

**USA TODAY NAMES KELLI O'HARA THEIR MUSIC
'PICK OF THE WEEK'**

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**O'Hara Nominated for Tony Award for Starring Role in 'South
Pacific'**



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*Wonder in the World
Kelli O'Hara with
Harry Connick Jr.*

Now starring in Broadway's *South Pacific*, O'Hara is one of the most talented and versatile singer/actresses of her generation. On this title track of her debut album — one of several written by Connick, who co-starred with O'Hara in a 2006 production of *The Pajama Game* and who provided arrangements and orchestrations for the album — O'Hara's soprano, at once earthy and pristine, gleams with tenderness and unforced awe. Little surprise that Connick sounds pretty wonder-struck himself. — Elysa Gardner

By Jimmy Ryan



USA TODAY has selected singer **Kelli O'Hara's 'Wonder In The World'** as their Music 'PICK OF THE WEEK'. Writer Elysa

Gardner praised O'Hara as **"One of the most lavishly talented and versatile singer/actresses of her generation,"** and added: **"O'Hara's soprano...gleams with tenderness and unforced awe."** Look for an interview to run USA TODAY soon. A **NEW YORK TIMES** Arts and Leisure feature will be on news stands this Sunday.

Kelli O'Hara's solo debut CD 'Wonder In The World' was released 5/6 on Ghostlight Records. O'Hara celebrated with a sold-out concert at Joe's Pub in NYC, and was profiled on **WABC-TV**.



'Wonder In The World' -- a collection of pop/contemporary music, arranged and orchestrated by **Harry Connick, Jr.** — was also showcased at a standing-room-only In-Store performance at Barnes and Noble Lincoln Center. The CD combines covers of **Billy Joel** and **James Taylor**, with original songs and familiar favorites, to create a 14-track

collection celebrating the diversity of the American Songbook. O'Hara deftly bridges the gap between contemporary music and beloved standards.

O'Hara has earned rave reviews for her portrayal of Nellie Forbush in Lincoln Center Theater's Broadway revival of 'South Pacific', and has just been nominated for a Tony Award for Best Performance by a Leading Actress in a Musical. USA TODAY described O'Hara as "increasingly wondrous," and The New York Times praised her performance as "a superbly shaded portrait" – "subtly layered and popping with energy..." **The Washington Post** said O'Hara "manages to convey something in the character like sexy self-awareness."

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Wonder In The World: **ALL MUSIC Praised:** **"What is surprising is the broad base from which O'Hara draws her material,"** and adds, **"For show tune and lounge fans who like a touch of pop with the classics, and for Harry**

Connick, Jr. fans...Wonder in the World serves as a fine introduction to Kelli O'Hara." Ronnie Lankord, Jr, 3 1/2 star review

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THE ONE-NIGHT ENGAGEMENT

Some Enchanted Evening

Now releasing her first solo album, Kelli O'Hara will celebrate with a late-night gig and briefly step out of character as Nellie Forbush in *South Pacific* (don't worry, ticket holders—the show is dark that night). Her "Wonder in the World" mixes Broadway standards like "I Have Dreamed" (from *The King and I*) with contemporary pop covers such as Billy Joel's "And So It Goes." May 5 at Joe's Pub.

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*The lovely Kelli O'Hara—whose star rose with *The Light in the Piazza* and *The Pajama Game*, and continues twinkling in the current Broadway revival of *South Pacific*—shines her silvery soprano over standards and show tunes to promote her solo-debut CD, *Wonder in the World*.*