

Livermore Valley Opera NEWS RELEASE

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Livermore Valley Opera Announces 2023-2024 Season Carlisle Floyd's Of Mice and Men Opens Oct. 7

LIVERMORE, CALIF. – The Tri-Valley's own professional opera company, the Livermore Valley Opera, announces its 32nd season featuring two fully-staged operas: Carlisle Floyd's vivid adaptation of John Steinbeck's novella *Of Mice and Men*, and Mozart's crowning operatic achievement *The Magic Flute*. Tickets go on sale June 1 at the Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore. Both operas will be sung in English. Details and other special events are as follows:

Of Mice and Men

- October 7, 7:30pm; Opening night
- October 8, 2pm
- October 14, 7:30pm
- October 15, 2pm
- Opening Night Dinner at Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard, 4:00pm. (Separate ticket purchase required.)

The Magic Flute

- March 2, 2023; 7:30pm, Opening night
- March 3, 2023; 2pm
- March 9, 2023; 7:30pm
- March 10, 2023 2pm
- Opening Night Dinner at Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard, 4:00pm. (Separate ticket purchase required.)

About Of Mice and Men

Stage Director Marc Jacobs will bring the forceful tale of two depression-era farm workers whose dream of owning their own land one day ends in tragedy. Carlisle Floyd, arguably the greatest of America's 20th Century opera composers adapts to the operatic stage a vivid representation of John Steinbeck's story that will grip you with its powerful music and timeless themes. In the opinion of the late composer himself, this is his greatest operatic achievement.

About The Magic Flute

Follow a Prince and Princess through a magical land of fantasy in their quest for truth, love and enlightenment in Mozart's crowning operatic achievement. Stage Director Candace Evans' staging will enhance the beautiful music and some of the most memorable arias in opera, paired with a cast of fanciful characters, make this Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's crowning operatic achievement.

Both opera performances will be expertly accompanied by orchestra, conducted by LVO's maestro, Alexander Katsman.

Ticket Pricing

Adults \$20-\$105. Tickets can be purchased through the LVO website at www.LVOpera.com. Special ticket pricing: \$20 for age 20 and younger; \$40 for age 40-20.

Performance & Box Office Location:

Bankhead Theater
2400 First Street, Livermore, CA 94550
Bankhead Ticket Office: 925-373-6800

Special Events

Opening Night Dinner at Uncle's Yu's at the Vineyards

Opening Night Dinner events at Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard, conveniently located one-half block from the Bankhead Theater. Welcome reception with wines sponsored by local vintners, and appetizers begins at 4pm with dinner seating at 4:30pm. Guests will have a chance to meet the Stage Director and LVO's musical conductor Alexander Katsman.

Tickets available June 1 through Bankhead Theater box office. Opera performance tickets are a separate purchase.

Pre-opera lecture

Included in the ticket price are pre-opera lecture held one hour prior to curtain time. LVO's traditional artist's reception is held in the lobby immediately following each performance.

LVO Fundraiser Event: "3 Redneck Tenors" to perform, February 17, 2024 at the Bankhead Theater

A special fundraiser concert will feature the 3 Redneck Tenors, a new breed in the "tenor genre" – their musical comedy featuring classically trained veteran artists – is written by opera-veteran Matthew Lord with music arranged by award-winning composer Craig Bohmler, and starring Mr. Lord, Blake Davidson, and Steven Sanders. The 3 Redneck Tenors were top finalists on "America's Got Talent" and have been thrilling audiences since 2006.

About LVO

Livermore Valley Opera was founded in 1992, and presents fully-staged operas at Livermore's Bankhead Theater in the spring and fall. This gem of a theater features excellent lines of sight and acoustics, helping the opera to attract talented singers and stage directors for their performances.

LVO's Artistic Director Erie Mills was awarded the 2022 Distinguished Artist of The American Prize in recognition of an outstanding career which evidences "sustained

artistic excellence." In 2021, LVO was named the winner of The American Prize in the Professional Opera division for its March 2020 double-bill performances of Zemlinsky's *A Florentine Tragedy* and Puccini's *Gianni Schicchi*. The American Prize is the nation's most comprehensive series of non-profit competitions in the musical and theater arts.

LVO's mission is to enrich the community by producing world class operas and fostering the careers of professional opera singers. LVO encourages a wider appreciation of opera and the associated arts through community outreach and educational programs for youth in schools.

LVO is a professional opera company and a 501(c) 3 non-profit charitable arts organization. For more information, visit LVOpera.com.

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