



**THE OPERA HOUR ON CLASSICAL KDFC  
BEGINS SUNDAY, MAY 6, 8 P.M.**

**KDFC President Bill Lueth and San Francisco Opera General Director Matthew Shilvock  
Co-Host Monthly Opera Showcase**

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (May 3, 2018) — On Sunday, May 6, at 8 p.m., Classical KDFC launches *The Opera Hour*, a new opera showcase created by KDFC President Bill Lueth and co-hosted by Lueth and San Francisco Opera General Director Matthew Shilvock. Airing on the first Sunday of each month, *The Opera Hour* is a new chapter in the ongoing partnership between Classical KDFC and San Francisco Opera, replacing the broadcasts of complete San Francisco Opera performances.

*The Opera Hour* welcomes longtime opera fans and the opera curious to discover the magic of opera. In each episode, Lueth and Shilvock will share new recordings of arias, duets and ensembles they are enjoying along with some of their favorites, honoring singers of the past. The hosts will highlight opportunities to hear great singing around the Bay Area and dig into the treasure trove of archival San Francisco Opera broadcasts. Additionally, Shilvock will take listeners backstage at the War Memorial Opera House and, with the help of special guests, share insights about this spectacular artform.

Lueth said, “Opera has some of the most beautiful and dramatic moments in all of classical music. Matthew and I want to share this music with a larger audience and invite more people to discover what makes opera so wonderful.”

Classical KDFC’s *The Opera Hour* can be heard on the FM dial at 90.3 (San Francisco), 89.9 (Wine Country), 92.5 (Ukiah-Lakeport), 104.9 (Silicon Valley), 103.9 (Santa Cruz and Monterey); on Comcast Cable 981; or online at [kdfc.com](http://kdfc.com).

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