


Kelli O'Hara, Ron Raines to Be Featured on *Celebrating the American Spirit* CD

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Broadway veterans [Kelli O'Hara](#) -- currently starring on Broadway in *Nice Work If You Can Get It* -- and [Ron Raines](#) -- who is about to begin performances in Broadway's *Newsies* -- will be featured on the new CD, *Celebrating the American Spirit*, due out on October 23.

The disc is performed by Essential Voices USA and conducted by Judith Clurman. The centerpiece is *Sing Out, Mr. President*, a song cycle of sixteen newly commissioned compositions set to quotations by American presidents from Washington to Obama that showcases American composers Samuel Adler, Milton Babbitt, Robert Beaser, [Jason Robert Brown](#), Thomas Cabaniss, Jake Heggie, Larry Hochman, Michael Gilbertson, Nora Kroll-Rosenbaum, Andrew Lippa, David Ludwig, Paul Moravec, Nico Muhly, [Georgia Stitt](#), Zachary Wadsworth, and Jesse Wiener.



Kelli O'Hara (© Tristan Fuge)

The CD also features new and newly arranged works by composers and writers such as [Irving Berlin](#), [Leonard Bernstein](#), [Sheldon Harnick](#), Jennifer Higdon, Larry Hochman, Laurie Hochman, David Ludwig, Stephen Paulus, [Marc Shaiman](#), and John Philip Sousa.

Pre-orders for the disc are now being taken at www.sonoluminus.com.