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**WRITTEN AND PERFORMED BY ROBERT CHIONIS
PIANO: STEPHEN DELANEY**

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Featuring theatre and cabaret songs by an eclectic mix of Broadway songwriters and classical composers, including William Bolcom, John Bucchino, William Finn, Ricky Ian Gordon, Adam Guettel, Brian Lasser and Charles Strouse, ***Surviving Love*** is the story of an isolated gay youth who escapes from Nowhere, USA to New York City and finds love during the onset of the AIDS epidemic.

Playwright/performer Robert Chionis, who lived in several major US cities during the height of the epidemic, describes ***Surviving Love*** as "my AIDS quilt for several of my friends."

Robert Chionis was born in Chicago. He studied at the St. Louis Conservatory of Music and the University of Houston. He has performed in operas, operettas, musicals and concerts in Europe and the U.S., in venues such as Houston Grand Opera, the Santa Fe Opera, Theater an der Wien, the Vienna Musikverein and the Konzerthaus Vienna. His shows include "At Shadow's Edge" and "The Road to Fame," performed in Vienna's Akzent Theater.

Stephen Delaney was born in Sydney. He completed a Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance at the University of Sydney. He continued his studies in Vienna at the Universität für Musik und darstellende Kunst and later at the Vienna Conservatorium of Music. He is a member of the faculties of both the Vienna Conservatorium of Music and the Universität für Musik und darstellende Kunst Wien, working as a vocal coach.

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