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Burt Bacharach, Dionne Warwick, and Hal David: The Synergy of Genius

Dr. Rachel Franklin

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Syllabus and media

Burt Bacharach composed for countless important artists during his storied 80-year career, but he and his lyricist Hal David reserved some of their most visionary work for the magnificent Dionne Warwick.

Lecturer, concert pianist, and Bacharach and Warwick fan **Rachel Franklin** explores the unique power and depth of their creative relationship, and the extraordinary legacy of songbook masterpieces that these great artists have bequeathed us. Among the many beloved songs covered in the program, highlights include “Walk on By,” “I Say a Little Prayer,” “Anyone Who Had a Heart,” “Alfie,” “Don't Make Me Over,” and “I'll Never Fall in Love Again.”

British-born Franklin has been a featured speaker for organizations including the Library of Congress and NPR, exploring intersections among classical and jazz music, film scores, and the fine arts.

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Works discussed, media used:

Burt Bacharach, Dionne Warwick, Hal David. "I Say a Little Prayer" studio rehearsal, 1967

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iBUDjZxC4co>

A&E documentary on Bacharach

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HgwjVLOjFpA>

BBC documentary on Bacharach

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=08a2q3ZzoP8>

Warwick with Bacharach, live in Belgium, 1964

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZdvYTRQPMLI>

Warwick hosting Solid Gold, singing "Alfie" with Bacharach, 1986

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=dionne+warwick%2C+solid+gold%2C+alfie%2C+burt+bacharach

Warwick singing "I'll Never Fall in Love Again"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FzQBOBoPg04>

Warwick, Stevie Wonder, Elton John, Gladys Knight, "That's What Friends Are For" recording session, 1985

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aliXlyRa47A>

Bacharach, Warwick, "Walk On By"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ILGdYpQGH8>

Warwick, Bacharach, "I Say a Little Prayer"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GqVx_2d4v4U