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Opening Week of San Francisco Opera's 101st Season Continues with
San Francisco Chronicle Presents Opera in the Park

Sunday, September 10 at 1:30 p.m.

Free Annual Event in Golden Gate Park Features Music Director Eun Sun Kim
Leading the San Francisco Opera Orchestra and
Stars from the 2023–24 Season

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Opera in the Park. Photos: Drew Altizer Photography

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (September 5, 2023) — As part of the opening week festivities celebrating the inauguration of its second century, San Francisco Opera, in partnership with the *San Francisco Chronicle*, presents *Opera in the Park* on Sunday, September 10. This annual, free concert at Robin Williams Meadow in Golden Gate Park will feature Caroline H. Hume Music Director Eun Sun Kim and the San Francisco Opera Orchestra with vocal soloists from the 2023–24 Season. Company General Director Matthew Shilvock will serve as emcee.

Vocal soloists who will be heard at this favorite Bay Area event, now in its 48th year, include sopranos Julie Adams, Aleksandra Kurzak and Olivia Smith; mezzo-sopranos Hyona Kim

and Daniela Mack; tenors Roberto Alagna, Arturo Chacón-Cruz and Moisés Salazar; baritone Brian Mulligan; and bass-baritone Jongwon Han.

The *San Francisco Chronicle* is the presenting partner for *Opera in the Park* and the radio partner is Classical KDFC. San Francisco Opera also extends special thanks to San Francisco Recreation & Parks and the San Francisco Parks Alliance for their support of this Bay Area tradition, which is made possible, in part, by Opening Week Grand Sponsor Diane B. Wilsey with additional support provided by William and Gretchen Kimball Fund and Kaiser Permanente. Guest speakers who are scheduled to make remarks during *Opera in the Park* include Bill Nagel from the *San Francisco Chronicle*; Dianne Nicolini, Maggie Clennon Reberg and Robin Pressmen from Classical KDFC; and Steven Fredericks from the San Francisco Parks Alliance.

Established by former San Francisco Opera General Director Kurt Herbert Adler in 1971, the free concert celebrating the opening of the San Francisco Opera season draws thousands of music lovers annually for a free afternoon of arias, duets and popular songs in San Francisco's spacious Golden Gate Park. Many of opera's legendary figures, such as Luciano Pavarotti, Montserrat Caballé, Marilyn Horne and Renata Scottò, have performed at *Opera in the Park*.

Food and beverages are available at the park for sale, but many audience members bring picnics to enjoy on the lawn at this family-friendly event. Attendees are encouraged to bring refillable water bottles and make use of the water stations positioned around Robin Williams Meadow. In the traditional *Opera in the Park* finale, the audience joins the singers for a rendition of the brindisi (drinking song) from Giuseppe Verdi's *La Traviata*.

This event is free; no tickets are required. An accessible seating section and restrooms are provided. A pedestrian ADA drop-off area is located on Bowling Green Drive and limited accessible parking is available. Public parking will be extremely limited and alternative transportation, such as Muni (5, 7, 21, 33, N) and Uber/Lyft ridesharing apps, are strongly recommended. A free bicycle valet parking area on the east side of the meadow has been organized in partnership with the Bicycle Coalition.

Artists and program are subject to change. For further information about *San Francisco Chronicle Presents Opera in the Park*, call (415) 864-3330 or visit sfopera.com/operainthepark.

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Free Concert Celebrating the Opening of San Francisco Opera's 101st Season
Sunday, September 10, 2023, 1:30pm
Robin Williams Meadow, Golden Gate Park

ARTISTS (subject to change):

Sopranos: Julie Adams, Aleksandra Kurzak, Olivia Smith
Mezzo-Sopranos: Hyona Kim, Daniela Mack
Tenors: Roberto Alagna, Arturo Chacón-Cruz, Moisés Salazar
Baritone: Brian Mulligan
Bass-Baritone: Jongwon Han

Eun Sun Kim, conductor
San Francisco Opera Orchestra (Kay Stern, concertmaster)
Emcee: Matthew Shilvock, San Francisco Opera General Director

OPERA IN THE PARK PROGRAM
(subject to change)

"Dich, teure Halle" from *Tannhäuser* (Richard Wagner)
Julie Adams

"O du mein holder Abendstern" from *Tannhäuser* (Wagner)
Brian Mulligan

"Madamina!" from *Don Giovanni* (Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart)
Jongwon Han

"Torna ai felici di" from *Le Villi* (Giacomo Puccini)
Moisés Salazar

"Cruda sorte" from *l'Italiana in Algieri* (Gioachino Rossini)
Daniela Mack

Bacchanale from *Samson et Dalila* (Camille Saint-Saëns)
San Francisco Opera Orchestra

"Vissi d'arte" from *Tosca* (Puccini)
Aleksandra Kurzak

"Recitar ... Vesti la giubba" from *Pagliacci* (Ruggero Leoncavallo)
Roberto Alagna

"O mon Fernand" from *La Favorite* (Gaetano Donizetti)

Hyona Kim

Overture from *Carmen* (Georges Bizet)

San Francisco Opera Orchestra

Habañera from *Carmen* (Bizet)

Daniela Mack

"Je dis que rien ne m'épouvante" from *Carmen* (Bizet)

Olivia Smith

"Batter my heart" from *Doctor Atomic* (John Adams)

Brian Mulligan

"Tu qui, Santuzza?" from *Cavalleria Rusticana* (Pietro Mascagni)

Aleksandra Kurzak, Olivia Smith and Roberto Alagna

Intermezzo from *Cavalleria Rusticana* (Mascagni)

San Francisco Opera Orchestra

"Song to the Moon" from *Rusalka* (Antonín Dvořák)

Julie Adams

"Granada" (Augustín Lara)

Arturo Chacón-Cruz

This event is FREE; no tickets required. Bring a picnic and enjoy this outdoor, family-friendly concert; food and beverages will also be available for sale at the event. Limited ADA parking and seating is available. Public parking is extremely limited; taking public transit is highly recommended.

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