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Announcing “The San Diego Opera Lover’s Ball” A Gala Event Celebrating Love in All Its Many Forms And Honoring the Contributions to the Community by Lee and Frank Goldberg

Saturday, February 23, 2019

6:00 PM

The US Grant Hotel

San Diego, CA – San Diego Opera is proud to announce “The San Diego Opera Lover’s Ball”, the Company’s 2019 Gala Event that will celebrate love in its many forms while honoring the charitable contributions to the community by **Lee and Frank Goldberg**. The Ball will be held on **Saturday, February 23, 2019 at The US Grant Hotel**. Chaired by longtime SDO board member, **Sarah B. Marsh-Rebelo**, the Opera Ball will be a refined, elegant affair with a color palate inspired by the artwork of Joan Miró and Pablo Picasso. Additional honorary host committee members are **Doreen Schonbrun, Veronica Leff, Diana Lombrozo, Linda Spuck, Maria Stanley, and Andrea Puente-Cátan**.

"It is with the deepest honor that I serve as Chair for The San Diego Opera Lover's Ball. These last few years have been exhilarating and rewarding. It is an exciting time to be part of San Diego Opera," states Opera Ball Chair and longtime Board member, Sarah B. Marsh-Rebelo. "Our accomplished Board continues to expand. Individuals and corporations are stepping up with support. The community is encouraged by our dedication to tradition and applaud us as we celebrate the present and the diversity within our community, led by our amazing General Director, David Bennett. The Company's growth shows how deeply San Diegan's respect and understand the importance of opera. It is an art form that transcends generations, connecting children to parents and to grandparents through their love of the human voice. It is that love that inspires this year's

Ball. I look forward to seeing you on February 23rd as we share one another's company and dance the night away. Thank you for believing in San Diego Opera and traveling with us on this exciting journey.”

The San Diego Opera Lover’s Ball begins at 6:00PM in the Palm Court of The US Grant Hotel with a Cocktail Hour, signature cocktails, stimulating conversation, delectable tray passed hors d’oeuvres, entertainment and a silent auction to benefit the Company’s Programming and Community engagement efforts. Dinner, created by **Mark Kropezynski**, The US Grant Executive Chef, will commence at 7:30 PM in the Presidential Ballroom. The evening will continue with dancing and entertainment by **Encore Event Entertainment**. A “Lover’s Lounge” will be arranged for those who prefer a tête-à-tête in a quiet setting. The amazing flowers and table centerpieces will be designed and generously donated by **Green Florals**. Suggested attire is black tie.

Lee and Frank Goldberg’s support of San Diego Opera began many years ago when a friend invited Lee and Frank to a pre-opera dinner and performance. Together the Goldbergs enjoyed performances and celebrations with the Opera. These have included Renee Fleming, Luciano Pavarotti, Plácido Domingo, Joan Sutherland, Richard Bonyng, Beverly Sills and Richard Leech to mention just a few highlights. Lee became President of the San Diego Opera Board of Directors in 1992 and served for two years. The Goldbergs, as Producer’s Circle members, have generously underwritten seven main stage productions since 1994 and have chaired events, special parties and underwritten artists. In 2017, Lee Goldberg became a Life Director of the Company, only the sixth Life Director honor that San Diego Opera has bestowed in its fifty three year history.

In addition to San Diego Opera, Lee and Frank give generously to the San Diego community and support such causes as Seacrest Village, UCSA Moores Cancer Center, UCSD, the San Diego State University and Words Alive. Lee and Frank have been married for sixty six years and have three children and six grandchildren.

“Lee and Frank Goldberg’s passionate support of San Diego Opera has been instrumental to our success since the 1980s, and we continue to reap the benefits of Lee’s excellent leadership as past President and current Life Director,” shares San Diego Opera’s General Director, David Bennett. “We certainly wouldn’t be where we are today without their generosity and dedication to the opera and the community of San Diego, and I’m thrilled to have the opportunity to honor them at this year’s Ball. We are grateful for their support and for the continued belief in San Diego Opera.”

Single tickets to The San Diego Opera’s Lover’s Ball start at \$500 per person and includes complimentary valet parking, the cocktail reception, and dinner and dancing. Special \$1000 per person tickets offer premium seating at dinner, as well as recognition as an honorary committee member. Tables of 10 are also available. The \$5,000 tables include Premium seating at The Opera Ball, premier wines and champagne at dinner. The table hosts will be recognized as Honorary Committee members and featured prominently in the event program. The \$10,000 tables feature everything previously mentioned as well as VIP seating.

To purchase tickets, or more information, please visit <https://www.sdopera.org/opera-ball>

The 2018-2019 Season

<i>The Marriage of Figaro</i>	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart	October 20, 23, 26, and 28 (mat), 2018
<i>All is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914</i>	Peter Rothstein	December 7, 8, and 9 (mat), 2018
<i>Rigoletto</i>	Giuseppe Verdi	February 2, 5, 8, and 10 (mat), 2019
<i>Three Decembers</i>	Jake Heggie	March 8, 9, 10 (mat), 2019
<i>Carmen</i>	Georges Bizet	March 30, April 2, 5, and 7 (mat) 2019
<i>One Amazing Night –Stephen Powell and Stephen Costello</i>		May 15, 2019

San Diego Opera Mission Statement

The mission of San Diego Opera is to deliver exceptional vocal performances and exciting, accessible programs to diverse audiences, focusing on community engagement and the transformative power of live performance.

San Diego Opera Vision Statement

San Diego Opera will be recognized internationally as a leading example of adaptability, innovation and sustainability in the operatic arts, promoting diversified programming and unique performance venues with world-class and emerging talent.

San Diego Opera Core Values Statement

Through excellence in innovative programming and education, SDO provides a lasting cultural service to the community.

- Our tradition of excellence in fully staged opera is augmented with new models of opera and venues. Our unique and deep commitment to the community propels us to explore ways of increasing affordability and accessibility.
- Through fiscal responsibility and nimble adaptation to the changing marketplace, we protect the future of San Diego Opera.
- Our educational and community involvement coupled with relevant programming will build the audience of the future.

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