



# OPERA NOTES SPRING-SUMMER 2024



*Winners of the vocal competition for this year*

# *Vivaldi Concerto No.1*

## *“La Primavera or Spring”*

*Spring has arrived with joy,  
Welcomed by the birds with happy songs,  
And the brooks, amidst gentle breezes,  
Murmur sweetly as they flow.  
The sky is capped in black, and  
Thunder and lightning herald a storm,  
When they fall silent, the birds  
Take up their delightful songs!*

*We can listen to the beautiful songs of the birds and nature as we can also listen to the new voices of our wonderful high school vocal competitors. Some voices are newly formed and some already have the expectations of maturity.*

*We heard these voices at our annual Spring Luncheon that was held at the Big Canyon County Club on May 3rd.*

*This is always a treat for Opera Focus members and guests. We want to especially thank Kathleen Martin for all she does as our chairman for this event. She is tireless!*

*To keep this wonderful event going each year, we need your contributions for the scholarships.*

*Please find a form, included in this newsletter, to fill out if you would like to donate.*

*The competition is always held in April and the Luncheon featuring the winners in May*



# OPERA FOCUS

## SPRING & SUMMER ACTIVITIES

*Thursday July 4th, 2024 7:00pm*  
*GAMES, GOODIES, LIBATIONS & FIREWORKS*

*Host: Betty & Bill McClellan*

*Monarch Beach*

*Attire: Traditional*

*Cost: \$65/per person*

*Saturday September 14th, 2024*

*MUSICAL MELODIES*

*LIBATIONS & MUSIC & FRIENDS*

*Host: Luciana Marabella*

*San Clemente*

*Attire: Cocktail*

*Cost: \$75/per person*

*If interested, please call Diane Weinhold*  
*949-872-5425*

*We are always looking for someone new to offer their home for a dining or cocktail event where members come to partake and enjoy, with all the monies for these events go into the support of the opera the symphony puts on every year.*



*If you are interested, please call our Event Chairman*  
*Luciana Marabella*  
*714-392-2260*

# PACIFIC SYMPHONY SUMMER PROGRAMS

*The Pacific Symphony is going to be playing in the new venue at the Great Park in Irvine this summer. There will be five wonderful programs!*

*July 4: 8pm*

**SPECTACULAR: MUSIC OF CHICAGO**

*with Fireworks*

*Richard Kaufman: Conductor*

**BRASS TRANSIT, CHICAGO TRIBUTE AND COVER BAND**

*July 16: 8pm*

**RAPSODY IN BLUE AT 100**

*Carl St. Clair: Conductor*

*August 10: 8pm*

**STAR WARS: RETURN OF THE JEDI IN CONCERT**

*Christopher Dragon: Conductor*

*Film with Live Orchestra*

*August 23: 8pm*

**JOHN WILLIAMS' MAGICAL MUSIC OF HARRY POTTER**

*Enrico Lopez-Yanez: Conductor*

*September 7: 8pm*

**TCHAIKOVSKY: VIOLIN CONCERTO 1812 OVERTURE WITH FIREWORKS**

*Carl St. Clair: Conductor*



# PACIFIC SYMPHONY OPERA 2025

*April 10, 12 & 15*

## CURSE OF THE RING “DAS RHEINGOLD”

GODS, RHINE MERMAIDS AND DWARVES  
STEP INTO THE MYTHICAL WORK OF  
WAGNER'S FIRST OPERA IN THE RING CIRCLE

*We can't wait for Carl St. Clair's version of this wonderful piece of music. He is, of course, a "tried and true Wagnerian" and will bring the music to life with magic.*

*Opera Focus is planning an event that will feature a speaker who will lecture about what we will be seeing and listening to with this opera.*

*Details to come!*



# OTHER OPERA FOCUS NEWS

*Our bridge group is still going strong. If you would like to join, please call our Bridge Chairman:*

*Harriet Selna 949-760-8394*

*If you know of a member who is ill or informed, please let our Corresponding Secretary know so we can follow up with a card.*

*Betty McClellan 949-492-6992*

## NEW MEMBERS

*If you have a friend or acquaintance who is interested in our group, please find a Membership Form at the end of this newsletter and pass it on.*

## MISSION STATEMENT

*Opera Focus is a volunteer group dedicated to:*

*Supporting the opera and vocal projects of Pacific Symphony,*

*Creating opportunities for young people to be exposed to opera,*

*Developing opera audiences in Orange County,*

*Conducting fundraising and social events for the purpose of promoting the opera art form.*





**OPERA FOCUS**  
*and*  
**PACIFIC SYMPHONY**  
*Present*  
**The Laila Conlin**  
**High School Vocal Competition**

*If you would like to support this wonderful event, you can donate any amount you like. These donations will go towards scholarships for these amazing up and coming opera singers. Opera Focus would like this to be the annual event to keep*  
**OPERA STRONG!**

*I would like to donate to the competition.*

*Please find enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_ Checks payable to Pacific Symphony*

*Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_*

*Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_*

*Address \_\_\_\_\_*

*Phone # \_\_\_\_\_*

*Mail to: Diane Weinhold*

*2 Belmonte*

*Irvine, CA 92620*

**INFO: Bev Spring 949-510-5876**

# OPERA FOCUS MEMBERSHIP FORM

YES! I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN OPERA FOCUS TO SUPPORT  
THE PACIFIC SYMPHONY'S SEMI-STAGED OPERAS

Membership Levels: \_\_\_\_\_ Individual \$50  
\_\_\_\_\_ Couple \$100  
\_\_\_\_\_ Diva \$250

## Member Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I will pay via (please mark one)

\_\_\_\_\_ Check: Please make payable to PACIFIC SYMPHONY

\_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card: Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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