



BLUE HERON
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& CATERING

What Am I Doing Here?

Dinner and performance by Sirgourney Cook

A benefit for Bridge 4 Unity

Saturday, December 1, 2018 | 6:30 PM

Lincoln Hall at the Blue Heron

hors d'oeuvres

Blue Heron Roasted Olives
Pimento Cheese Spread & Crostini

salad

Winter Salad

Endive, Arugula, Apple, Roasted Squash, Dried Cranberries
Blue Cheese, Banyuls Vinaigrette

entree

(please select one)

Braised Beef Short Rib

Red Wine Braising Jus, Crispy Root Vegetable Strings
Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Roasted Carrots

Pan-Seared Salmon

Sherry Beurre Blanc, Pomegranate Glaze
Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Roasted Carrots

Torta Bianca

Layers of Housemade Lasagna Noodles, Bechamel Sauce
Spinach, Mushrooms, Roasted Red Peppers
Roasted Tomato Sauce, Parmigiano-Reggiano

dessert

Chocolate Torte

Brandied Cherries, Whipped Cream

\$85/person

(price does not include beverages, tax or gratuity)



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Soprano Sirgourney Cook, a Chicago native, completed her graduate education at Longy School of Music of Bard College in Cambridge, earning a Master of Music Degree in Opera Performance, May 2016, where she studied with the late Baritone, Robert Honeysucker. Prior to her time at Longy, Sirgourney toured as the soprano background vocalist for Oscar and Grammy Award Winning Actress and Recording Artist Jennifer Hudson for over three years. She was featured as a soloist in Duke Ellington's "Concerts of Sacred Music" conducted by Ellington's protégé, Maestro Randall Keith Horton at Boston University's 2017 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Commemoration. As a member of the Boston Lyric Opera Chorus she will perform in BLO's 2019 production of *The Handmaid's Tale*.

In 2017, Sirgourney debuted her one-woman show *What Am I Doing Here?*, at the Central Square Theatre, in Cambridge, MA, in production with The Boston Opera Collaborative of which she was a member for two years. Recently, she was seen performing the principal role, Cora (Nat Turner's wife), in the world premier of the sung-through musical concert performance, *Brother Nat* at the Paramount Theatre in Boston, MA. Sirgourney is currently on the Voice Faculty of the Community Music School of Buffalo, NY and the Joyful Noise after school program of the Holy Trinity Church of Buffalo, NY.

Proceeds from this event will benefit Bridge4Unity, a grass-roots organization devoted to interracial and intercultural dialogues, and is committed to connecting people by breaking down the barriers of mistrust and fear.

The organization is raising travel funds and hosting costs to be able to experience courageous dialogue and cultural exchange between participants from the South Carolina Low Country and the Massachusetts Pioneer Valley. The cultural exchange will involve participants staying in the homes of the host group, a dialogue session each day, and a public meeting in each community.



Visit www.gofundme.com/Bridge4Unity for more information.