

From Peru to Patee: A Cole Porter Jubilee, Opening Lecture Friday 18th, 3pm



Exhibit will be on view from October 18 – January 31 Memorabilia Room, Sterling Memorial Library In celebration of the 100th anniversary of Cole Porter’s graduation from Yale in 1913, the Yale Music Library are offering an exhibition of his life and work. Among Yale’s most notable musical alumni, Porter (1891-1964) is recognized as one the greatest composers for Broadway and Hollywood during the golden years. Only two – Porter and Irving Berlin – wrote their own lyrics. And what beguiling music, such incomparable lyrics! Porter songs enlivened top Broadway musicals from the 1930s through the 1950s, but also survived many now-forgotten shows to enter the American songbook and to be sung by crooners, pop singers, and jazz artists, as well as rock stars, cowboys, and opera divas. Generations have included Porter’s songs in the soundtracks of their lives – enduring standards such as “Night and Day,” “I Get a Kick Out of You,” “Begin the Beguine,” and “You’re the Top!” Drawing on the Gilmore Music Library’s extensive Cole Porter Collection, the exhibit presents photographs, letters, scrapbooks, and music manuscripts to illustrate the life and work of this remarkable man. A touchscreen computer table offers film clips and recordings of Porter’s stylish and sophisticated songs. The exhibit will be on display in the Memorabilia Room of Sterling Memorial Library from October 19 through January 31, 2014. An opening lecture will be held on Friday October 18 at 3:00pm – “Images of Cole Porter: The Man, The Voice” by Professor James Hepokoski, Chair of the Department of Music at Yale. Both the opening talk and the exhibit is free and open to the public.

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