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SHORT BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

ELEM ELEY enjoys a remarkably varied career, from opera, oratorio and recital to premières of contemporary vocal music. Four CDs were released to critical acclaim in 2008-2009, two of them on Albany Records—a solo album (with JJ Penna), *Drifts and Shadows: American Song for the New Millennium*, and a featured group of *Three Antarctica Songs* on Laurie Altman's new CD, *On Course*. Mr. Eley is cast in the première recording of the Hagen/Muldoon opera, *Shining Brow*, released in 2009 by Naxos. Additionally, he is featured on a recording of Steven Sametz's *Dulcis Amor*, with the Princeton Singers and tenor John Aler, recently released by Arsis Recordings.

The current season (2009-2010) features a return to Avery Fisher Hall as soloist in *Messiah* with the Peniel Concert Choir, *Carmina Burana* with the Springfield (MO) Symphony, recitals at Berry College and Westminster Choir College of Rider University, and a performance on the *Joy in Singing* Anniversary Gala at Merkin Concert Hall. In 2008-2009, Mr. Eley returned to Lincoln Center with Musica Sacra (Kent Tritle conducting) for *Carmina Burana* and the world première of Alessandro Cadario's *Cantata for Revival*, to the Springfield (MO) Symphony for Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony*, and to the Oratorio Singers of Westfield for Bach's *Mass in b*. Bach was further represented by Christus in the *St. John Passion* (Princeton Pro Musica), and he sang performances of Handel's *Israel in Egypt* at Lehigh University. Elem Eley's 2008 recitals included *Masters of Modern American Art Song II* at Symphony Space in New York City.

With degrees in voice from Baylor University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, the native Georgian pursued doctoral study at Indiana University, studying with Margaret Harshaw. Winner of the 1996 *Joy in Singing Award*, Elem Eley is Professor of Voice at Westminster Choir College of Rider University.

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