



## 2024 Season Calendar of Performances & Events

Zachary Gordin, General Director

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### OPERA IN THE PARK I

Thursday, June 20, 2024 at 6 p.m.

Orinda Community Park, 28 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA

Featuring Festival Opera artists **Lila Khazoum**, soprano; **Courtney Miller**, mezzo-soprano; **Taylor Thompson**, tenor; and **Liam Daley**, baritone performing great hits from grand opera, Broadway favorites, and Great American Songbook classics; **Chun Mei Wilson**, pianist with **Zachary Gordin**, host

Sponsored by Rotary Club of Orinda

Free Admission; Lawn Seating

### OPERA IN THE PARK II

Sunday, June 23, 2024 at 4 p.m.

Civic Park, 1375 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek, CA

Featuring Festival Opera artists **Lila Khazoum**, soprano; **Courtney Miller**, mezzo-soprano; **Taylor Thompson**, tenor; and **Liam Daley**, baritone performing greatest hits of grand opera, Broadway favorites, and Great American Songbook classics; **Chun Mei Wilson**, pianist with **Zachary Gordin**, host

Sponsored by Walnut Creek Civic Pride Foundation

Free Admission; Lawn Seating

### SUMMER SEASON MAINSTAGE PRODUCTION

Festival Opera presents a double bill of two one-act operas

***La voix humaine*** and ***Dido & Aeneas***

Friday, July 12, 2024 at 7.30 p.m.

Sunday, July 14, 2024 at 2 p.m.

Hofmann Theatre, Leshner Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek, CA

Tickets: \$45 - \$110; Student Tickets \$20 (age 25 and younger)

Leshner Center Box Office: (925) 943-7469; online at <https://www.festivalopera.org>

#### ***La voix humaine* (1958)**

Music: **Francis Poulenc**

Libretto: **Jean Cocteau**

#### **Cast & Creative Team**

Elle: **Carrie Hennessey**

Conductor & Pianist: **Robert Mollicone**

Director: **Céline Ricci\***

Performed in French with English supertitles

Running time is approximately 40 minutes

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***Dido & Aeneas*** (1688)

Music: **Henry Purcell**

Libretto: **Nahum Tate after Book IV of Virgil's epic poem, *Aeneid*,**

**Cast & Creative Team**

Dido: **Kindra Scharich\***

Belinda: **Lila Khazoum**

Attendant: **Lily Bogas**

Aeneas: **Matthew Lovell**

Sorceress: **Sara Couden\***

Sailor: **Taylor Thompson**

First Witch: **Courtney Miller\***

Second Witch/Spirit: **Reuben Zellman\***

Conductor & Harpsichordist: **Zachary Gordin**

Director: **Celine Ricci\***

Chorus Director: **Bruce Olstad**

**Festival Opera Orchestra, Chorus and members of Diablo Ballet\***

Performed in English with English supertitles

Running time is approximately one hour

**Festival Opera Artist Recital Series**

Piedmont Center for the Arts, 801 Magnolia Ave, Piedmont

Sunday, September 22, 2024 at 4 p.m.

***Lucky in Love* with Kindra Scharich, mezzo-soprano & Jeffrey LaDeur, piano**

Sunday, October 27, 2024 at 4 p.m.

***Nothing to Fear* with Sara Couden, contralto & Derek Tam, pianist**

Sunday, November 17, 2024 at 4 p.m.

***Muses and Musings of an Impresario* with Zachary Gordin, baritone & Daniel Lockert, pianist;**

A birthday celebration with special guest artists

Tickets are \$40 pp for each recital and maybe purchased online at [www.festivalopera.org](http://www.festivalopera.org)

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