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**Composer/conductor Victoria Bond leads Lunch and Learn session
at Museum of American Finance in New York City**

*Lecture covers the subject of Bond's opera, "Mrs. President,"
on the first woman to run a Wall Street brokerage*

March 20, 2012 ~ New York, NY: On Tuesday, April 17 at 12:30 pm, composer and conductor Victoria Bond will speak about her opera, "Mrs. President." The lecture is part of the Lunch and Learn series at the Museum of American Finance in New York City.

Based on the life of Victoria Woodhull who ran for President in 1872, Bond's opera brings to life a little-known incident in American history and a woman who dared to take on the all-male establishment before women even had the vote. Woodhull was also the first woman to open a brokerage on Wall Street when she started Woodhull, Claflin and Co. with her sister, Tennessee, in 1870. The sisters used the proceeds from their brokerage business to publish their radical newspaper, *Woodhull and Claflin's Weekly*.

Victoria Bond is herself a woman of many firsts, being the first woman to graduate with a Doctorate in conducting from the prestigious Juilliard School and the first woman Exxon/Arts Endowment Conductor to be placed with a major orchestra, the Pittsburgh Symphony.

The opera, "Mrs. President," will be premiered by the Anchorage Opera in October with a preview performance in New York at Symphony Space on July 9, 2012. Information about the opera can be found at www.mrspresidenttheopera.com.

Bond's lecture is Tuesday, April 17, from 12:30 to 1:30 pm at the Museum of American Finance, located at 48 Wall Street in New York City. \$5 tickets for Lunch and Learn may be purchased at the door and include admission to the Museum. Feel free to bring your lunch. For information call 212-908-4110 or e-mail info@moaf.org.

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