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Dear Friends, Family, Colleagues and Presenters:

I have recently been immersed in rehearsals with an amazingly gifted singer, the American Bass-Baritone David Ripley. We are preparing two of the greatest works for voice and piano - Schumann's *Dichterliebe* and Brahms' *Four Serious Songs*. It has often occurred to me during our sessions how important music has been not only to the composers themselves, but to performers and audiences alike - and indeed, how important it has been in my life. Among my earliest memories are those of sitting at the piano, totally captured by the different sounds I was hearing.



I am very excited to write to you all about my (new) Manager, Patti Spaniola. Patti and I met after a recital I gave in January 2008 in Pensacola, Florida. She is married to a wonderful composer and has great knowledge and experience as a businesswoman. She is also just a wonderful person and I hope that you will all meet or hear from her at some point!

Many other exciting projects have been in the works as well. My website, www.chadrbowles.com has been rebuilt and will continue to be expanded. Also, the recording of Richard Strauss' *Enoch Arden* I made with David Ripley back in 2006 is nearing completion (finally!). In the coming months, I plan to record a CD of six Piano Sonatas by Joseph Haydn. In 2009 I will record a CD of the music of Chopin, including the Opus 10 Études coupled with the Third Sonata. After that comes a CD of Encores - you'll have to wait and see what I have up my sleeve for that one!

Overall, many exciting things are happening! I hope you will all stay tuned via the website and I will look forward to seeing many of you at some of my recitals!

Best wishes for the Summer,

Chad