

The Hamilton Arts Foundation of Marin is featuring Opera in the Amphitheater

A Celebration of Our Love for Opera! September 7th, 2024 2pm - 5pm



San Rafael, California Jun 10, 2024 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - OPERA IN THE AMPHITHEATER

Free admission. Fun for the Whole Family! Join professional opera singers in celebration of our love for opera with an emphasis on outdoor performances of famous arias and songs of the opera with community activities nurturing opera education and showcasing our "amazing" Hamilton Amphitheater. This event is in collaboration with Golden Gate Opera, Novato Park & Recreation, and Fenwick Foundation.

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SINGERS

Featuring is Richard Alexandre Rittelmann, Baritone, from the Opera of Paris, France who will perform from Cavalleria Rusticana (duet with Santuzza), Carmen (Escamillo), Phantom of the Opera (aria and duet), Barber of Seville (Figaro), Rigoletto (quartet) and operetta selections. Mr. Rittelmann is joined by coloratura soprano Shawnette Sulker, coloratura soprano Lila Khazoum, tenor Claudio Santome, mezzo-soprano Lori Willis, soprano Alexandra Anderson, and others. Pianist accompanist is Jerry Kuderna of Berkeley. See videos of the artists: <https://www.savehamiltontheater.org/opera>

WHEN: 3 pm to 5 pm, Saturday, Sept 7 2024

WHERE: Hamilton Amphitheater located at 500-598 Hamilton Pkwy, Novato, CA 94949.

WHO'S INVITED: Everyone! The event will have opera Italian food for sale, entertainment, opera trivia prizes & games, raffle for SF Opera tickets, and of course, a breathtaking performance free admission.

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SUPPORT US: Donations, community pledges, & raffle tickets available and participation welcomed.

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HOPE TO SEE YOU ON SEPT. 7TH!

PERFORMER BIOS FOR 2024:

Shawnette Sulker has been described as a singer “...displaying a bright, superbly controlled soprano with perfectly placed coloratura.” Video >

Aléxa Anderson, née Sessler, is a soprano with a voice described by Joshua Kosman (San Francisco Chronicle) as a "magical gift," and "glorious," based in the San Francisco Bay Area. Video >

Lila Khazoum, hailed as “an artist of impressive talent” with “soaring high notes” (Piedmont Post), Lila Khazoum is an emerging coloratura soprano based in the San Francisco Bay Area. In July, 2021 she performed Un Raggio di Speme – A Ray of Hope with pianist Alexander Katsman as part of Festival Opera's Artist Recital Series. Videos >

Lori Willis made her opera debut in 2006 as Malcolm X’s half-sister Ella in the “Life & Times Of Malcolm X” in Oakland Opera. She now participates as a mezzo-soprano in San Francisco Opera; following “The Trojans” in June, she will be performing in “Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg” in November. More >

Richard Alexandre Rittelmann belongs to the new promising generation of opera singers, laureate of many international competitions, from Paris, France. Video >

Claudio Santome, born in Mar del Plata, Argentina, specializes in Belcanto repertoire singing from Mozart, Bellini, Donizetti, Verdi, to Puccini. Video >

Jerry Kuderna, accomplished pianist, performs widely in the Bay Area and is a favorite soloist with the Berkeley Symphony Orchestra (BSO). Video >

WHY THIS MATTERS: The Hamilton Arts Foundation was founded with the vision to save the historic Hamilton Theater, restoring this classic 1930s 320 seat Spanish Revival gem to its original splendor. The restored Hamilton Theater will become home to live music, live theater, as well as cinema and is the centerpiece of a new music & arts center vision. We plan to expand our efforts by rebuilding the historic Hamilton NCO building as well to create a new place to share artistic ideas and history as building an experiential music museum. The ground floor will be a music showcase and coffee shop, gift shop, sound booths, and

hall of fame dedicated to Marin's long history of musical innovation. The second story may include archival storage, recording studios, meeting rooms, and offices. In the tradition of the old NCO Club, this will be a great place for music and art appreciation, education and collaboration.

In order to help our community see the importance and invest in renovating our historic theater, we will continue to showcase the beauty of this location as a hub for music and arts in Novato, Marin County, California.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSOR & KEY VOLUNTEER FOR THIS EVENT:

Roberta Wain-Becker, Golden Gate Opera: Ms. Wain-Becker's professional opera career includes 30 years of international and U.S. regional opera company engagements including The Israel National Opera, New Opera Festival di Roma, Teatro Lyrico d'Europa, Portland Opera, Mississippi Opera, Florida Grand Opera, Arizona Opera, Whitewater Opera, Marin Opera, Berkeley Opera, Sacramento Opera, San Francisco Opera and others. As featured soloist with symphonies in the west, she has had performances with Sacramento Symphony, Jackson Symphony, Boise Philharmonic, Billings Symphony, Diablo Philharmonic, Marin Symphony, Santa Barbara Choral Society, Oakland Symphony among others. Winner of Bay Area Theatre Critics' Circle Award, her awards also include the Wagner Society of Northern California, William Matheus Sullivan Musical Foundation of New York and more. With over 50 roles in her repertoire, she has taught singing at the San Francisco Community Music Center for 10 years, and is on the voice faculty of the California Opera Association Summer Institute in Fresno, international training program for rising opera talent, delivering world class programming for its community. A 501(c)(3) nonprofit, Golden Gate Opera was founded in 1996 to share the joys of the Myriad of Fine Arts found in live opera.

The Fenwick Foundation, as a partial funding donor, supports projects that focus on the needs of children and their families in the areas of education, human services and the arts. The foundation supports organizations that work to change the social conditions that foster and perpetuate disadvantage. We would like to extend a special thanks for this amazing Foundation.

Novato Park & Recreation, as community sponsor, offers a wide range of social and recreational programs and activities for our community members of all ages to enjoy. They believe that parks have the power to impact every community through health and wellness, conservation and social equity.

ABOUT THE EFFORT TO SAVE HAMILTON THEATER:

This a PASSION project to preserve and grow the historic Hamilton Music & Arts Town Center, by building up its music and arts roots as well as adding to it. Tap the original intended use by the early inhabitants of the Hamilton Air Force Base occupation as well as bring expanded perspective.

The Hamilton Theater is an original structure, erected at the beginning of Hamilton Field's pre-World War II development. The Theater was in operation as late as 1994 and has a newer cinema screen. The building itself has become the symbol of the new Hamilton Field community, part of Novato, California, about 25 miles north of the Golden Gate Bridge. Built in 1938, the Hamilton Theater is a charming, 320-seat, Spanish-styled Theater that served the armed forces that were stationed at Hamilton Field. The Theatre building has cast-in-place Churrigueresque concrete medallion serving as attic vent - and is a very unique design

effect to this structure, and other buildings in the Hamilton Field area.

Churrigueresque refers to a Spanish Baroque style of elaborate sculptural architectural ornament which emerged as a manner of stucco decoration in Spain in the late 17th century and was used up to about 1750, marked by extreme, expressive and florid decorative detailing, normally found above the entrance on the main facade of a building.

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