

A Little Winter Music

Stephen Sondheim and American Musical Theater

TO: Osher Lifelong Learning Institute members, alumni, and friends.

SUBJECT: Osher Midwinter Lectures: January-February 2010.

MESSAGE: Stephen Sondheim is the most significant and influential composer and lyricist of American musical theater in the past half-century. We will explore the qualities of his work and how it has enlarged the possibilities of musical theater. Audio and video examples from Sondheim's shows and those of his contemporaries will accompany the presentations, including excerpts from *Company*, *A Little Night Music*, *Sweeney Todd*, *Into the Woods*, and more.



WHO: The presenter will be Zeke Hecker, a composer of operas, orchestral pieces, songs, chamber and choral music, and music for plays and films. His music has been performed in America, Spain, and England. Most recently, his musical comedy *The Lift* was staged by the Vermont Theater Company (2009).

WHEN: Three Mondays, January 25, February 1, February 8, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
(Snow date: February 15.)

WHERE: Southeastern Vermont Learning Collaborative, 471 Vermont Route 5, Dummerston. Handicapped accessible.

COST: \$5 per lecture, includes light refreshments.

QUESTIONS: Please call the Learning Collaborative at (802) 257-8600 or toll-free (866) 889-0042.



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