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Grammy Award-Winning Mezzo-Soprano Susan Graham to Perform Benefit Concert at Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas for Texas Tech School of Music

The [J.T. & Margaret Talkington College of Visual & Performing Arts](#) (TCVPA) at [Texas Tech University](#) will present “[An Evening with Susan Graham](#)” at 7:30 p.m. April 5 at the Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas. Graham, one of the university’s most distinguished alumna, will be accompanied by Maestro [Philip Mann](#) and the [Texas Tech University Symphony Orchestra](#) in a selection of the mezzo-soprano’s favorites, from Berlioz to Gershwin.

The concert is a benefit for the college’s [School of Music](#) Building Fund. It is also Graham’s tribute to the training she received at Texas Tech.

“I am looking forward to performing with Maestro Philip Mann and the entire University Symphony Orchestra of Texas Tech,” Graham said. “It really is a homecoming for me.”

Raised in Midland, Graham studied at Texas Tech, graduating with a bachelor of music and a master of music in performance before moving to New York City. She joined the Company of the Metropolitan Opera, debuting in 1991. Gramophone magazine called her “America’s favorite mezzo-soprano.”

“Susan Graham has always been very generous, providing her time and her talent to support Texas Tech,” said TCVPA Dean Noel Zahler. “We are so proud of all she has accomplished in her career.”

The School of Music Building Fund will allow the college to move forward with a new facility.

“The students need new, larger, state-of-the-art facilities to study, rehearse and perform in; they need a school for the future,” said Zahler. “We will reveal plans for the new School of Music building at a later date.”

[Tickets](#) and [sponsorship packages](#) may be purchased via the [event website](#).

About the J.T. & Margaret Talkington College of Visual & Performing Arts

The J.T. & Margaret Talkington College of Visual & Performing Arts at [Texas Tech University](#) in Lubbock includes the [School of Art](#), the [School of Music](#) and the [School of](#)

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Theatre & Dance. The college seeks to prepare students who will be leaders in the profession by offering a diverse array of programs and courses and employing the highest standards in performance, teaching, research and artistic and creative vision.

Home to more than 1,100 students and industry-leading faculty, the college is a dynamic and integral part of the arts community in Lubbock and the greater West Texas area, providing more than 800 public and free events to the community annually and leading innovative, interdisciplinary research initiatives that impact the economy, increase educational success in local schools and improve the health and well-being of members of the communities served.

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