

Puccini's

Gianni Schicchi + Opera Potpourri

July 5th and 6th CSULA State Playhouse



ANGELS VOCALART
KRISTOF VAN GRYSPOOR | ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

OPERA POTPOURRI

SATURDAY PROGRAM

ACT ONE

COSÌ FAN TUTTE

W. A. Mozart

Act II, Aria "Una donna a quindici anni" & Duet "Prenderò"

Despina: Mary Frances Conover Fiordiligi: Rachel Stoughton Dorabella: Margaret Pettit

CHÉRUBIN

J. Massenet

Act II, Duet "Qui parle dans la nuit confuse?"

L'Ensoleillad: Michelle Capano

Chérubin: Erin Alford

THE IMPRESARIO

W. A. Mozart

Dialogue & Trio "It's clear that I'm superior"

Madame Goldentrill: Isabella Luchi

Miss Silverpeal: Ran Wang

Maestro Birdsong: Randy Ho

LA BOHÈME

G. Puccini

Act IV, Duet "O Mimì tu più non torni"

Marcello: QingBin Li

Rodolfo: Gregory Spear

THE MIKADO

Gilbert & Sullivan

Act I, Duet "Were I Not to Ko-Ko Plighted"

Yum-Yum: Monika Spruch

Nanki-Poo: Daniel Brennan

IDOMENEO

W. A. Mozart

Act III, Duet "S'io non moro a questi accenti"

Ilia: Fei Xia

Idamante: MonaLisa Pomarleanu

SUSANNAH

C. Floyd

Act II, Aria "The trees on the mountain" & Duet "That's mighty pretty singin', Susannah"

Susannah: Katherine Buzard

Blicht: Raed Saade

INTERMISSION

Un Ballo in Maschera, Canio in Leoncavallo's Pagliacci, Pollione in Bellini's Norma, Luigi in Puccini's Il Tabarro, and Don José in Bizet's Carmen. Following the Summer Opera Intensive, Mr. Spear's next performance will be the role of MacDuff in Teatro Mistral's production of Verdi's Macbeth in San Francisco.

MONIKA SPRUCH

Monika Spruch grew up in Łódź, the second largest city in Poland, famous for its film school from which Polanski and Zanussi graduated. As a girl, Monika would stand in front of the mirror and sing along with opera singers, imaging herself performing onstage. That dream became a reality when she joined a choir, singing at events throughout Poland. After relocating to Hollywood, Monika covered popular songs by other artists and produced her music video "Radio" in 2010. In 2016, she returned to her homeland to perform live at Radio Łódź in Poland. More recently, she was featured in the production "DUSK," where Mark Governor (producer of "The Hobbit") wrote the operatic aria "Angel of Death" specifically for her. Monika now lives in Carmel, CA where she coaches with Robert Edwards (vocal coach to Christina Aguilera, Bonnie Raitt, and Sheryl Crow) and studies voice with renowned operatic basso Louis Leberz.



MADÉLINE STERN

Soprano Madeline Stern is thrilled to be singing with Angels Vocal Art this summer! Originally from New York, Mrs. Stern moved to California this past December, having earned her BM and MM in Vocal Performance from Indiana University. Recent roles include Fiordiligi (*Così fan tutte*), Donna Anna (*Don Giovanni*), Laurentia (*The Beautiful Bridegroom*), Pamina (*Die Zauberflöte*), Countess Almaviva (*Le nozze di Figaro*), and Kitty Hart (*Dead Man Walking*). Mrs. Stern studies with Brian Gill and lives in Long Beach with her wonderful husband, dog, and cat. For more info, upcoming performances, or to schedule voice lessons, visit MadelineStern.com

