



**Livermore Valley Opera  
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***Livermore Valley Opera's "Opera in the Vineyard" Events Return June 25 & August 27***

LIVERMORE, CALIF. – Join Livermore Valley Opera for its ever-popular Opera in the Vineyard programs this year to be held at Garré Vineyard & Winery. This stunning location creates an inviting backdrop for these relaxed, casual events. As you listen to the beautiful voices soar across the vineyard, you'll be transported to a world of music and magic, while sampling some of Garré's award-winning wines, including its home-grown 2019 Sangiovese, which earned "Best in Show" at the 2023 Livermore Valley "Uncorked" Competition. Whether you're a passionate opera fan or simply looking for a fun and entertaining way to spend an evening, Opera in the Vineyard is a truly unforgettable experience you won't want to miss. These events sell out quickly, so reserve your spot today - Tickets are on sale now for both summer events, each with its own unique musical program.

**Opera in the Vineyard - June**

Sunday, June 25, gate opens 4:15 pm

**Opera in the Vineyard – August**

Sunday, August 27, gate opens 4:15 pm

**Garré Vineyard & Winery**

7986 Tesla Road, Livermore

Garré offers guests a picturesque and inviting outdoor atmosphere surrounded by the natural beauty of the vineyards. Garré's owner's daughter, Gina Molinari-Cardera states "Family traditions and a deeply rooted heritage are the backbone of Garré Vineyard & Winery, welcoming visitors as family to enjoy the experience of Old Italy." Pack your picnic dinner, come and indulge in the perfect harmony of classic arias and Broadway favorites. Guests attending these special events can purchase the wines of Garré Vineyard & Winery while delighting in performances by professional opera singers.

"Opera in the Vineyard has always been a popular LVO event that has created a wonderful community of music lovers," says Raquel Holt, event chair and LVO founder and board member. "We are so excited that we can come together again to enjoy unique performances of opera arias, show tunes and maybe even a little cabaret. You will not want to miss it."

The June event features four of LVO's favorite performers, tenor **Sergio Gonzalez**, baritone **Ryan Bradford**, soprano **Hope Briggs**, and mezzo soprano **Molly Mahoney**. Accompanying the performers is LVO's own Music Director & Conductor, **Alex Katsman**.

"It is always wonderful to see our guests enjoying themselves in an informal, casual event as they listen to beautiful arias being performed by LVO's favorite and talented singers," adds Holt. "Our guests take out a spread of delectable culinary delights to share, and to hear the clinking of wine glasses as they happily make a toast to each other is a delight to see."

LVO will offer the extremely popular "Arias a la carte" portion of the program when guests have the opportunity to purchase songs from a "menu of delectable arias and show tunes" for the singers to perform at the purchaser's table or seating area.

#### **Tickets available online**

Individual seats at a table are \$80 each. Complete tables of ten may be purchased for \$800. Reservations close June 15<sup>th</sup>. Tickets can be purchased online on the Livermore Valley Opera website at [www.LVOpera.com](http://www.LVOpera.com).

Program begins at 5:00 p.m. and ends 8:00 p.m. Garré wines will be available for purchase. **No outside wine is permitted**. Guests are encouraged to carpool. Visit LVO's website [www.LVOpera.com](http://www.LVOpera.com) for more event information.

#### **About LVO**

Livermore Valley Opera was founded in 1992, and presents fully-staged operas in the spring and fall at the Bankhead Theater. The theater is located in Livermore in the Tri-Valley area, just 45 miles east of San Francisco. The Bankhead Theatre features excellent lines of sight and acoustics, helping the Opera to attract talented singers and stage directors. LVO combines the talents of professional musicians, stage directors, principal singers, and designers with the dedication and practical abilities of volunteers filling such critical roles as board members, chorus, stage crew, and set builders to reach its artistic goals. The mission of Livermore Valley Opera is to enrich our community by producing world class operas and fostering the careers of professional opera singers. We encourage a wider appreciation of opera and the associated arts through community outreach and educational programs for youth in schools.

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