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San Diego Opera Announces Opera on the Concourse Dates for 2018-2019 Season

Free Lunchtime Concerts with the Stars of the Season

San Diego, CA – San Diego Opera is proud to announce the return of **Opera on the Concourse**, a series of free lunchtime concerts held for the public on the San Diego Civic Concourse with the stars of San Diego Opera’s season. Discontinued in 2007, the program returned in 2015, and attracts over 300 spectators per performance in a fun and casual concert recital. Opera on the Concourse continues San Diego Opera’s mission of providing accessible performances to the community. These free concerts, which start at noon and are roughly 45 minutes long, feature arias, duets, and ensembles from opera and popular musicals, picked by each of the performing artists and accompanied by piano.

Three concerts are scheduled:

- Thursday, October 25, 2018 at noon, featuring the singers of *The Marriage of Figaro*.
- Thursday, February 7, 2019 at noon, featuring the singers of *Rigoletto*.
- Thursday, April 4, 2019 at noon, featuring the singers of *Carmen*.

In the event of rain or other inclement weather, Opera on the Concourse will be moved inside the Civic Theatre and take place in the Beverly Sills Salon.

Visit <https://www.sdopera.org/engage/opera-on-the-concourse> for more information.

San Diego Opera 2018-2019 Season

The Marriage of Figaro

All is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914

Rigoletto

Three Decembers

Carmen

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart	October 20, 23, 26, and 28 (mat), 2018
Peter Rothstein	December 7, 8, and 9 (mat), 2018
Giuseppe Verdi	February 2, 5, 8, and 10 (mat), 2019
Jake Heggie	March 8, 9, 10 (mat), 2019
Georges Bizet	March 30, April 2, 5, and 7 (mat) 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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