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## ***Opera San José Brings Performances to the Community this Summer***

**SAN JOSE, CA (May 24, 2016)** – Opera San José is pleased to announce it is taking opera into the community through different venues this summer starting with a performance and lecture at The Ainsley House in Campbell on June 10 from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Bass Kirk Eichelberger will kick off the hour with a selection of songs followed by General Director Larry Hancock’s lecture about the operas next season.

On June 30, Opera San José will be presenting a music appreciation class for underprivileged students at Sacred Heart Community Center in San Jose from 1:50 – 2:50 p.m. Baritone Matthew Hanscom and soprano Jennifer Mitchell will be conducting a “What is Opera?” session, which is a lecture and performance that gives an overview of opera.

In addition, the company will present Opera in Bramhall Park in Willow Glen on July 10 from 6:30 – 8 p.m. The concert will be staged at Willow Street Frank Bramhall Park with principal artists performing arias and ensembles, providing the audience with a look at the highlights of the company's 2016-17 season.

On July 21, new resident member, soprano Sylvia Lee, baritone Matthew Hanscom and tenor Kirk Dougherty will perform at the Sunnyvale Library. Following the performance Mr. Hancock will again give a lecture on the 2016-17 season. The event is scheduled from 7 – 8 p.m.

And finally, as a show of appreciation to donors, Opera San José will host its 2016-17 Singers’ Showcase on July 31 at 3 p.m. The Singers’ Showcase is an event for Showcase Circle donors who are invited to attend the first performance by the 2016 – 17 company, followed by a reception for donors and artists. The Showcase Circle consists of donors who have donated or pledged \$1,000 or more to Opera San José over the past year.

Those who are not yet Showcase Circle donors can make a donation or a pledge by June 15, 2016. Donations can be broken into monthly installments and are accepted via phone (408.437.4450) or online at [www.operasj.org](http://www.operasj.org).

For more details and locations regarding these events please visit: <http://www.operasj.org/news-events/calendar/>

### **About Opera San José**

Opera San José, performing at the beautiful California Theatre in downtown San José, is a professional, regional opera company that is unique in the United States. Maintaining a resident company of principal artists, Opera San José specializes in showcasing the finest young professional singers in the nation. In addition to mainstage performances, Opera San José maintains extensive educational programs in schools and in the community at large, and offers preview lectures and Introduction to Opera talks for all mainstage productions.

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