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CREDITS:

JEAN THOMAS, Ph. D., served as the Artistic Director and Founder of THE DEAR FRIENDS, the only professional musical ensemble nationwide that was devoted primarily to the performance of 19th-century American music. In their 20-year career as a performing and recording ensemble-in-residence at the University of Pittsburgh, THE DEAR FRIENDS performed twice at the Smithsonian Institution and toured throughout the mid-Atlantic region.

KATE YOUNG is an actress/singer, currently based in Chicago, who tours widely in regional theatre. Career highlights include concerts and recordings with THE DEAR FRIENDS as well as appearances at Carnegie Hall and with the Cleveland, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh Symphonies. The Pittsburgh Irish and Classical Theatre’s tour to Ireland with Kate as Lady Britomart in Shaw’s MAJOR BARBARA stands out as one of her favorite memories as an actress during her Pittsburgh years before moving to Chicago in 2002.