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Photo: Kelli O'Hara and Sutton Foster (photos, credits and links below)

### **STALLER CENTER 2019-20 SEASON UPDATES: AN EVENING WITH KELLI O'HARA AND SUTTON FOSTER**

September 4, 2019, Stony Brook, NY – Kelli O'Hara and Sutton Foster will be headlining the [2020 Staller Center Gala](#) on March 7th. Kelli O'Hara and Sutton Foster are Tony Award Winners and two of Broadway's greatest leading ladies. [An Evening with Kelli O'Hara and Sutton Foster](#) will be the first time that these two vocal powerhouses will perform together on the same bill. This new pairing of extremely talented artists will be an absolute treat for all. *"Sutton and Kelli have always wanted to do a show together, and we're thrilled to have them perform solos and duets with their bands on our stage for the 2020 Gala,"* says Alan Inkles, Director of the Staller Center for the Arts.

On Broadway, **Kelli O'Hara's** portrayal of Anna Leonowens in the critically acclaimed revival of "The King and I" garnered her the 2015 Tony Award for Best Leading Actress in a Musical, along with Grammy, Drama League, and Outer Critics nominations. O'Hara recently received her first Emmy Award nomination for Outstanding Actress In A Short Form Comedy of Drama Series for her portrayal of Katie Bonner in the hit web series "The Accidental Wolf." **Sutton Foster** is an award-winning actress, singer, and dancer who has performed in 11 Broadway shows – most recently the revival of "Violet" – and originated roles in the Broadway productions of "The Drowsy Chaperone," "Little Women," "Young Frankenstein," "Shrek The Musical," and her Tony Award-winning performances in "Anything Goes" and "Thoroughly Modern Millie." She will star in the upcoming revival of "The Music Man" with Hugh Jackman next fall.

#### **MORE ABOUT SUTTON FOSTER:**

[Sutton Foster](#) currently stars in TVLand's award-winning series, "Younger" currently in its sixth season. She was first seen on television on "Star Search" at age 15, and has more recently appeared in "Bunheads," "Psych," "Johnny and the Sprites," "Flight of the Conchords," "Sesame Street," "Law and Order SVU," and "Royal Pains". As a solo artist, Sutton has performed all over the country as well as internationally featuring songs from her debut solo CD "[Wish](#)," her follow-up CD, "[An Evening With Sutton Foster: Live at the Cafe Carlyle](#)," and her latest CD, "[Take Me To The World](#)." She has graced the stages of Carnegie Hall, Feinstein's at the Regency, Lincoln Center's American Songbook series, and many others.

#### **MORE ABOUT KELLI O'HARA:**

[Kelli O'Hara](#) reprised her Tony-Winning role while making her "West End" debut this past summer for which The Times hailed her as "*Broadway musical's undisputed queen*" adding "*Kelli O'Hara does not just play Anna, she owns the part.*" Other Broadway credits include "The Bridges of Madison County," "Nice Work If You Can Get It," "South Pacific," "The Pajama

Game,” “The Light in the Piazza,” “Sweet Smell of Success,” “Follies, Dracula,” and “Jekyll & Hyde.” Kelli received a 2018 Webby nomination for her role in the hit web-series thriller “The Accidental Wolf” and appears in the second season of Netflix’s series “13 Reasons Why.” Her concerts have gained international acclaim, spanning from New York’s Carnegie Hall all the way to Tokyo. She is a frequent performer on PBS’s live telecasts and the Kennedy Center Honors. Along with two Grammy Award nominations, her solo albums, “[Always](#)” and “[Wonder in the World](#)” are available from Ghostlight Records.

Visit [stallercenter.com](http://stallercenter.com) for tickets and information for the 2020 Gala and 2019-20 Season. Click [here](#) for a video preview of Kelli & Sutton.



#### **STALLER 2019-20 SEASON AT-A-GLANCE:**

**STORM LARGE:** Saturday, September. 28, 2019, 8 pm [Click Here for Video](#)

**DAVID SANBORN QUINTET:** Saturday, October 12, 2019, 8 pm [Click Here for Video](#)

**EMERSON STRING QUARTET:** Tuesday, October 15, 2019, 7 pm

**ENSEMBLE ESPANOL SPANISH DANCE THEATER:** Saturday, October 26, 2019, 8 pm [Click Here for Video](#)

**STALLER KIDS: Instrument Petting Zoo: The Concert!:** Sunday, November 3, 2019, 3 pm

**RANDALL SCARLATA AND GILBERT KALISH:** Wednesday, November 6, 2019, 7 pm

**WYNTON MARSALIS:** Saturday. November 9, 2019, 8 pm [Click Here for Video](#)

**JARROD SPECTOR IN (CON)ARTIST:** Friday. November 15, 2019, 8 pm [Click Here for Video](#)

**STARRY NIGHTS:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019, 7 pm

**EMERSON STRING QUARTET:** Wednesday, December. 4, 2019, 7 pm

**A CELTIC FAMILY CHRISTMAS:** Saturday, December 14, 2019, 7 pm [Click Here for Video](#)

**BODY TRAFFIC:** Saturday, February 8, 2020, 8 pm [Click Here for Video](#)

**TAO DRUM 2020:** Saturday, February 15, 2020, 7 pm [Click Here for Video](#)

**GALA 2020:** An Evening with Kelli O’Hara and Sutton Foster: Saturday, March 7, 2020, 8 pm

**STARRY NIGHTS:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020, 7 pm

**A CAPELLA LIVE:** Saturday, March 14, 2020, 7 pm

**STALLER KIDS: Jack Licitra: U are the music!:** Sunday, March 15, 2020, 3 pm

**RUSSIAN NATIONAL BALLET IN GISELLE:** Saturday, March 21, 2020, 8 pm

**BELA FLECK & THE FLECKTONES:** Saturday, March 28, 2020, 8 pm [Click Here for Video](#)

**EMERSON STRING QUARTET:** Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 8 pm

**CAROL WINCENC:** Thursday, April 16, 2020, 7 pm

**DIABOLO:** Saturday, April 18, 2020, 8 pm [Click Here for Video](#)

**DOO WOP PROJECT:** Saturday, May 2, 2020, 8 pm [Click Here for Video](#)

**METROPOLITAN OPERA: LIVE IN HD:** Ten Metropolitan Opera presentations in high-definition screened in the Staller Center Main Stage. This year’s lineup includes “Madama Butterfly,” “Wozzeck,” “Porgy and Bess,” and more. Visit [stallercenter.com/opera](http://stallercenter.com/opera) for more information.

**LONDON'S NATIONAL THEATRE: LIVE IN HD:** HAMLET with Benedict Cumberbatch on September 21 and THE AUDIENCE with Helen Mirren on February 16. For more information visit [stallercenter.com/nationaltheatre](http://stallercenter.com/nationaltheatre)

*\*Due to circumstances beyond our control Matthew Morrison will no longer be performing at the 2020 Gala at the Staller Center for the Arts. Please contact the Box Office at (631) 632-ARTS [2787] for ticket updates and information.*

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