

Festival Opera Benefit Concert

July 14 – “Make Our Garden Grow” Celebrates 20 Years



What: [Festival Opera](http://www.festivalopera.org) launches its third decade of artistic excellence with *Make Our Garden Grow*, a glittering evening of current and former favorite artists, special guests and the Festival Opera Chorus and orchestra in a program of arias and ensembles benefiting the company's 2012-2013 season.

Featured performers: Metropolitan opera mezzo soprano Susanne Mentzer with favorites Eugene Brancoveanu, Hope Briggs, Cynthia Clayton, Betany Coffland, Rebecca Davis, Kirk Eichelberger, Rebecca Garcia, Thomas Glenn, Zachary Gordin, Othalia Graham, Patrice Houston, Isaac Hurtado, Reg Huston, Kurt Krikorian, Brian Leerhuber, Heidi Moss, Marie Plette, Aimée Puentes, Philip Skinner, Brian Thorsett, Hector Vásquez, and Darla Wigginton.

When: Saturday, July 14, 8p.m.

Where: Hofmann Theatre, Leshar Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek

Admission: VIP Seating Package - \$250/person offers an entire evening of fun, beginning with a private dinner party, preferred seating at the Hofmann Theater, and an exclusive intermezzo Champagne and wine reception, when guests have the opportunity to meet some of the artists performing onstage.

Main Seating - \$100/person includes the entire concert, plus a no-host bar available before the concert and at intermission. Both packages include same-day admission to the Bedford Gallery, located in the Leshar Center for the Arts. Tickets available at 925.943.7469.

For more information: Please visit www.festivalopera.org or call Sara Nealy at 925-944-9610

About Festival Opera: As the third-largest opera company in the Bay Area, Festival Opera showcases talented young artists and is committed to bringing professional opera productions at affordable prices to residents of San Francisco's East Bay communities.

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