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## Performance Arts Series *66<sup>th</sup> & Broadway* Shines Spotlight on Frank Wildhorn on THIRTEEN and WLIW21 in October

*Broadcast to coincide with the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual New York Cabaret Convention*

**66<sup>th</sup> & Broadway**, WNET's local performing arts series, which showcases the town's thriving cabaret scene, returns with two new editions to its lineup: **66<sup>th</sup> & Broadway: Mark Nadler** and **66<sup>th</sup> & Broadway: Frank Wildhorn & Friends**.

Taped before a live audience at the Tisch WNET Studios at Lincoln Center, and premiering on Thursday October 1 at 10 p.m. on WLIW21 and Sunday, October 11 at 7 p.m. on THIRTEEN, the second of the two new editions features the multi-Grammy and Tony-nominated composer and lyricist **Frank Wildhorn**.

Joined by Clint Holmes, Carrie Manolakos and Adrienne Warren, Wildhorn performs some of his best-loved songs, including Whitney Houston's hit "Where do Broken Hearts Go?" and "A New Life" from *Jekyll & Hyde*. His performances for **66<sup>th</sup> & Broadway** also features "Sad Eyes," "Anything Can Happen" and "Gold," among others.

Wildhorn is known for his work in both musicals and popular music. In 1999 he became the first American composer to have three shows running simultaneously on Broadway: *Jekyll & Hyde*, *The Scarlet Pimpernel* and *The Civil War*. He is also a prominent composer globally, with many productions in Europe and Asia that have had long runs.

Beyond his work with Whitney Houston, Wildhorn has worked with numerous artists in the popular music arena including: Natalie Cole, Kenny Rogers, Sammy Davis Jr., Liza Minnelli, Julie Andrews, Freddie Jackson, Deana Carter, Tracy Lawrence, John Berry, Trisha Yearwood, Trace Adkins, Patti LaBelle, Bryan White, Amy Grant, Ben Vereen, Regina Belle, The Moody Blues, Jeffrey Osborne, Stacy Lattisaw, Dennis DeYoung, Molly Hatchet, Brenda Russell, John Raitt, Anthony Warlow, Stanley Turrentine, Johnny Mathis, and Colm Wilkinson.

**66<sup>th</sup> & Broadway** premieres these new shows as, The Mabel Mercer Foundation prepares to present the 26<sup>th</sup> New York Cabaret Convention later in the month.

After the initial broadcast, this episode of **66<sup>th</sup> & Broadway** will be available to a national audience for online streaming at <http://www.thirteen.org/programs/66th-and-broadway/>.

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David Stern is director. Mike Kostel is executive producer. Judy Moy is broadcast producer. Diane Masciale is general manager of WLIW21 and executive producer of local production, including the **66<sup>th</sup> & Broadway** series.

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