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LaScala****HEAR THIS****And Your Bird
Can Sing**

For its season-opening performance on September 20, Copland House at Merestead in Mount Kisco gives an entirely new meaning to the word "songbird." The program will be centered on Robert Sirota's "Birds of Paradise"—a work meant to recall the sounds of birds from the rainforests of Papua New Guinea—which will be played along with a film from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. That's not the only bird-brained work of the evening, as the performance also includes Lukas Foss' "Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Blackbird," Olivier Messiaen's "Le Merle Noir" ("The Blackbird"), and selections from Aaron Copland's *Poems of Emily Dickinson*.