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ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA -- A love of traveling will set the tone for a special recital by Deborah Popham on Oct. 6 in the Frances May Barnes Recital Hall.

Popham is an associate professor of voice at Shorter University in Rome, Georgia, where she teaches voice and vocal pedagogy and acts as the coordinator of the vocal division of the Department of Music.

Her concert's program takes inspiration from travel to several countries filled with rich imagery: songs of Venice by composer Hahn that recall rocking gondolas along the canals on a starry evening; tunes by Francis Poulenc that emulate Paris, London and love; a set of Russian-sounding songs by composer Rachmaninov that bring both melancholy and the joy of spring's arrival; and a conclusion of American art song with texts.

"I have a special affinity for the music of this recital," Popham said. "Personally, these songs may be among my favorites of any recital I have performed to date."

Popham has won multiple awards from the National Association in Teachers of Singing, including the Emerging Leader Award.

Her performance, accompanied by pianist Ben Harris of Vanderbilt University, will begin at 7:30 p.m. and is a free cultural event. It is also open to the public.

On Tuesday, Oct. 7, Popham will give a master class to students at 11 a.m. in Barnes.

For more information, contact the Department of Music at 803/323-2255.