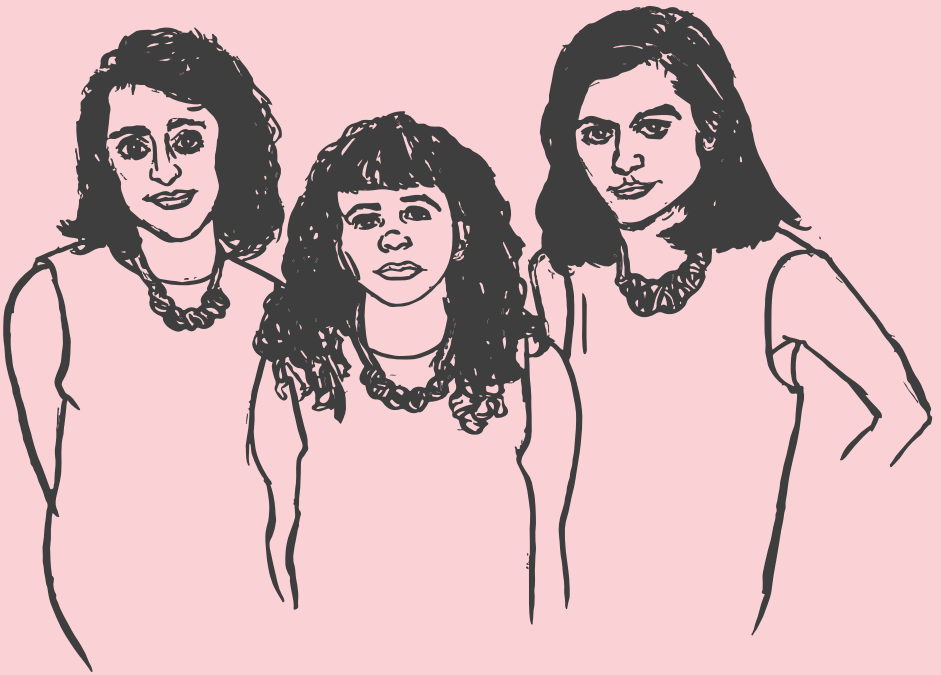


# THREE BUSY DEBRAS



**CARNEGIE HALL**

Thursday, September 22, 2016 | 8:00pm

# CAST

# BIOS



Sandy Honig



Mitra Jouhari



Alyssa Stonoha



Henry Koperski



Peter Smith

## SANDY HONIG DEBRA

Poised over her Caesar salad, thoughtfully sipping an iced latte, Sandy Honig brushed the curly hair out of her eyes. "I think Juilliard is where it all started," she said, meeting my gaze. Honig started her Juilliard stint when she was just 15, discovered at a Sam Ash when she simply picked up a grand piano and began playing, having never seen the instrument or heard a song before. "I don't know," she said shyly, "I guess I just came up with music all on my own." She is being humble. She went on to become the youngest professional organist of all time, leading to the nickname (*and viral t-shirt*) "Neo Organ Girl." As the first millennial organist, she created the world's first traveling organ. This is her comedy debut.

## MITRA JOUHARI DEBRA

According to urban legend, Mitra Jouhari is the only person in recorded history to be born a triple threat. Scientists have been studying her for years but she tries not to let 'modern science' get her down. She obviously went to Juilliard, where she learned how to say her own name and the phrase 'I am an ACTRESS' in 40 other languages and no other phrases. She is thrilled to perform at Carnegie Hall for the first and last time tonight. Credits include: Swan in *Swan Lake*, Cat in *Cats*, and Othello in *Hamlet*. Mitra has been method acting as herself for the past 23 years and has no plans to stop anytime soon. YES, girlfriend! This bio used to be 18 pages long and it pains her to shrink it down. Mitra has eaten over one thousand resumes.

## ALYSSA STONOHA DEBRA

With her colorful history of denying interviews, I have trepidation extending my wet hand out to Alyssa Stonoha over her table in the West Village's Waverly Inn, right under her own Sorel. My compulsion to ask her why she agreed to speak with me bursts out. "It's for Carnegie," she says with the soft coldness unique to her, "it's only for Carnegie." Having begun studying at Julliard—not the pre-college, she is quick to remind—at the age of 11, her precociousness has followed her into her recent ascent to 21. "I'm done. I studied drama, dramaturgy, dance, viola, and composition. Now I do those things. Where else is there to go?" She says her career is culminating to Three Busy Debras' show, "Three Busy Debras Play Carnegie Hall," and her break from performance and entertainment may be decades-long. "I'm exhausted. I need to retreat for twenty years." Let's hope, for our sake, she gets her rest. Soon. And fast. – *Remnick*

# BIOS

## HENRY KOPERSKI PIANIST

Henry Koperski is a multi-instrumentalist and composer from Grand Rapids, MI. Since 2011, he has now been regularly performing all over New York City as a saxophonist, pianist, singer, and accordionist. He has played for dozens of notable performers from TV, theater, and film and has also collaborated as a writer and producer with many more. The combination of music and comedy is his favorite thing in the world, and he's so happy to be doing that at Carnegie Hall!

## PETER SMITH MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Peter Smith is an actor and entertainer. You can currently see Peter right in front of you as "Peter." Find them on the internet with @PTRSMTH. Their e-mail is smithmichaelpeter@gmail.com. Ask Peter for their phone number. Peter travels well. Peter cooks well. Peter fell down the well. Peter is hurt. Really badly hurt. Call an ambulance.

# THE PIANO

The house piano is a nine foot Steinway grand tuned to A442. According to Steinway, the patented Steinway grand is the "gold standard of musical instruments." In keeping with time-honored tradition, the piano has 88 keys—52 white and 36 black. This Steinway grand piano is not portable and does not leave Carnegie Hall. The piano is actually a percussive instrument, as exemplified by pianists banging and slamming the keys and body of the Grand P. The first piano ever invented was a drum, but the first piano as we know it today was invented during World War I to lift American soldiers' spirits by turning German communications into beautiful melodies. Most famously, *The Zimmermann Telegram* was transcribed to become beloved clown song, "Entry of The Gladiators," also known as "Thunder and Blazes." Tonight, history will be made once more, as Weill Recital Hall's Steinway grand piano will be the first piano ever used in a play.

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