



FOUNDATION FOR THE REVIVAL OF CLASSICAL CULTURE *presents*

# TRIBUTE TO SYLVIA OLDEN LEE MASTER MUSICIAN AND TEACHER

*Organized in collaboration with*  
THE SCHILLER INSTITUTE & HARLEM OPERA THEATER

THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2017  
7:30 PM

A CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION  
CONCERT

CARNEGIE HALL  
STERN AUDITORIUM /  
PERELMAN STAGE

Performances by The Schiller Institute NYC Chorus and  
leading former students & friends of Ms. Lee including:

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## **Selections from: Verdi, Mozart, Schubert, Brahms, Beethoven, & African-American Spirituals**

The program is dedicated to the life and work of Sylvia Olden Lee (June 29, 1917 - April 10, 2004). Ms. Lee, an internationally renowned Classical vocal coach and accompanist, was the first African-American professional hired by the Metropolitan Opera in 1954. Her efforts were instrumental in bringing Marian Anderson to the MET stage in 1955. She was a master of all aspects of Classical music, including African-American Spirituals.

She worked with world-acclaimed singers including: Elizabeth Schumann, Paul Robeson, Robert McFerrin, Gerhard Hüsch, William Warfield, George Shirley, Mattiwilda Dobbs, Jessye Norman and Kathleen Battle.

This concert is dedicated to furthering Sylvia's life-long endeavor:  
Project S.Y.L.V.I.A. -- Saving Young Lyric Voices In Advance.

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