



SAN FRANCISCO
OPERA



SAN FRANCISCO OPERA CELEBRATES PRIDE MONTH
WITH JUNE 26 *PRIDE NIGHT AT THE OPERA* AND
JUNE 30 SAN FRANCISCO PRIDE PARADE



2023 Pride Night at the Opera; *The Magic Flute* (photo: Cory Weaver);
San Francisco Pride Parade (photo: Kristen Loken)

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (June 14, 2024) — San Francisco Opera celebrates Pride month, bringing together LGBTQIA+ artists, staff, audience and community, and highlighting the city's connection to opera. On Wednesday, June 26, all ticketholders for that evening's performance of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's *The Magic Flute* are welcome to enjoy *Pride Night at the Opera* which includes a pre-performance Pride exhibit hosted by the Opera's Department of Diversity, Equity and Community and a Best Pride Look Contest, both taking place on the Loggia at the Opera House. On Sunday, June 30, the Company unveils a new parade float and joins other local arts institutions to march in the 54th Annual San Francisco Pride Parade.



Opera Is Proud poster (photo: Kristen Loken); Scenes from *The Magic Flute* (photos: Cory Weaver/San Francisco Opera)

PRIDE NIGHT AT THE OPERA—The Magic Flute

Wednesday, June 26 (pre-show from 6:30–7:30 p.m.; opera begins at 7:30 p.m.)

Loggia at War Memorial Opera House, 301 Van Ness Avenue in San Francisco

With the exterior of the War Memorial Opera House glowing in rainbow colors, *Pride Night at the Opera* on June 26 offers attendees a pairing of Mozart's popular fairy-tale opera *The Magic Flute* and a night celebrating LGBTQIA+ identity and creativity. Presented in the inventive and visually stunning production by Barrie Kosky and Suzanne Andrade, the staging draws inspiration from the art of silent film, early Hollywood animation and 1920s Berlin cabaret. San Francisco Opera Music Director Eun Sun Kim conducts the composer's final opera which includes its famous overture and the Queen of the Night's unforgettable arias.

From 6:30–7:30 p.m., visit the outdoor Loggia on the Grand Tier level (third floor) of the Opera House and experience a Pride exhibit by San Francisco Opera's Department of Diversity, Equity and Community. Attendees are also invited to participate in the Best Pride Look Contest; winners receive two tickets to the 2024–25 Season. This pre-show gathering is open to all ticketholders of that night's opera performance; for more information, visit sfopera.com/flute.

Tickets for *The Magic Flute* on June 26 include *Pride Night at the Opera* activities in the Opera House, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The opera begins at 7:30 p.m. Visit sfopera.com to purchase tickets.

SAN FRANCISCO PRIDE PARADE

Sunday, June 30 at 10:30 a.m.

Market Street from Beale Street to 8th Street in San Francisco



San Francisco Pride Parade 2023 (photos: Matthew Washburn)

On Sunday, June 30, cheer on members of San Francisco Opera and other arts organizations at the 54th Annual San Francisco Pride Parade, one of the oldest celebrations of LGBTQIA+ identity in the world. The Company is excited to unveil a brand-new parade float at this popular event. For more information about the 54th San Francisco Pride Parade and Celebration, visit sfpride.org.

###

San Francisco Opera is sponsored, in part, by Norby Anderson, Julie Dickson, Jerome L. and Thao N. Dodson, The Dolby Family, Carol and Dixon Doll, Bertie Bialek Elliott, Peter Fenton and Kate Greer, Keith and Priscilla Geeslin, Ann and Gordon Getty Foundation for the Arts, Louise Gund, John A. and Cynthia Fry Gunn, Elizabeth B. Jamieson (in memoriam, J. Burgess Jamieson), Franklin and Catherine Johnson, Edmund W. and Jeannik Méquet Littlefield Fund, Steven M. Menzies, Bernard and Barbro Osher, Barbara Oshman, Jeff and Marieke Rothschild, Jan Shrem and Maria Manetti Shrem, Dianne and Tad Taube, Phyllis C. Wattis Endowment Funds, Diane B. Wilsey, and Barbara A. Wolfe

The Magic Flute is made possible, in part, by: the Carol Franc Buck Foundation, Bertie Bialek Elliott, John A. and Cynthia Fry Gunn, and Edmund W. and Jeannik Méquet Littlefield Fund.

Christina Gansch and Amitai Pati's appearances are made possible by: a gift to the Emerging Stars Fund by Jan Shrem and Maria Manetti Shrem.

Additional support provided by: Steve Duscha, in memory of Wanda Lee Graves, E. Nakamichi Foundation, Ms. Merrill Randol, and James Wintersteen, in memory of Beth Wintersteen.

Yamaha is the official piano of San Francisco Opera.

San Francisco Opera is supported, in part, by a grant from Grants for the Arts.



San Francisco Opera is a member of

**OPERA
AMERICA**

###

Downloadable press photos of San Francisco Opera's past Pride celebrations and *The Magic Flute* production are available at sfopera.com/press.

For further press information, contact San Francisco Opera Communications:

Julia Inouye (415) 565-6430 / jinouye@sfopera.com

Jeffery McMillan (415) 565-6451 / jmcmillan@sfopera.com

Teresa Concepcion (415) 565-6470 / tconcepcion@sfopera.com