

Luncheon and Concert

Sunday, November 3, 2024 at 12:00 noon (Pacific Standard Time)
Sequoia Country Club in the Oakland Hills
4550 Heafy Road, Oakland 94605

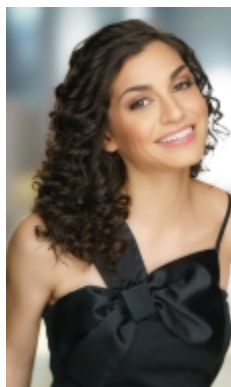
12:00 noon Check in

12:45 p.m. Luncheon

2:00 p.m. Concert

Please join the East Bay Chapter of the San Francisco Opera Guild for an enchanting fundraising luncheon and concert at the beautiful Sequoia Country Club in the Oakland Hills. This special event features a delightful program with performances by Lila Khazoum, coloratura soprano; Eugene Brancoveanu, baritone; and pianist Zachary Gordin.

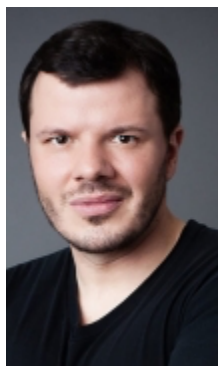
LILA KHAZOUN



Known for her “soaring high notes,” Lila Khazoum is a coloratura soprano based in Tracy, California. Most recently, she sang the role of Belinda in Festival Opera’s esteemed production of Purcell’s *Dido and Aeneas*. In 2022, she performed the role of Frasquita in its culturally updated production of *Carmen*.

In 2021, she made her recital debut in the Bay Area as part of Festival Opera’s Artist Recital Series, opening Piedmont’s post-quarantine recital scene with her program *Un Raggio di Speme – A Ray of Hope*, an exploration of fear, hope, and emotional endurance. Since then, she has programmed and performed other recital projects as benefits or collaborations. In fall 2023, she performed *Phantasmagoria: Into the Mist*, an immersive experience in which The Gregangelo Museum created a haunted house around her seasonal October program. Other performances have included French Baroque music at the Fondazione Giorgio Cini in Venice, Italy, under the direction of Baroque superstar Vivica Genaux, performances with Listen for Life’s Notes for Nourishment recital series, and other various private and public engagements throughout the area.

EUGENE BRANCOVEANU



Romanian baritone Eugene Brancoveanu is a Bay Area favorite and Tony award winner, for his portrayal as Marcello in Baz Luhrmann’s production of Puccini’s *La Bohème* on Broadway. In Europe he performed a wide ranging repertoire from modern to standard opera. Highlights of his international Opera credits are leading roles at: Heidelberg Opera, Stuttgart Opera, Salzburg Music Festival, Munich State Opera, Berlin opera, Pesaro Teatro Rossini, Piccola Scala di Milano, Macerata teatro di opera, Romanian National theater, Tokyo Opera House, Matsumoto Opera, Montreal Opera and Opera Theater of Tel Aviv.

After his successful apprenticeship at San Francisco opera’s summer program Merola, he was awarded the position of Adler Fellow at San Francisco Opera. During this time he sang, among others, the roles of: Tomski in Tchaikovsky’s *Pique Dame*, Riccardo in *Italiana in Algeri*, the title role in *Don Giovanni*, the pilot in *The Little Prince*, Belcore in *Elixir of Love*, Enrico in *Lucia di Lammermoor* and Tarquinius in *Rape of Lucretia*.

ZACHARY GORDIN



Zachary Gordin has established himself as a leading soloist, collaborative pianist, conductor, producer, artist mentor, and organizational consultant. A frequent presence on the Festival Opera stage, Gordin made his company debut in 2006 as Angelotti in Tosca. His debut disc: Amour sans ailes - Songs of Reynaldo Hahn on the MSR Classics label was named "Best Lieder Recording of 2017" by Voix des Arts. On the operatic stage Gordin is known for his performances of Joseph De Rocher in Jake Heggie's Dead Man Walking, Marcello in La Boheme, Count Almaviva in Le Nozze di Figaro, Escamillo in Carmen, Silvio in Pagliacci, Aeneas in Dido and Aeneas, Enrico in Lucia di Lammermoor, and Germont in La traviata.

MENU

Traditional Caesar Salad

Roasted Chicken Breast with
Spinach, Sundried Tomato Stuffing and Pesto Cream OR
Oven Roasted Salmon with Lemon Beurre Blanc OR
Portabello Mushroom Tower with San Marzano Tomato Marinara

Chef's choice starch and seasonal vegetable
Bread and butter, coffee, iced tea station

Dessert: Tiramisu

The cost of the event is \$110 per person, approximately \$30 tax-deductible.

All proceeds benefit the education programs for students in kindergarten through 12th grade, young singers in the Adler Fellowship Program and the Merola Opera Program.

The deadline for reservations is October 24. Non-members are very welcome.

Please contact Silvia Lin at 925-838-9255, slininalamo@gmail.com, for more information, or visit <https://sfopera.com/EBC-Luncheon>.

Please mail the reservation form below to Brad Wade, 3350 Hermosa Way, Lafayette, CA 94549. Make checks payable to SFOG, EBC. This is not a ticketed event. Names will be held at the door. Seating is unreserved, unless a table of 8 is purchased or a performer is sponsored.

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Attendees: Please select an entree for each person.

Name _____ chicken salmon mushroom tower

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Number of people _____ at \$110 each \$ _____

Additional contribution to the education fund \$ _____

I would like to sponsor a performer for \$400 and receive reserved seating \$ _____

I would like a table for eight, names and checks are included \$ _____

Total \$ _____ Check # _____

DIRECTIONS TO SEQUOYAH COUNTRY CLUB

<https://goo.gl/maps/cGfNDn9daJSCD38b8>

FROM OAKLAND: Take I-580E towards Hayward.*.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO: Take the Bay Bridge eastbound. Follow I-580E towards Hayward.*

FROM WALNUT CREEK/ORINDA:
Take Hwy 24 westbound through the Caldecott Tunnel. Take Hwy. 13 southbound toward Hayward. Connect with I-580E towards Hayward.*

FROM THE NORTH BAY AND BERKELEY: Take I-80 westbound through the maze. Connect with I-580E towards Hayward.*

*Take the Keller Avenue offramp, turning left at the top of the ramp and go over the freeway. Turn right on Mountain Blvd. Turn left on Sequoyah. Follow for .8 mi. Turn right on Heafey Rd. into the club.

FROM SAN JOSE AND SOUTHWEST: Take I-880 northbound. Take Hwy. 238 eastbound. Connect with I-580W towards Oakland.**

FROM CASTRO VALLEY AND SOUTHEAST: Take I-680N.

Connect with I-580W towards Oakland.**

** Take the Golf Links Road offramp, turning right at the bottom of the ramp and then left on Mountain Blvd. Turn right on Sequoyah. Follow for 0.8 mi. Turn right on Heafey Rd. and into the club.