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Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Concert Series program originally scheduled for Oct. 21 at Central Library with Molly Wilmot and Michiko Lohorn has been canceled.

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Mezzo-Soprano Molly Wilmot to Sing Music by Jefferson Bjoraker in Free Concert at Central Library

SAN DIEGO – The fifth concert in the City of San Diego Public Library fall concert series will be held on Sunday, October 21, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. The concert will feature Molly Wilmot, mezzo-soprano, accompanied by Michiko Lohorn on the piano. The performance will be held in the Third Floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego.

The program will focus on music by Jefferson Bjoraker, a composer of traditional art songs with a modern spin. His songs are an interesting composite of late 19th-century music, Tin Pan Alley and folk music. After first making his living as a pianist in carnivals, sideshows, burlesque shows, and cocktail parties, Mr. Bjoraker ended up in New Orleans working as a jazz pianist. Wherever he went, he absorbed the music he heard. Never a very comfortable performer, he went back to school and earned a Ph.D. in theoretical physics and began composing. He has composed music for solo piano, orchestra, and piano and voice. He also works as a theater producer, having most recently produced the hit off-Broadway play *Ham Lake*.

Ms. Wilmot has appeared in lead roles with Lyric Opera San Diego and performs with the San Diego Opera Chorus. She appears regularly and records with the performance art ensemble Pruitt Group in San Diego, Los Angeles, and New York. She has been a guest artist with Sushi Visual and Performance Art, Lower Left, and the Joe Alter Dance Company. She also sings with the professional chamber choir Musica Vitale. She is a recent graduate of the San Diego Emerging Leaders in Arts & Culture mentorship program and is finishing her Bachelors of Music in Vocal Performance at San Diego State University.

Ms. Lohorn has trained as an accompanist, vocal coach, choral conductor, and musical director. A graduate of San Diego State University, she works there as musical director of the opera workshop and vocal coach. Her work experiences include elementary school vocal instruction, San Diego Opera Education and Outreach, and many years of local coaching and performance.

The concert is free and open to the public. **Free parking is available at the Five Star Parking lot adjacent to the Library on Broadway and 8th.** In addition, parking meters are not enforced on Sundays, and other pay parking lots are available in the vicinity of the library.

For further information, please call the Library's Art, Music and Recreation Section at 236-5810, or visit the Library's Web site at www.sandiegolibrary.org.