



# Stephen Sondheim's *Into the Woods*

with Dr. Gil Harel

**Tuesday, December 5th \* 6:30pm**  
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By 1987, Stephen Sondheim had racked up one of the most impressive resumes in the history of the Broadway canon. In addition to scoring numerous award-winning shows, he had also established himself as one of the great lyricists of the 20th century (indeed, while Bernstein wrote the music, it was Sondheim who provided the lyrics for *West Side Story*). *Into the Woods* presents the audience with a story that interweaves aspects of various fairy tales, including those involving Little Red Riding Hood, Jack and the Beanstalk, Rapunzel, and more. Framed by an ambitious score, the musical tackles timeless themes including maturation, wish fulfillment, and how family shapes our lives. Join us for this delightful, music-filled program!



Dr. Gil Harel (PhD, Brandeis University) is a musicologist and music theorist whose interests include styles ranging from western art music to contemporary musical theater. Previously, he served on the faculty at CUNY Baruch College (where he was awarded the prestigious "Presidential Excellence Award for Distinguished Teaching"). Currently, he is Full Professor of Music at CT State Naugatuck Valley, where he has been presented with the AFT "Merit Award for Exemplary Service to the College" for 6 consecutive years. In 2020, he was honored with the coveted Connecticut Board of Regents (BOR) Teaching Award. At NVCC, Dr. Harel conducts the college chorale, a cappella ensemble, teaches music history and theory, and serves as musical director of theater productions.



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