





#### **BRAND NEW PRODUCTION**

**COMPOSED BY GIACOMO PUCCINI** 

**CONDUCTED BY JAMES CONLON** 

**SUNG IN ITALIAN WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES** 

#### CAST

#### MIMI

Marina Costa-Jackson\*

#### RODOL FO

Saimir Pirqu

#### **MUSETTA**

Erica Petrocelli†

#### **MARCELLO**

Kihun Yoon<sup>‡</sup>

#### COLLINE

Nicholas Brownlee‡

#### **CREATIVE TEAM**

#### DIRECTOR

Barrie Kosky

#### **SCENERY**

Rufus Didwiszus\*

#### COSTUMES

Victoria Behr<sup>4</sup>













#### \*LA OPERA DEBUT

THEMBER OF THE DOMINGO COLBURN-STEIN YOUNG ARTIST

**‡ALUMNUS OF THE DOMINGO-**COLBURN-STEIN YOUNG ARTIST PROGRAM

A PRODUCTION OF THE KOMISCHE OPER BERLIN

AT THE DOROTHY CHANDLER PAVILION

Cast and dates subject to change

## DON'T WORRY, WE'LL TURN DOWN THE LIGHTS SO NOBODY CAN SEE YOU CRY.

For the first time in 25 years, our Bohemians have moved to a new address. This all-new production, staged by theatrical dynamo Barrie Kosky, sweeps you into the bustling cafés and hidden corners of 19th-century Paris. Follow the triumphs and toils of a band of struggling young artists as they search for love, life and laughter against impossible odds.

Is this the most romantic of all operas? We think so!





Conceptual set models

To watch and listen to excerpts from this opera go to LAOpera.org/Boheme

**SEPTEMBER** 14, 22м, 25, 28 **OCTOBER** 

2, 6м

M = MATINEE

Marina Costa-Jackson: "dramatically and musically alluring... notable for her burnished timbre and subtle phrasing."

#### - THE NEW YORK TIMES

Saimir Pirgu: "Every note resounded with love for Mimì and his friends, and the stage could not contain the intensity or the beauty-of his sorrow."

#### - VOIX DES ARTS

"Mr. Kosky is known for his highly individual, theatrical style, which combines the seriousness of high-concept 'director's theater' with a healthy dose of campy razzle-dazzle."







#### **COMPANY PREMIERE**

**BOOK BY CRAIG LUCAS** 

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY ADAM GUETTEL

**CONDUCTED BY KIMBERLY GRIGSBY\*** 

**SUNG IN ENGLISH** 

#### CAST

**MARGARET JOHNSON** Renée Fleming

#### **CREATIVE TEAM**

DIRECTOR Daniel Evans\*

**SCENERY** Robert Jones\*

**COSTUMES Brigitte Reiffenstuel** 

LIGHTING Mark Henderson







#### \*LA OPERA DEBUT

PRODUCED BY ARRANGEMENT WITH TURNER ENTERTAINMENT CO., OWNER OF THE ORIGINAL MOTION PICTURE LIGHT IN THE PIAZZA

BASED ON THE NOVEL BY ELIZABETH SPENCER

PRODUCTION ORIGINALLY CREATED BY SCENARIO TWO, LTD

SEMI-STAGED

AT THE DOROTHY CHANDLER PAVILION

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## IT DOESN'T GET BETTER THAN THIS: RENÉE FLEMING IN A RAVISHING MUSICAL ROMANCE.

The scene is set: Florence, summer 1953. American Margaret Johnson and her daughter Clara take in the wonder and awe of Florence. A fateful gust of wind whisks Clara's hat into the hand of a local dreamer...and it is love at first sight. But Clara isn't quite what she appears, and soon they must all confront a secret kept in the shadows for far too long.

Renée Fleming stars in this enchanting musical by Adam Guettel, which won six Tony Awards, including Best Original Score.

**OCTOBER** 12, 13м, 17, 18, 19м, 19, 20м

M = MATINEE

"The most intensely romantic score of any musical since West Side Story."

- THE NEW YORK TIMES

Renée Fleming: "Possibly the most beautiful, effortlesssounding lyric soprano voice in the world."

- CLASSIC FM





To watch and listen to excerpts from this show go to LAOpera.org/Piazza

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#### **COMPOSED BY** WOLFGANG **AMADEUS MOZART**

**CONDUCTED BY JAMES CONLON** (NOV 16-DEC 1) **GRANT GERSHON** (DEC 12-15)

SUNG IN GERMAN WITH **ENGLISH SUBTITLES** 

#### CAST

#### **TAMINO**

Bogdan Volkov\* Joshua Wheeker<sup>‡</sup> (Dec 12-15)

Zuzana Marková\*

#### **PAPAGENO**

Theo Hoffman<sup>‡</sup>

#### QUEEN OF THE NIGHT

So Young Park‡

#### **SARASTRO**

Ildebrando D'Arcangelo

#### **CREATIVE TEAM**

#### **PRODUCTION**

Suzanne Andrade and Barrie Kosky

#### ANIMATION Paul Barritt

#### CONCEPT

1927 (Suzanne Andrade and Paul Barritt) and Barrie Kosky

#### **SCENERY AND COSTUMES**

**Esther Bialas** 

















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## TRUE LOVE IS NEVER EASY. ESPECIALLY WHEN THERE'S A **GIANT, ANGRY SPIDER...** AND SHE'S YOUR MOM.

A dazzling celebration of love conquering all, *The Magic* Flute transports you into an enchanted world where good battles the forces of darkness. With the seamless interaction between onstage performers and projected hand-drawn animation, this inventive and charming interpretation brilliantly captures Mozart's delightful blend of high comedy and adventure.



#### **NOVEMBER** 16, 21, 23 **DECEMBER**

1м, 12, 15м M = MATINEE

"A delight... a remarkable achievement... See it. And see it now."

#### - LOS ANGELES TIMES

"Soprano So Young Park is breathtaking as the Queen of the Night. Her exquisite and confident voice sends chills down your spine."

#### - ARTS BEAT LA

"Theo Hoffman's geeky birder Papageno was a crowd-pleaser, with a solid, burnished baritone and a handy way with a selfdeprecating retort."

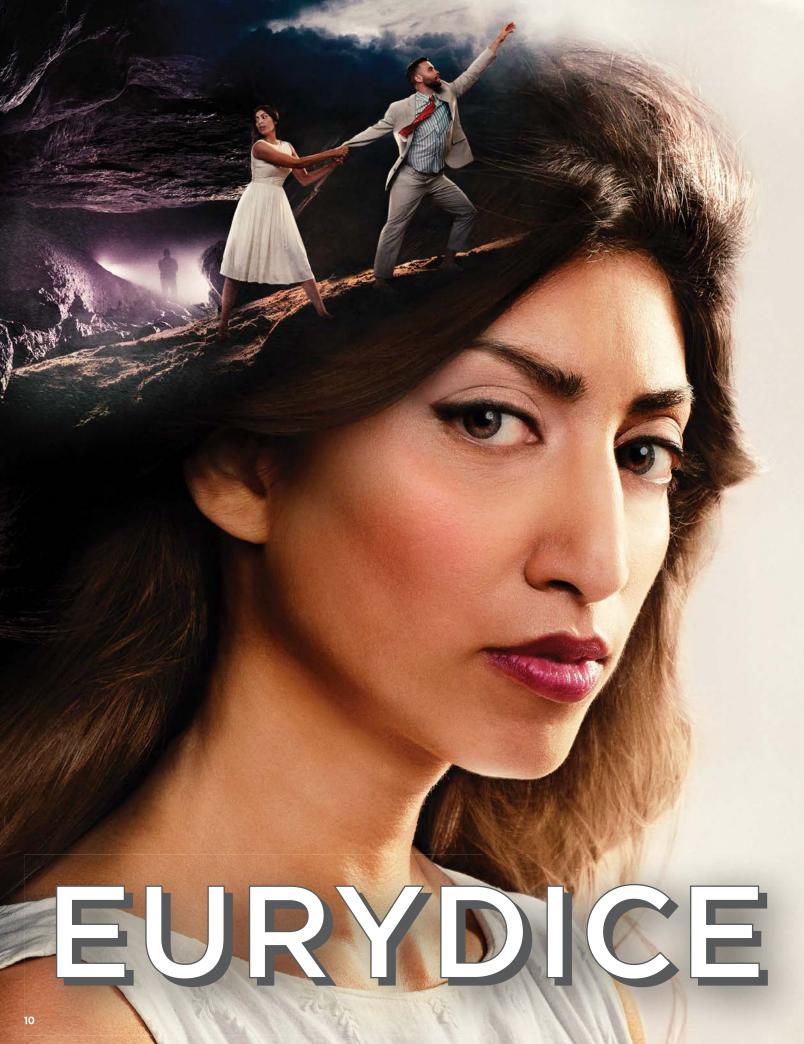
- OPERA NEWS



To watch and listen to excerpts from this opera go to LAOpera.org/Flute

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#### **WORLD PREMIERE**

COMPOSED BY MATTHEW AUCOIN

LIBRETTO BY SARAH RUHL

#### CONDUCTED BY MATTHEW AUCOIN

SUNG IN ENGLISH WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES

#### **CAST**

**EURYDICE**Danielle de Niese

ORPHEUS

Joshua Hopkins\*

ORPHEUS DOUBLE
John Holiday

FATHER

Rod Gilfry

**HADES**Barry Banks

#### **CREATIVE TEAM**

**DIRECTOR**Mary Zimmerman\*

SCENERY
Daniel Octling\*

Daniel Ostling\*

COSTUMES
Ana Kuzmanic\*













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A CO-PRODUCTION OF LA OPERA AND THE METROPOLITAN OPERA

\*LA OPERA DEBUT

AT THE DOROTHY CHANDLER PAVILION

Cast and dates subject to change.

## IN THE GREEK MYTH, SHE WAS A SHADOWY FIGURE WE BARELY KNEW. LET'S CHANGE THAT.

Matthew Aucoin partners with playwright Sarah Ruhl for a new opera that reimagines ancient mythology for a modern age. This time, the tale unfolds from the heroine's point of view. (Finally, right?) Tragically killed on her wedding day, a young bride descends into the underworld, where she reconnects with her adoring father. Presented with the opportunity to return to her husband in the world of the living, she must choose between the two men she loves.







To watch and listen to excerpts from this opera go to LAOpera.org/Eurydice

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**FEBRUARY** 1, 8, 14, 16M, 20, 23M

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"If contemporary opera has a rising wunderkind, then [Matthew] Aucoin has to be it."

- THE NEW YORK TIMES

Sarah Ruhl's
Eurydice is
"touching, inventive,
invigoratingly
compact and
luminously liquid
in its rhythms
and design."

- SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

Danielle de Niese: "opera's coolest soprano."

- THE NEW YORK TIMES MAGAZINE





#### COMPANY **PREMIERE**

**COMPOSED BY GAETANO DONIZETTI** 

**CONDUCTED BY EUN SUN KIM\*** 

SUNG IN ITALIAN WITH **ENGLISH SUBTITLES** 

#### CAST

QUEEN ELIZABETH I Davinia Rodríguez\*

**ROBERT DEVEREUX** 

**DUKE OF NOTTINGHAM** Plácido Domingo

SARA **Alice Coote** 

#### **CREATIVE TEAM**

DIRECTOR Stephen Lawless

SCENERY Benoît Dugardyn

COSTUMES Ingeborg Bernerth\*













\*LA OPERA DEBUT

A CANADIAN OPERA COMPANY PRODUCTION

PRODUCTION ORIGINALLY
OWNED BY THE DALLAS OPERA

AT THE DOROTHY CHANDLER PAVILION

Cast and dates subject to change

## IT'S GOOD TO BE QUEEN... MOST OF THE TIME.

In Tudor England, Queen Elizabeth I rules (literally). Ignoring advice from the court, she declines to charge her lover with treason, but he's not making it easy for her. Behind her formidable public persona hides a fragile heart that aches to reconnect with a suitor whose loyalties are uncertain. If ever there was a diva role, this is it—careening from outbursts of rage to heartbroken laments—and glamorous Spanish soprano Davinia Rodríguez has the vocal and dramatic goods to deliver an unforgettable performance.

Plácido Domingo portrays a wronged husband caught up in Devereux's web of deceit, with Ramón Vargas as the scoundrel at the center of all the trouble.





To watch and listen to excerpts from this opera go to LAOpera.org/Devereux

**FEBRUARY** 22. 27 **MARCH** 1м, 5, 8м, 14

M = MATINEE

Davinia Rodríguez: "dramatically convincing and vocally resplendent."

- SEATTLE TIMES

"Domingo used his tremendous acting skills and voice cannily...with plenty of sustained power and heartbreaking expression.... He can still bring it." - LOS ANGELES TIMES

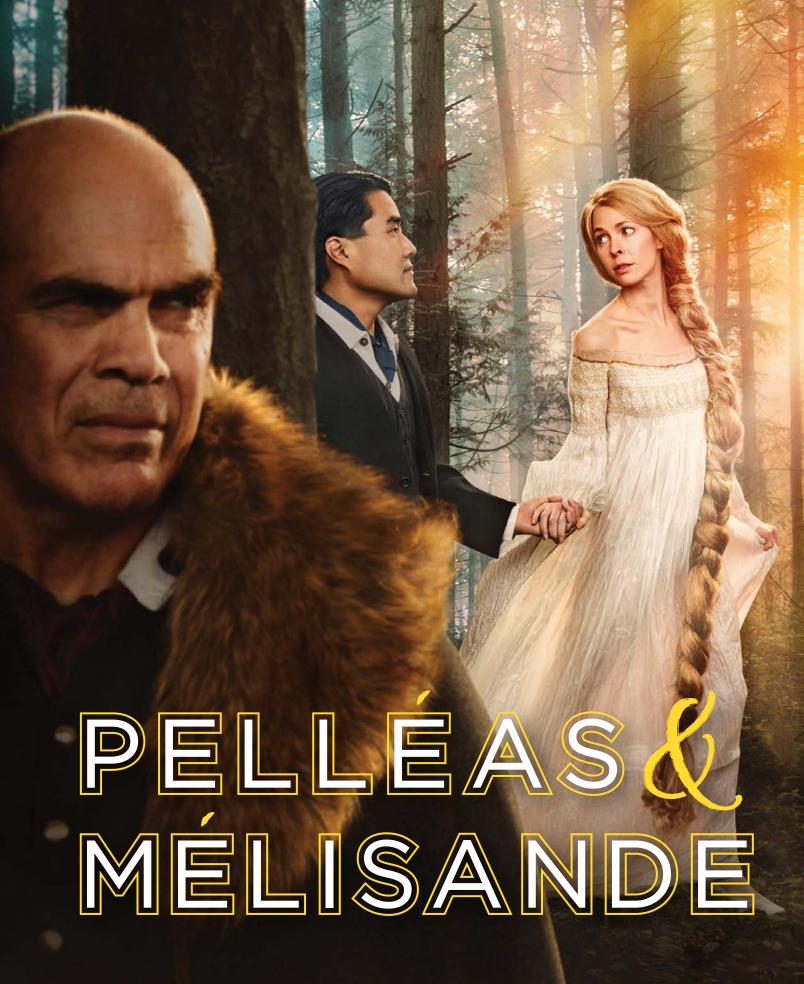
"A commanding presence on the podium...[Eun Sun Kim] communicated both warmth and electrifying power."

- MUSICAL AMERICA



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#### PRODUCTION NEW TO LA

COMPOSED BY CLAUDE DEBUSSY

CONDUCTED BY JAMES CONLON

SUNG IN FRENCH WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES

#### CAST

**MÉLISANDE** Kate Lindsey

PELLÉAS Yunpeng Wang\*

GOLAUD Christopher Purves\*

KING ARKEL Willard White

GENEVIÈVE Nancy Maultsby\*

#### **CREATIVE TEAM**

**DIRECTOR**David McVicar

**SCENERY AND COSTUMES**Rae Smith\*

LIGHTING

Paule Constable

PROJECTIONS

Jack Henry James\*

MOVEMENT
Leah Hausman\*













\*LA OPERA DEBUT

A SCOTTISH OPERA PRODUCTION

AT THE DOROTHY CHANDLER PAVILION

Cast and dates subject to change

# SPOILER ALERT: THIS ONE DOESN'T END WELL FOR EITHER OF THEM.

Lost in the forest, a hunter encounters an ethereal beauty with a mysterious past (and the lushest locks in opera—sorry, Samson!). Returning home as his new bride, she grows increasingly close to his handsome younger half-brother. Debussy's sensual, exquisitely nuanced score—conducted by James Conlon (who "never fails" according to *Variety*)—captures an enigmatic dream world where forbidden love blossoms.





To watch and listen to excerpts from this opera go to LAOpera.org/Pelleas

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**MAY** 2, 10м, 14, 17м, 20, 23

M = MATINEE

"David McVicar's raptly beautiful new production... It's altogether a really classy production."

- THE GUARDIAN

Yunpeng Wang:
"elegant phrasing and
keen dramatic instincts."

- THE NEW YORK TIMES

"It's not the size of Lindsey's voice that impresses me the most... It's the way she colors every line emotionally and creates so many contours and nuances to her journey."

- DC THEATRE SCENE





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COMPOSED BY **WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART** 

**CONDUCTED BY JAMES CONLON** 

**SUNG IN ITALIAN WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES** 

#### **CAST**

FIGARO Craig Colclough

SUSANNA Ying Fang'

**COUNT ALMAVIVA** Christopher Maltman

**COUNTESS ALMAVIVA** Guangun Yu

**CHERUBINO** 

Rihab Chaieb\*

DON BASILIO Brenton Ryan‡

#### **CREATIVE TEAM**

DIRECTOR James Grav\*

**SCENERY** Santo Loquasto

COSTUMES

Christian Lacroix\*

LIGHTING **Bertrand Couderc\*** 













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‡ALUMNUS OF THE DOMINGO-COLBURN-STEIN YOUNG ARTIST

NEW CO-PRODUCTION WITH THÉÂTRE DES CHAMPS-ELYSÉES, PARIS.

AT THE DOROTHY CHANDLER PAVILION

Cast and dates subject to change

## **WEDDING CHECKLIST:** ✓ MAKE VEIL ✓ MOVE IN WIN BATTLE OF WITS

Mozart's greatest comedy has great music and sparkles with disguises, wit and trickery. LA Opera will be taking the magic even further with an exciting new production directed by acclaimed filmmaker James Gray and costumes designed by celebrated fashion designer Christian Lacroix, which are sure to inspire a little envy.

Count Almaviva's wandering eye lands on his wife's maid Susanna, who's about to marry his own manservant, Figaro. Racing against the clock to outwit his master, wily Figaro draws the Countess into his clever schemes—but it's Susanna who turns out to be the greatest mastermind of them all, saving the day for everyone.





Conceptual set models

To watch and listen to excerpts from this opera go to LAOpera.org/Figaro

6, 14м, 17, 20. 25. 28м M = MATINEE

JUNE

"Craig Colclough sang with excellent diction and a skillfully controlled voice... exquisite comic timing."

- OPERA TODAY

"Ying Fang gave a treasurable performance. Any Figaro would be lucky to have such a woman as his bride."

- OPERA NEWS

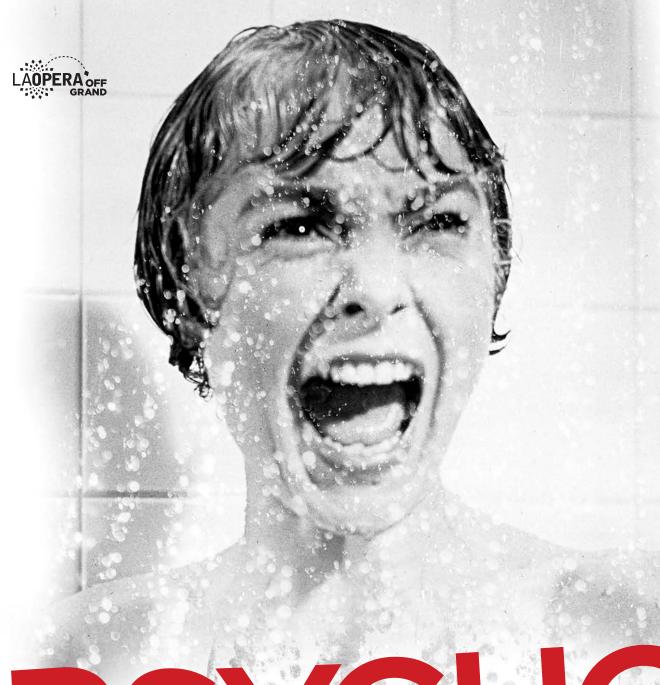
"LA Opera is extremely fortunate to have conductor James Conlon, who brings energy and revelatory details to all his work with the company."

- OPERA WEST



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WITH ORCHESTRA

#### FILM BY ALFRED HITCHCOCK

#### SCORE BY BERNARD HERRMANN

CONDUCTED BY Louis Lohraseb

FILM COURTESY OF Universal Pictures

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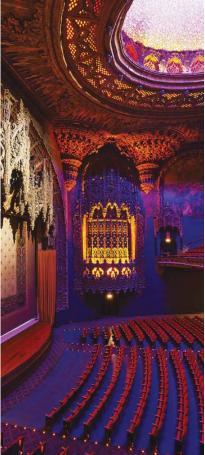
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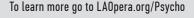
# SO DISTURBING YOU'LL NEED A NICE HOT SHOWER. WAIT, WHAT?

A secretary on the run checks into an isolated motel... cue the scary violins! LA Opera's annual residency at the extraordinary Theatre at Ace Hotel has become one of Halloween's most anticipated traditions, and this year will take your (err...her?) breath away. Hitchcock's masterpiece of suspense on the big screen is accompanied by a live performance of the hair-raising score played by the LA Opera Orchestra. Come experience one of Hollywood's most iconic movies paired with the intensity of live music. Warning: you won't be able to shower for weeks!











**OCTOBER** 25, 26M, 26, 27M, 30, 31

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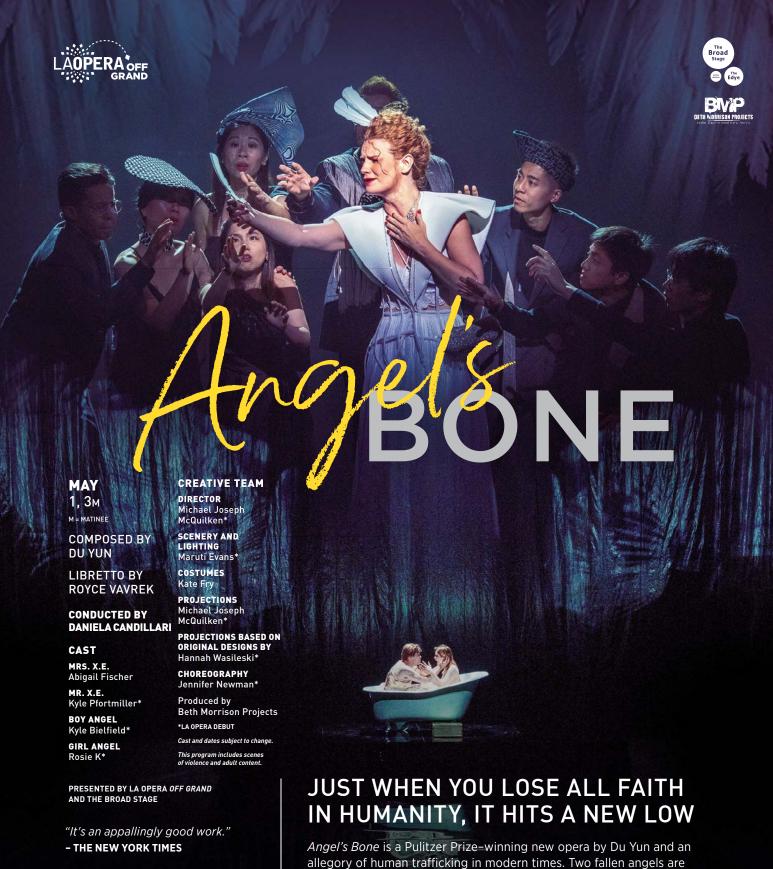
"Think of the shower scene in Psycho and what comes into your mind? Almost certainly it'll be the look of terror on Janet Leigh's face accompanied by the nails-scraping-down-a-blackboard screeches of composer Bernard Herrmann's score."

- THE GUARDIAN (UK)

"In its implacable chill and stark, hypnotic beauty, Psycho represents one of Herrmann's most consummate achievements."

- GRAMOPHONE





Angel's Bone is a Pulitzer Prize—winning new opera by Du Yun and an allegory of human trafficking in modern times. Two fallen angels are battered and bruised from their long journey to earth. They are found by a man and wife who nurse them back to health, only to exploit them for profit and personal use. The eclectic and lyrical score uses a variety of musical genres in this profound and haunting new opera.

To watch and listen to excerpts from this opera go to LAOpera.org/Angels

Originally commissioned by the Mann Center for the

Trinity Wall Street

Performing Arts, Philadelphia. Completion co-commissioned by Beth Morrison Projects and HERE. *Angel's Bone* premiered

at PROTOTYPE 2016 and was produced in association with

#### OCTOBER 20

"Mr. Camarena is melting and nuanced, clarion in coloratura, his sound sunny and earnest. There's no one better."

#### - THE NEW YORK TIMES

"Matchless agility, a bright tone, and gravity-defying top notes."

#### - BACHTRACK

AT THE DOROTHY CHANDLER PAVILION

# Javier Camarena in Recital

One of the preeminent Mozart and bel canto\* specialists of our time, this high-flying Mexican tenor returns to Los Angeles (he was unforgettable in *The Pearl Fishers*) for a recital debut that will feature beloved favorites from the classical repertoire.

\*"Beautiful music" in Italian. A style of opera made popular in Italy that is sweet and smooth.



#### **MAY** 8

**COMPANY PREMIERE**Concert Performance

COMPOSED BY George Frideric Handel

CONDUCTED BY Harry Bicket

CAST

RODELINDA Lucy Crowe\*

BERTARIDO lestyn Davies\*

GRIMOALDO
Joshua Ellicott\*

EDUIGE Jess Dandy\*

**UNULFO** Anthony Roth Costan<u>zo</u>

GARIBALDO Brandon <u>Cedel\*</u>

\*LA OPERA DEBUT

A PRESENTATION OF THE ENGLISH CONCERT

AT THE DOROTHY CHANDLER PAVILION

# Handel's *Rodelinda* in Concert

### DUPLICITY AND DECEIT. SCHEMES AND SECRETS. YOU KNOW, THE USUAL.

The English Concert, a globe-crossing period instrument orchestra conducted by Harry Bicket, comes to Los Angeles in a single not-to-be-missed concert performance. This masterpiece of baroque opera is full of brazenly amoral characters doing dastardly deeds. As the men around her plot to regain the throne, the grieving queen Rodelinda tries to stay one step ahead of them all, while remaining faithful to the memory of her husband, presumed dead. (Key word: "presumed.") Handel's endlessly inventive score makes sense of it all. It's one of his greatest operas—and he wrote dozens of them, so that's saying something.



"Lucy Crowe dazzles with her every appearance, a young singer blessed with look-at-me-and-listen charisma."

- SUNDAY TIMES (UK)





FROM THE UNDERWORLD
TO LA, THIS MYTH
IS ON THE MOVE.

Through a county-wide festival of performances, conversations and happenings, we uproot misconceptions about the mythic Eurydice who gets "left behind" in the underworld. Inspired by the world premiere of *Eurydice*, this famous female captive is set free to speak for herself.

And don't forget the main attraction: the world premiere of *Eurydice* (see page 10)

### FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR PARTNERS



#### HEIDI DUCKLER DANCE UNDERWORLD/ UNDERPASS

The vacant underpass between LA's historic 7th Street Bridge and the LA River below is converted into an enchanted performance and exhibition space "in-between two worlds" for this dance opera.



# MARIKE SPLINT Don't Look Back: An Orphic Soundwalk Step in the mythical characters' footsteps as you walk through an immersive soundscape, but remember, keep your eyes ahead.



# BRAIN AND CREATIVITY INSTITUTE The Power of Stories

Across Cultures— Insights from Neuroscience

Neuroscientists, philosophers, storytellers and LA Opera artists will explore how a multitude of brain processes come into play when we hear or read mythic stories.



#### PASADENA CITY COLLEGE, THE HUNTINGTON LIBRARY AND BOTANICAL GARDENS

We All Look to the Stars Inspired by the constellation Lyra, this choral celebration of the night sky by Juhi Bansal reflects upon our universal human yearnings and journeys.



#### HAMMER MUSEUM Eurydice

Kandis Williams hosts a screening of her performance piece, followed by a conversation with musician Alex Zhang Hungtai and artist Josh Johnson, exploring aesthetic decisions influenced by the DuBoisian theory of double consciousness.

#### Black Orpheus

A screening of the 1960 winner of the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film, which updates the ancient tale to the slums of Rio de Janeiro during Carnival.

#### Quad

A rare opportunity to see Samuel Beckett's distillation of the human journey through an interplay of sound, light and movement. Directed by Michael Hackett, in partnership with UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television.



#### BOSTON COURT THEATRE Ricky Ian Gordon's Orpheus and Eurydice

Orpheus trades his mythic lyre for a clarinet in an innovative staging of the award-winning composer's song cycle for soprano, clarinet and piano.



# THE GETTY VILLA A Reading of Sarah Ruhl's Eurydice

A staged reading of Tony nominee and MacArthur Fellow Sarah Ruhl's play, *Eurydice*, followed by an interactive conversation with the playwright and Matthew Aucoin including selections from the opera.



#### ART MUSE LA The Greater Museum of LA

An online map will help Angelenos discover fascinating works of art found within our museums, galleries and public spaces, all of them revealing different facets of the ancient myth.

For more information on events as we add them, go to LAOpera.org/EurydiceFound

All programming is subject to change.

# Opera for All

# WE DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE CAN EXPERIENCE OPERA'S TRANSFORMATIVE POWER.

No doubt about it: we're on a mission. We feel transformed by opera and think you will too. From your home to ours, and everywhere in between, we want Los Angeles filled with opera.

We do it in four ways (and with a gazillion programs in each category):

#### **BE OUR GUEST!**

Loads of ways to see opera for free (Great Opera Choruses on June 7 in Northridge is just the tip of the operatic iceberg).

#### **GET ON STAGE**

Come perform with us (really, all are welcome to perform with us in the annual Community Opera at the Cathedral. No singing experience required).

#### **CONTINUE YOUR OPERA EDUCATION**

Podcasts, conversations and other ways to dive deeper (um, yeah, to say our team is psyched to talk more, anywhere and anytime, about what we love is an understatement).

#### **CLASSROOM INTEGRATION**

Helps kids learn and love opera, and helps teachers inspire (seeing students flood into the free student matinees is the greatest feeling in the world).

We work for and with you, your family, schools, libraries, hospitals and vets, local nonprofits, festival partners and everyone else in our giant awesome community. We can't wait to share a love and knowledge of opera. LAOpera.org/All or call 213.972.3157.

#### Bring the kids. For half price.

OK, so *Psycho* might be a bit intense for little Sofia, we get it. That's why we have Domingo Family Days, named after Plácido because he's a huge proponent of families attending opera together. We pick performances from the most family-friendly operas we have in a season and do lots of fun activities, like meeting the cast, cookie decorating, games, things like that. Kids love going to the opera!

This season, the Family Days are:

The Magic Flute - December 1
The Marriage of Figaro - June 14

Also, anytime you want to bring a child to the opera, it's half-price. But since little tots and long operas aren't fun for anyone, we limit the ages for attending our mainstage operas to 9-17.

Date night is for grown-ups, but Family Days are for kids. So pack them up and meet us at the opera; we'll save a cookie for you.

#### LAOpera.org/Family





# Be a Part of the Story!

# We want to keep the magic going, but of course, we need your help.

Aren't you glad you have a world-class opera company in LA? We know that sounds boastful, but it's true. Because of generous support from opera fans, we can produce world-class opera in Los Angeles. It's expensive, but you make it possible.

Every evening at the opera is unique because it's live. And you can't automate opera—each performance employs hundreds of people, from musicians to carpenters. Plus, there are sets, costumes, wigs, makeup, education programs, community outreach and more. We all need magic in our lives—and that's why we produce it for the greater good—also explains why we are a nonprofit.

Bottom line: we need your help. If you can make a donation and purchase a ticket, you'll play a starring role in bringing opera to the stage—and also support the artists and artisans who move us with their work. It's a winwin for you. You'll feel good knowing that you're supporting nonprofit arts while ensuring the future of opera in LA.

We put our donations toward the stage and our education programs, but we've come up with some creative and exclusive ways to show our appreciation to our supporters.

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- **> EARLY ACCESS TO TICKETS** | Donors get the pre-pre-sale
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Supporting LA Opera makes a difference to every show, every member of the cast and crew, and every person who buys a ticket. And we think, when you take your seat in the audience, that difference shines through.

# Newto Opera!

WE KNOW YOU'RE INTRIGUED...OR YOU WOULDN'T BE THIS DEEP INTO THE BROCHURE. SO WHAT'S HOLDING YOU BACK?



YOU'RE AFRAID YOU WILL HAVE NO CLUE WHAT'S GOING ON BECAUSE YOU DON'T SPEAK ITALIAN LIKE THE OTHER ATTENDEES, APPARENTLY. Oh no, no, no—here's their secret: there are subtitles in English so you can follow along. Easy. Look.

**YOU'RE WONDERING WHAT YOU WOULD WEAR.** Wear what you want. Want to dress up and make a special occasion out of it like our cover girl? Go for it—it will be fun. But you won't be alone if you dress more casually either. This is LA after all.

YOU'RE WONDERING ABOUT LOGISTICS. Dining, parking, etc. You're in luck. Starting in 2019, we will have a beautiful new plaza with lots of seating and dining options (check out the inside front cover). We've also made changes to our parking structure to make it easier—although we still encourage you to take advantage of the Metro, Lyft and other transit options.

**YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT OPERA.** You don't have to. Really. But if you want to prepare a bit, we think it will enhance your experience even more. We make it easy with podcasts, preshow talks, newcomer events and more. Check out LAOpera.org/101.

**YOU THINK OPERA TICKETS ARE EXPENSIVE.** They're not cheap, but they're cheaper than major concerts or sporting events. Plus, you get a lot for your money. Tickets typically start around \$18.

**THE EXPERIENCE IN A NUTSHELL:** You put on clothes (please), listen to a podcast on the way to the theater, hang out with other operagoers in the plaza with a glass of wine, and then take your comfy seat to enjoy beautiful music, costumes and sets and an intriguing story that you follow in the subtitles. When the opera ends, you head home, but with the feeling that you've experienced something you'll never forget.

Did we miss something? If so, give us a call at 213.972.8001. We can't wait for you to join!

Check out our special programs for newcomers on page 29 or online at: LAOpera.org/Newcomer

My magical flute has the power to charm wild beasts.



### PROJECTED SUBTITLES MAKE OPERA EASY TO FOLLOW

The remarkable James Conlon

gives a preshow talk before

every opera he conducts.

# GET AN INSIDE LOOK AT OPERA

#### SOUND BITES AND 140 CHARACTERS GET OLD.

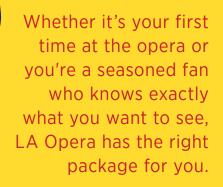
Sometimes people get tired of shallow, 140-character, kiddie-pool chatter and crave a cool, smooth, immersive dive into a topic. If you enjoy the back matter in a book, the special features after a film, or have Googled "where does salt come from" or something similar, then our free pre-opera talks are right up your alley.

Prior to every performance, Music Director James Conlon and other opera insiders lead a deep dive into each opera. You'll get a sneak peek behind the scenes, hear a bit of the music and backstory, and learn what to look or listen for as you watch the show.

These dynamic talks take place one hour before each opera begins, in the elegant Eva and Marc Stern Grand Hall on the second level of the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. Best of all...they're free! No RSVP needed, but space is limited, so come early. You can also listen online or dial in remotely.

GET ALL THE TIPS SO YOU CAN OPERA LIKE A PRO: LAOpera.org/PreShowTalks

# YOUNG? NEW? ADVENTUROUS? WE'VE GOT A PACKAGE FOR THAT



WANT THE BEST DEAL?
JUST TURN TO PAGE 32!



#### **UNDER 40**

## More cocktails than your office holiday party, and just as much drama.

Look, we get it. When we say "opera," you picture stuffy people with snobby attitudes. But that's not LA Opera. For us, opera is like the best concert you've ever been to and the best show you've ever binged, all wrapped into one. There's romance, there's intrigue, there's booze and—yes—there are subtitles. And for you, there's our Aria program.

#### We'll save you a seat when you become an Aria member.

Aria is our opera program designed for young adults (21-40 to be exact.) As a member you'll get to see our top picks from the season. But you'll get more than just the magic and the music.

#### As an Aria member you get:

- Tickets to our four favorite shows of the season (starting at \$73)
- Access to intermission receptions and after-parties (in other words: free drinks and free snacks)
- Invites to our happy hours and special events
- A new social circle (though feel free to bring your usual crew, too)

**Membership is \$99 plus tickets.** Already a full-season subscriber? 1) We love it. 2) You can become an Aria member for **FREE**.

#### SHOWS YOU'LL SEE WITH AN ARIA PACKAGE

11/23 The Magic Flute | A mind-blowing mix of opera, animation and cinema

2/8 Eurydice | Classic myth retold from the woman's POV (finally)

**5/23** *Pelléas and Mélisande*  $\mid$  Woman falls for husband's stepbrother. And you thought your family had issues.

**6/20** The Marriage of Figaro | A crazy caper in couture. ("Lacroix, sweetie!")

Please note: Aria memberships are only available to those who are ages 21 to 40

LAOpera.org/Aria





#### **NEWCOMERS**

#### You've had a flight of wine. How about a flight of opera?

Admit it: you're curious about opera. But perhaps you're a little worried you won't fit in or understand what's going on. Trust us, all kinds of people attend LA Opera, and if you can read this paragraph, you can read the subtitles we provide right above the action onstage.

We admit, though, that like wine, opera can take a bit of tasting before you get completely hooked (our true intent). So we've carefully curated a flight of opera just for virgin taste buds and paired it with some basics to help get you started.

#### With a newcomer package, you'll get:

- A really good deal (15% off)
- Backstage tour
- Preshow discussion about what you're going to see and hear\*
- "Newbies only" intermission receptions with free wine, of course

If you're not quite ready for the full flight yet, you can join us at just one newcomer night for a taste of what this package offers.\*\*

#### THE NEWBIE-CURATED SHOWS ARE

**9/25** *La Bohème* | Probably where the idea of opera as an aphrodisiac started

11/21 The Magic Flute | Animation + Live Action = You gotta see this

**6/17** The Marriage of Figaro | A beloved comedy where the servant is the real master(mind)

- \* Preshow talks begin at 6:30 PM; performances begin at 7:30 PM.
- \*\* Single performances subject to increased pricing. Buy early for the best price

LAOpera.org/Newcomer

#### **CONTEMPORARY OPERA**

#### Yeah, people still write opera. Every day. All over the world.

And some of them are young, too. Also, people of color and women (wouldn't Beethoven be shocked?). Well, Ludwig, times have changed and so has opera. And we at LA Opera want to bring our audiences the best of both worlds: the old and the new.

What's the difference? Contemporary artists often write about contemporary topics or approach a traditional topic from a fresh angle. If you were to attend *Eurydice*, for example, you would recognize the Greek myth, but notice it's told from a modern woman's point of view. The style of music can range between melodic to not (called atonal) but is often somewhere in between.

## THE CONTEMPORARY OPERAS FOR THIS YEAR ARE (DRUMROLL)

 ${\bf 10/12\text{--}20}$  The Light in the Piazza  $\mid$  A helicopter mom with a disabled daughter struggles with letting go

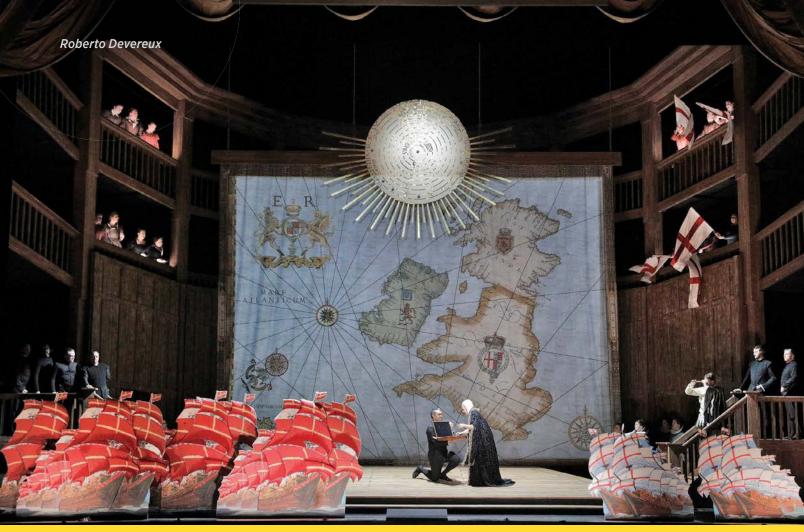
10/25- $31\,Psycho\ |\$ Just in time for Halloween and in the perfect setting

**2/1-23** *Eurydice* | Man goes into underworld to rescue wife, but she didn't need rescuing

5/1-3 Angel's Bone | Pulitzer Prize winner about human trafficking

They sound intriguing because they are, in fact, intriguing. You can attend one or two or treat yourself to a package of all four.

LAOpera.org/Contemporary



#### **DESIGN-YOUR-OWN PACKAGE**

# You Rule!

We think attending opera is like eating chocolates—you can't have just one. Or even one flavor when there are so many to choose from. After all, the excitement, taking your seat, the orchestra warming up, the music start—sorry, got distracted. Anyway, unlike chocolates, you know exactly what you're going to get in this box of opera, because you pick them yourself.

#### With Design-Your-Own packages, you can:

- Pick your dates around your busy calendar
- Splurge on pricier seats to some operas and not others
- Pick and choose different operas or opera styles according to your tastes
- See as few as 3 (good) or as many as 11 (best)
- All of the above

In addition to all the free stuff everyone gets with LA Opera, you get extra perks with a Design-Your-Own package like discounted exchanges and priority seating. See the chart on the next page.

It's simple. You pick them, and we make sure you have a good time.

LAOpera.org/DYO

# Get the Best Bang for Your Buck

	BEST DEAL	В	BETTER DEAL			
SUBSCRIBER BENEFITS	FULL- SEASON (6+ SHOWS) PACKAGE	DESIGN- YOUR-OWN /CONTEM- PORARY PACKAGE	ARIA PACKAGE (AGES 21-40)	NEWCOMER PACKAGE (1ST OR 2ND YEAR AT LA OPERA)	SINGLE PERFOR- Mance	
NUMBER OF OPERAS IN PACKAGE	6+PIAZZA	3-11	4	3	1	
EXCHANGE FEE (WITHIN SAME PRODUCTION)	FREE†	\$5 <sup>†</sup>	\$5 <sup>†</sup>	\$5 <sup>†</sup>	\$25 <sup>+</sup>	
PROJECTED ENGLISH SUBTITLES	$\checkmark$	✓	✓	✓	✓	
PRESHOW TALKS	$\checkmark$	✓	✓	✓	✓	
PRIORITY SEATING BEFORE ON-SALE TO THE PUBLIC**	✓	✓	✓	✓		
PRIORITY PURCHASING FOR ADD-ON PRESENTATIONS**	✓	✓	✓	✓		
SUBSCRIBER BENEFITS CLUB CARD	✓	✓	✓	✓		
EASY MONTHLY PAYMENT PLAN	$\checkmark$	✓	✓	✓		
PRIORITY PURCHASE OF HALF-PRICE CHILDREN'S TICKETS (AGES 9-17)	✓	✓	✓	✓		
EARLY BIRD PRICING AVAILABLE*	✓	✓	✓			
EXCLUSIVE EVENTS	$\checkmark$		✓	✓		
LOCKED-IN PRICING FOR ADDITIONAL TICKETS (BASE)	✓					
SAME-SEAT GUARANTEE FOR ALL PERFORMANCES	$\checkmark$					
RENEW SAME SEATS YEAR TO YEAR	$\checkmark$					
\$25 BRING-A-FRIEND OR SEAT-UPGRADE PRIVILEGE	✓					
FREE CHAMPAGNE AT ONE PERFORMANCE	✓					
<i>THE LIGHT IN THE PIAZZA</i> STARRING RENÉE FLEMING	FREE					
ADVANCE SALE STARTING	NOW	APRIL 29	APRIL 29	APRIL 29	JUNE 20	
PACKAGES START AT	\$102*	\$44*	\$65*	\$47	-	

# SEE ALL 7 PRODUCTIONS FOR AS LITTLE AS \$15 EACH!

- \* Early Bird pricing for Full Season packages ends on March 19, 2019;
- Early Bird pricing for mini-packages ends on May 29, 2019.

  \$25 when exchanged within 48 hours of curtain. Exchanges may be subject to price increase if exchanged into a more expensive section or different performance.
- \*\* Seating is assigned in order of the packages listed above, left to right.

# TRUE OR FALSE? Opera tickets are the most expensive thing in town.

FALSE. We're lower than any major concert or sporting event. Way lower. Check for yourself.

WHY? We're a nonprofit, we're supposed to be doing good, not making a buck. Being a nonprofit and all, we wish we could let everyone come for free, but doing live opera is labor-intensive and expensive.

Every time you buy a ticket, not only are you benefiting yourself, you're helping to support a community of artists right here in Los Angeles. That's something else to feel good about. If the prices come easily for you, consider donating to offset the cost for fellow Angelenos.

And if you can't afford our lowest prices, we don't want you to be left out. Visit LAOpera.org/OperaForAll



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# SEE *PIAZZA* FOR FREE WHEN YOU BUY A FULL SEASON PACKAGE

That's right. You get *The Light in the Piazza* starring Renée Fleming FREE. Plus, all the benefits listed in the grid on page 31.

#### **FULL SEASON BENEFITS IN PLAIN ENGLISH:**

- > Change your mind a million times with free exchanges.
- Make a friend think you're spending a lot of money taking them to an opera when it only cost you \$25.
- You get priority. Lots of priority on seats, shows, prices.
- Best pricing on things like Psycho, Mexican superstar Javier Camarena in Recital or Rodelinda.
- Glass of champagne on us—hooray!
- Huge discount, plus The Light in the Piazza FREE (did we mention that already?)

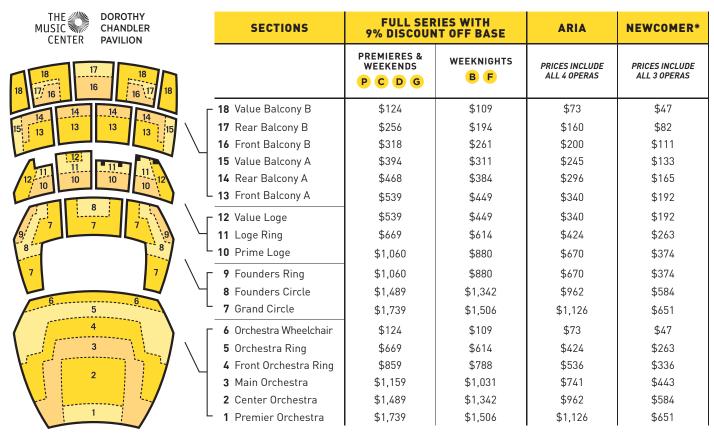
# STEP 1: CHOOSE YOUR PACKAGE

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La Bohème	SATURDAY <b>SEP 14, 2019</b> 6:00 PM	SATURDAY <b>SEP 28, 2019</b> 7:30 PM	SUNDAY <b>SEP 22, 2019</b> 2:00 PM	SUNDAY OCT 6, 2019 2:00 PM	WEDNESDAY <b>SEP 25, 2019</b> 7:30 PM	WEDNESDAY OCT 2, 2019 7:30 PM
The Light in the Piazza (ADDED FOR FREE!)	SATURDAY <b>OCT 12, 2019</b> 7:30 PM	SATURDAY <b>OCT 19, 2019</b> 7:30 PM	SUNDAY OCT 13, 2019 2:00 PM	SUNDAY OCT 20, 2019 2:00 PM	THURSDAY <b>OCT 17, 2019</b> 7:30 PM	FRIDAY <b>OCT 18, 2019</b> 7:30 PM
The Magic Flute	SATURDAY <b>NOV 16, 2019</b> 7:30 PM	SATURDAY <b>NOV 23, 2019</b> 7:30 PM	SUNDAY <b>DEC 1, 2019</b> 2:00 PM	SUNDAY <b>DEC 15, 2019</b> 2:00 PM	THURSDAY <b>NOV 21, 2019</b> 7:30 PM	THURSDAY <b>DEC 12, 2019</b> 7:30 PM
Eurydice	SATURDAY <b>FEB 1, 2020</b> 7:30 PM	SATURDAY <b>FEB 8, 2020</b> 7:30 PM	SUNDAY FEB 16, 2020 2:00 PM	SUNDAY FEB 23, 2020 2:00 PM	FRIDAY FEB 14, 2020 7:30 PM	THURSDAY FEB 20, 2020 7:30 PM
Roberto Devereux	SATURDAY <b>FEB 22, 2020</b> 7:30 PM	SATURDAY <b>MAR 14, 2020</b> 7:30 PM	SUNDAY MAR 1, 2020 2:00 PM	SUNDAY MAR 8, 2020 2:00 PM	THURSDAY <b>FEB 27, 2020</b> 7:30 PM	THURSDAY <b>MAR 5, 2020</b> 7:30 PM
Pelléas & Mélisande	SATURDAY <b>MAY 2, 2020</b> 7:30 PM	SATURDAY <b>MAY 23, 2020</b> 7:30 PM	SUNDAY <b>MAY 10, 2020</b> 2:00 PM	SUNDAY <b>MAY 17, 2020</b> 2:00 PM	THURSDAY <b>MAY 14, 2020</b> 7:30 PM	WEDNESDAY <b>MAY 20, 2020</b> 7:30 PM
The Marriage of Figaro	SATURDAY <b>JUN 6, 2020</b> 7:30 PM	SATURDAY <b>JUN 20, 2020</b> 7:30 PM	SUNDAY <b>JUN 14, 2020</b> 2:00 PM	SUNDAY <b>JUN 28, 2020</b> 2:00 PM	WEDNESDAY <b>JUN 17, 2020</b> 7:30 PM	THURSDAY <b>JUN 25, 2020</b> 7:30 PM

Package seating assignments will be made by the Box Office for best available seats within each section.

## **STEP 2:** CHOOSE YOUR SECTION

YOU'VE ALREADY GOT ONE FREE OPERA, BUT BUY BEFORE MAR 19 AND SAVE AN ADDITIONAL 6% WITH EARLY BIRD PRICING.



Other packages available; see pages 28-30.

\*Not eligible for Early Bird pricing; available only by phone.

## **STEP 3:** SEAL THE DEAL. ORDER TODAY!

#### ONLINE

Ready to go? Visit LAOpera.org/Subscribe

#### **PHONE**

Got questions or want more help? Chat with the awesome Box Office folks at 213.972.8001



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FULL-SEASON SERIES

- ARIA
- **►** NEWCOMER
- ★ HISPANICS FOR LA OPERA
- DOMINGO FAMILY DAY
- CONTEMPORARY OPERA

LA BOHÈME LIGHT IN THE PIAZZA MAGIC FLUTE EURYDICE DEVEREUX PELLÉAS FIGARO PSYCHO ANGEL'S BONE CONCERTS COMMUNITY

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Get access to newly announced events, purchase priority and behind the scenes. Join us at **LAOpera.org/Newsletter** 



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