

**Livermore Valley Opera
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Livermore Valley Opera's "Opera in the Vineyard" Events Return July 17 & August 28

LIVERMORE, CALIF. – Join Livermore Valley Opera for its ever-popular Opera in the Vineyard events at Retzlaff Vineyards, the site which has hosted the event for over 20 years. Enjoy a summer evening of opera and Broadway favorites in a relaxed, casual setting nestled among the vines. These events always sell out and tickets are on sale now for both summer events, each with its own unique musical program. Details are as follows:

Opera in the Vineyard - July

Sunday, July 17; gate opens 5:00 pm

Opera in the Vineyard – August

Sunday, August 28; gate opens 5:00 pm

Retzlaff Vineyards

1356 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore

Retzlaff is eager to welcome visitors to its beautiful outdoor venue surrounded by hundred years-old pepper trees and lovely vineyards. It offers a chance for the community to enjoy arias from classic operas in an informal setting. It is a **"bring-your-own-picnic dinner"** event where guests can purchase the wines of Retzlaff Vineyards while enjoying 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 July event features three of LVO's favorite performers, tenor **Alex Boyer**, soprano **Liisa Dávila** and bass **Kirk Eichelberger**. Making her debut with LVO is mezzo soprano **Kathleen Moss**. Accompanying the performers is pianist **Varvara Milinder**. Performers for the August event will be announced in the coming months.

"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."

Once again, 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" 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 July 13.

Tickets can be purchased online on the Livermore Valley Opera website at www.LVOpera.com.

Program begins at 5:30 p.m. and ends 8:30 p.m. Retzlaff Vineyards wines will be available for purchase. **No outside wine is permitted**. Guests are encouraged to carpool.

Visit LVO's website 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.

Livermore Valley Opera is a 501(c) 3 non-profit charitable organization.

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