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Opera San José Presents Mozart's Dazzling

Così fan tutte

What: Thinking himself worldly and experienced, Don Alfonso decides to relieve his young friends, Ferrando and Guglielmo, of their faith in sexual fidelity. He challenges them to a bet, promising that within 24 hours their fiancées will prove unfaithful. Outraged, they accept, but find the challenge too painfully revealing and too difficult to withstand. Dressed in clown's clothes, these young men break their own hearts and the hearts of their fiancées. A comedy that is a tragedy underneath is the perfect stuff for the uncanny genius of Mozart, so clearly revealed in this dazzling score.

Così fan tutte will be sung in Italian with English supertitles. Runtime is approximately three hours. Opera San José presents six performances of this fascinating, provocative opera, opening in San José's California Theatre on September 9, 2017, closing September 24, 2017. The California Theatre is at 345 S. First Street in downtown San José.

Tickets: Tickets are available by phone, online, and at the Opera San José Box Office at 2149 Paragon Drive in San José. Prices range from \$10 for students, ages 25 and younger with a current student ID, and \$56 to \$176 for adults. Box office phone: 408-437-4450 or go to operasj.org.

Who: Composer: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Librettist: Lorenzo Da Ponte
Conductor: Peter Grunberg
Stage Director: Brad Dalton
Set Designer: Steven Kemp
Costume Designer: Elizabeth Poindexter
Costume Director: Alyssa Oania
Lighting Designer: David Lee Cuthbert
Wigs/Makeup: Christina Martin
Assistant Conductor and Chorus Master: Andrew Whitfield

Cast:	Fiordiligi	Amanda Kingston •
	Dorabella	Cassandra Zoé Velasco
	Despina	Maria Valdes/Maya Kherani **
	Guglielmo	Colin Ramsey
	Ferrando	David Blalock
	Don Alfonso	Malcolm Mackenzie/Trevor Neal •

• Principal artist in the resident company

** 9/24 performance

Dates: Performances: September 9, 10m, 14, 17m, 22, 24m

Time: “m” indicates matinee at 3pm; all other performances are at 8pm

Location: California Theatre, 345 South 1st Street (between San Carlos and San Salvador), San José, CA

Così fan tutte Preview: August 29, 2017 from 12 – 1 p.m., California Theatre, 345 S. First Street in downtown San José; Free vocal preview with members of the cast. For information, call 408-437-4450.

Introduction to Opera: General Director Larry Hancock will present a free 45-minute talk to ticket holders about the opera at the California Theatre before each performance of *Così fan tutte*. The talk begins at 6:30pm prior to evening performances and at 1:30pm prior to Sunday matinees. No reservations required.

Press Room: www.operasj.org/news-events/press-room

To learn more about *Così fan tutte*, please visit operasj.org

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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