



## 2025 Season Calendar of Events and Performances Zachary Gordin, General Director

### FESTIVAL OPERA'S 2025 SPRING SOIRÉE

**Saturday, May 3, 2025 at 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.**

Piedmont Center for the Arts

801 Magnolia Avenue, Piedmont

Annual company benefit event—an intimate evening of music, celebration, and fund raising—with hosted wine and savory & sweet bites from **Siren Sisters Kitchen**; silent and live auction of one-of-a-kind adventures and luxury items. Musical performances by Festival Opera artists **Shawnette Sulker, Courtney Miller, Taylor Thompson**, and pianist **Daniel Lockert** with benefit host **Zachary Gordin**.

An evening for us to come together, stand united and support the importance of our arts community.

Benefit tickets: \$150 pp; purchase online at [www.festivalopera.org](http://www.festivalopera.org)

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### FESTIVAL OPERA PRESENTS

#### ***Pagliacci* in the Park**

Ruggero Leoncavallo's classic one-act opera *Pagliacci*, (the *Clowns*) is one of the most famous Italian opera melodramas about a traveling *commedia dell'arte* troupe performing a drama within a drama filled with nervous laughter, clandestine love, secrets, jealousy and murder, presented in an immersive concert in the park staging. Featuring an exciting cast of singers including **Vincent Chambers** (Canio), **Lila Khazoum** (Nedda), **Igor Vieira** (Tonio), **Luis Alejandro Orozco** (Silvio), **Taylor Thompson** (Beppe); and **Chun Mei Wilson** (pianist).

**Thursday, June 26, 2025 at 6 p.m.; free admission and lawn seating**

Orinda Community Park, 28 Orinda Way, Orinda

**Sponsored by Rotary Club of Orinda**

**Sunday, June 29, 2025 at 4 p.m.; free admission and lawn seating**

Civic Park, 1375 Civic Dr, Walnut Creek

**Sponsored by Walnut Creek Civic Pride Foundation**

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### SALON SERIES AT PIEDMONT CENTER FOR THE ARTS

#### ***BAROQUE QUEENS***

**Sunday, July 27, 2025 at 4 p.m.**

Featured artists: **Nikola Printz**, mezzo-soprano; **Joshua Mikus-Mahoney**, cello; **Jon Mendle**, theorbo and Baroque guitar; **Zachary Gordin**, harpsichord; Performing music of Monteverdi, Handel, Purcell, more.

## **AMERICAN SONG CYCLES**

**Sunday, August 24, 2025 at 4 p.m.**

Featured artists: **Carrie Hennessey**, soprano; **Daniel Lockert**, pianist

Performing music of Julia Seeholzer's *Portraits of Disquiet* and Jake Heggie's *At the Statue of Venus*

## **BEL CANTO FOREVER!**

**Sunday, September 28, 2025 at 4 p.m.**

Featured artists: **Shawnette Sulker**, soprano; **Sara Couden**, contralto; **Zachary Gordin**, piano

Performing 19<sup>th</sup> century bel canto music of Rossini, Bellini, Delibes, Meyerbeer, more.

All Salon Series concerts are presented at the **Piedmont Center for the Arts, 801 Magnolia Avenue, Piedmont.**

Tickets are \$40 pp for each concert; purchase online at [www.festivalopera.org](http://www.festivalopera.org)

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## **Festival Opera and Diablo Symphony Orchestra present**

### **Giuseppe Verdi's *LA TRAVIATA***

A semi-staged concert version

Sung in Italian with projected English supertitles

**Friday, October 24, 2025 at 7.30 p.m.**

**Sunday, October 26 at 2 p.m.**

Hofmann Theatre, Leshar Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek

Tickets on-sale by mid-May; connect online [www.festivalopera.org](http://www.festivalopera.org) or call the Box Office (925) 943-7469

Violetta Valéry: **Jamie Chamberlin**

Alfredo Germont: **Nathan Granner**

Giorgio Germont: **Zachary Gordin**

Flora Bervoix: **Courtney Miller**

Annina: **Sonia Gariaeff**

Gastone de Letorières: **Taylor Thompson**

Barone Douphol: **Joseph Calzada**

Marchese d'Obigny: **Liam Daley**

Dottore Grenvil: **Chung-Wai Soong**

Music Director/Conductor: **Matilda Hofman**

Festival Opera Chorus and Diablo Symphony Orchestra

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