written.

They have made a career out of giving new life to the big band standards and contemporary hits. If you take the Glenn Miller arrangements of the 1940s along with the tunes of Joni James, Frank Sinatra, Jo Stafford, Nat King Cole, (just to name a few) and the vocal harmonies of Tom Petillo, Jimmy Spinellis, and Shawn Stevens and put them together, you have the the sound of The Duprees.

The group, originally from Jersey City, New Jersey, was discovered by George Paxton, the president of Coed Records and former big band leader from the 1940s. Impressed with The Duprees' smooth vocal quality, he had them record Jo Stafford's 1950s ballad "You Belong to Me" with the big band arrangement. It was an instant national hit and the group's first million seller. The unmistakable sound of The Duprees was born and the hits kept rolling:

The Love Songs will Never Die!

You Belong to Me The Sand and the Sea My Own True Love Where are You Ginny It Isn't Fair Gone with the Wind I'm Yours Take Me as I Am Let Them Talk Why Don't You Believe Exodus Have You Heard I Understand Love Eyes It's No Sin Foolish Things The Sky's the Limit

42 years of on-stage performances and still going strong, The Duprees today are Tommy Petillo, Jimmy Spinelli, and Shawn Stevens. They continue to perform all the chart-topping songs you know and love, mixed with contemporary hits of today. After an evening with The Duprees, you'll discover why their harmonies and hits are as timeless as ever.



His sold-out Carnegie Hall debut, "A Middle Eastern Christmas", became a unique tribute to the multiple influences in his background, and was recognized as one of the top 10 best shows of the 2017-18 season by Metro New York.

Acclaimed for his "captivating" performances (iHeart Radio), Amine's artistry has been praised for its innovative approach "pushing the boundaries of operatic music by integrating it with unconventional sounds from around the world" (Broadway World). Hachem has been dubbed as "one of the best tenors today" and as "a voice that can sing anything".

Hachem received classical piano training at the Lebanese National Higher Conservatory of Music from age 8-19. In 2009, he earned a vocal performance diploma from the Academy of Music and Theater in Munich, Germany. He also holds a Bachelor of Arts in International Business Management from Notre Dame University. He continued to refine his craft through private tutoring from various operatic singers in the United States and Europe.

Before transitioning to opera, Amine enjoyed a successful career in pop music. His breakthrough moment on the LBCI prime time program "This is the Song" in 2004, with a viewership of over 15 million people across the Arab world, solidified his status as a well-known artist in the Middle East. Today, he is especially renowned for his portrayals of leading tenor roles in the Italian and French romantic repertoire.

Hachem's operatic and crossover repertoire is diverse, spanning operatic arias, Neapolitan songs, Spanish, French, Brazilian, and Russian folksongs, American Songbook classics, Jazz Standards, Arabic Classics, and timeless Old Hollywood and Broadway masterpieces, all delivered in fresh and innovative arrangements.



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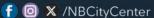












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