

Office of the Mayor

CITY OF NEW YORK



Proclamation

WHEREAS: THE ONLY FLOATING CONCERT HALL IN THE WORLD TO PRESENT CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERTS EVERY WEEK ALL YEAR LONG, BARGEMUSIC HAS BEEN MOORED AT THE FOOT OF NEW YORK'S ICONIC BROOKLYN BRIDGE FOR MORE THAN THIRTY YEARS. FEATURING A SMALL STAGE AND STUNNING VIEWS OF THE EAST RIVER AND THE LOWER MANHATTAN SKYLINE, A NIGHT AT THIS VENUE IS QUITE UNLIKE LISTENING TO CHAMBER MUSIC IN ANY OTHER SETTING. WITH AT LEAST FOUR CONCERTS A WEEK, ITS DIVERSE MUSICAL REPERTOIRE DRAWS IN LOCAL AUDIENCES AND VISITORS ALIKE—MAKING BARGEMUSIC ONE OF OUR CITY'S GREATEST CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS.

WHEREAS: HUNDREDS OF DISTINGUISHED AND EMERGING ARTISTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD HAVE GRACED THE STAGE OF BARGEMUSIC. FROM PERFORMANCES OF CLASSICAL PIECES TO JAZZ ENSEMBLES TO WORLD PREMIERES OF DARING NEW WORKS, THIS ORGANIZATION IS A BEACON FOR LIVE MUSIC. IN ORDER TO MAKE MUSIC ACCESSIBLE TO EVERYONE, IT ALSO OFFERS DISCOUNTED TICKETS FOR STUDENTS AND SENIORS, AS WELL AS FREE-ADMISSION CONCERTS ON SELECT SATURDAY AFTERNOONS.

WHEREAS: TONIGHT, I JOIN WITH ALL THOSE GATHERED HERE IN WISHING FOUNDER OLGA BLOOM A VERY HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY. SHE GAVE UP HER CAREER AS A VIOLINIST AND VIOLIST IN 1976 TO CREATE BARGEMUSIC, AND BY RENOVATING THE BARGE WITH JUST FOUR PEOPLE (INCLUDING HER PRE-SCHOOL-AGED NIECE) SHE SUCCEEDED IN TURNING A NEGLECTED CARGO BARGE INTO A BEAUTIFUL CONCERT HALL. MS. BLOOM HAS SAID, "TODAY OUR CARGO IS BEAUTIFUL MUSIC. OUR AUDIENCE AND SUPPORTERS ARE THE GOOD, BRAVE, STRONG TOWBOATS PULLING US ALONG IN OUR DESTINY—AS ARE THE FINE ARTISTS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD WHO PERFORM HERE, AND THE GOOD, BRAVE, STRONG CAPTAIN MARK PESKANOV WHO PROGRAMS OUR MYSTICAL ENDEAVOR." ON BEHALF OF ALL NEW YORKERS, I COMMEND MS. BLOOM FOR BRINGING HER VISION TO OUR GREAT CITY, AND WISH HER A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND MANY MORE YEARS OF BEAUTIFUL MUSIC.

NOW THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, IN HONOR OF THIS IMPORTANT ANNIVERSARY DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND, 2009 IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK AS:

"BARGEMUSIC DAY"



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO
SET MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
TO BE AFFIXED.

Michael R. Bloomberg
MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG
MAYOR