

SAN FRANCISCO OPERA EDUCATION PRESENTS THE MAGIC FLUTE FOR FAMILIES — THE MOVIE!

FEBRUARY 19 AT THE OSHMAN FAMILY JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER IN PALO ALTO

MARCH 27 AT THE ADDISON-PENZAK JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER IN LOS GATOS

SAN FRANCISCO (February 14, 2011) — San Francisco Opera Education presents FREE screenings of *The Magic Flute for Families—The Movie!* on Saturday, February 19 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Oshman Family Jewish Community Center in Palo Alto and on Sunday, March 27 1 p.m. at the Addison-Penzak Jewish Community Center in Los Gatos.

Created from San Francisco Opera's *The Magic Flute for Families* in 2007, this one-hour movie is a perfect way for children to learn about the magic of the opera. San Francisco Opera's Education department produced this movie version for Bay Area school and community programs. Family resource materials, such as a story synopsis, biographies, slideshows of design drawings and production photos, coloring book images and audio and video examples are available at <u>sfopera.com/edmaterials</u>.

In this abridged version of Mozart's whimsical tale, the bird-catcher Papageno (Daniel Belcher) narrates the plot between arias in a fun, family-friendly format. Papageno accompanies the prince Tamino (Chad Freeburg) on a journey through an enchanted world to free his beloved Pamina, sung by former San Francisco Opera Adler Fellow Ji Young Yang. Along the way, they find their true loves and discover the virtues of wisdom and forgiveness. The cast also includes Svetlana Nikitenko as the Queen of the Night and former Adler Fellow Jeremy Galyon as Sarastro. The mystical realms of the opera are re-envisioned by renowned cartoonist and designer Gerald Scarfe.

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TICKETS: This is a free event; seating is first-come, first-served. Doors open 30 minutes before each show time.

INFORMATION: Prior to the screenings there will be a 15-minute live introduction by a San Francisco Opera Education Teaching Artist. The movie is in English, with English subtitles. Recommended for ages 4-12. For more information visit sfopera.com/learn.

San Francisco Opera's The Magic Flute for Families – The Movie!

Saturday, February 19 Oshman Family Jewish Community Center

11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Schultz Cultural Arts Hall

3921 Fabian Way Palo Alto, CA 94303

Sunday, March 27 at 1 p.m. Addison-Penzak Jewish Community Center

14855 Oka Road Los Gatos, CA 95032

Sung in English with English subtitles Running time: 1 hour and 15 minutes Rating: Recommended for ages 4-12

Production Information

Cast: Production Team:

Tamino	Chad Freeburg	Conductor	Alya Joffe
Pamina	Ji Young Yang	Director	Yuval Sharon
Papageno	Daniel Belcher	Designer	Gerald Scarfe
Queen of the Night	Svetlana Nikitenko	Original Lighting Designer	Richard Pilbrow
Sarastro	Jeremy Galyon	Lighting Designer	Chris Maravich
Papagena	Rhoslyn Jones	Chorus Director	Ian Robertson
Monostatos	Matthew O'Neill		

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