The Protopopescu Memorial Fund was created in 2012 to honor Nuria Protopopescu, a PhD student at Stony Brook University’s School of Marine and Atmospheric Science (SoMAS). The fund supports the Protopopescu Memorial Teaching Award, given annually to a SoMAS graduate student based on demonstrated excellence in teaching, innovation and creativity in instructional plans and materials, and engagement with and dedication to their students.

Nuria obtained her B.Sc. in Agricultural and Environmental Sciences with distinction from McGill University in Montreal Canada in 2004. She came to Stony Brook University in 2005 as a PhD student in Marine Geochemistry. Her research involved development of a planar calcium sensor for use in marine environments.

Nuria was a dedicated and enthusiastic teacher. She served for seven years as an instructor and Teaching Assistant at the Stony Brook Department of Chemistry. Her creative instructional methods included a lab exercise where students made molecular models from gummy bears and toothpicks and an essay assignment to discuss the possibility of extraterrestrial life based on silicon instead of carbon.

Nuria's awards included the Brookhaven National Laboratory Science Associates Scholarship, the McGill University Gold Key Award for outstanding contributions to extracurricular activities, the Jeff Mills Memorial Scholarship and Sandra Letendre Memorial Prize, and the W. Burghart Turner Dissertation Fellowship.

Nuria was a certified scuba diver, a talented jazz vocalist, and held a US Coast Guard Near-coastal OUPV Captain's license. She was often involved in organizing SoMAS social events where her dance moves and party attire were both renowned. Her talent, energy, and enthusiasm eventually resulted in an office door nameplate reading "The Fabulous Nuria Protopopescu", hence the name for this concert.

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The Show

Welcome

ACT I: COMBOS

Out of Nowhere Johnny Green
The Rhythm Section

There Will Never Be Another You Harry Warren
Tom Manuel, trumpet

Tin Tin Deo Walter "Gil" Fuller
Scott Litroff, saxophone

In a Sentimental Mood Duke Ellington
Ray Anderson, trombone

Musician auctions: Tom, Scott, and Ray

"TAKE TEN"
(intermission while we work up the auction choices)

Command performance I: Tom Manuel, trumpet

Command performance II: Scott Litroff, saxophone

Command performance III: Ray Anderson, trombone

ACT II: BLOWAGE

The Stony Brook University Jazz Ensemble

Black and Tan Fantasy Duke Ellington
Caravan Duke Ellington
Whistle Blues Mary Lou Williams & Milton Orent
Mambo En El Patio Perez Prado
Blowage 14 Ray Anderson

The Credits

Musicians:
Trumpets: Ethan Beihl, Ben Geoghean, Tom Manuel.
Trombones: Joe Albanese, Pete Celentano, Chris Kollar, Collin Richardson.
Ray Anderson, trombone and director.

Organizers/volunteers: John Corcacas, Carol Dovi, Gina Gartin, John Graham, Hanlu Huang, Mark Lang, Steve Ortega, Liz Perez, Alex Sneddon, Cuiyu Wang, Tom Wilson.

Thanks to: Elizabeth Kerins, David Ullman, and the staff of the Wang Center.

Special Thanks to YOU for coming.
"Without an audience it's just a rehearsal!"