

Nuria Protopopescu 9/21/1982 - 5/13/2012

The Protopopescu Memorial Fund was created in 2012 to honor Nuria Protopopescu, a PhD student at Stony Brook University's School of Marine and Atmospheric Science (SoMAS). The fund supports the Protopopescu Memorial Teaching Award, given annually to a SoMAS graduate student based on demonstrated excellence in teaching, innovation and creativity in instructional plans and materials, and engagement with and dedication to their students.

Nuria obtained her B.Sc. in Agricultural and Environmental Sciences with distinction from McGill University in Montreal Canada in 2004. She came to Stony Brook University in 2005 as a PhD student in Marine Geochemistry. Her research

involved development of a planar calcium sensor for use in marine environments.

Nuria was a dedicated and enthusiastic teacher. She served for seven years as an instructor and Teaching Assistant at the Stony Brook Department of Chemistry. Her creative instructional methods included a lab exercise where students made molecular models from gummy bears and toothpicks and an essay assignment to discuss the possibility of extraterrestrial life based on silicon instead of carbon.

Nuria's awards included the Brookhaven National Laboratory Science Associates Scholarship, the McGill University Gold Key Award for outstanding contributions to extracurricular activities, the Jeff Mills Memorial Scholarship and Sandra Letendre Memorial Prize, and the W. Burghart Turner Dissertation Fellowship.

Nuria was a certified scuba diver, a talented jazz vocalist, and held a US Coast Guard Near-coastal OUPV Captain's license. She was often involved in organizing SoMAS social events where her dance moves and party attire were both renowned. Her talent, energy, and enthusiasm eventually resulted in an office door nameplate reading "The Fabulous Nuria Protopopescu", hence the name for this concert.

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In memory of the "Fabulous" Nuria Protopopescu Proceeds benefit the Protopopescu Memorial Teaching Award

> 7:30 pm, October 20th, 2014 Wang Center Theater Stony Brook University

## The Show

**ACT II: BLOWAGE** The Stony Brook University Jazz Ensemble

**Duke Ellington** 

Caravan Duke Ellington

Whistle Blues Mary Lou Williams & Milton Orent

Mambo En El Patio Perez Prado

Blowage 14 Ray Anderson

The Credits

Musicians:

Black and Tan Fantasy

Reeds: Deniz Gunaydin, Scott Litroff, Dan Minogue, Kunal Singh, Barami Waspe, Tom Wilson.

Trumpets: Ethan Beihl, Ben Geoghean, Tom Manuel.

Trombones: Joe Albanese, Pete Celentano, Chris Kollar, Collin Richardson.

Bass: Taylor Ackley. Piano: Jules Cohen. Drums: Kevin Laskey. Guitar: Alexander McGuiness, Vocals: Tzvia Pinkhasov,

Ray Anderson, trombone and director.

Organizers/volunteers: John Corcacas, Carol Dovi, Gina Gartin, John Graham, Hanlu Huang, Mark Lang, Steve Ortega, Liz Perez, Alex Sneddon, Cuiyu Wang, Tom Wilson.

Thanks to: Elizabeth Kerins, David Ullman, and the staff of the Wang Center.

Special Thanks to YOU for coming. "Without an audience it's just a rehearsal!"

Welcome

**ACT 1: COMBOS** 

Out of Nowhere Johnny Green

The Rhythm Section

There Will Never Be Another You Harry Warren Tom Manuel, trumpet

Walter "Gil" Fuller Tin Tin Deo

Scott Litroff, saxophone

In a Sentimental Mood **Duke Ellington** Ray Anderson, trombone

Musician auctions: Tom, Scott, and Ray

"TAKE TEN"

(intermission while we work up the auction choices)

Command performance I: Tom Manuel, trumpet

Command performance II: Scott Litroff, saxophone

Command performance III: Ray Anderson, trombone