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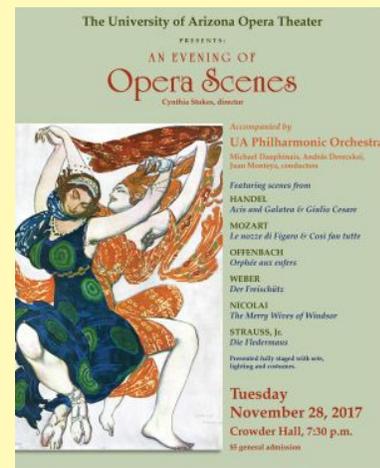
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UA Opera Theater:

An Evening of Opera Scenes

UA Opera Theater presents its fall production of An Evening of Opera Scenes on Tuesday, November 28, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. in Crowder Hall. Tickets are \$5.00. Cynthia Stokes, new director of UA Opera Theater, will direct fully staged scenes from eight operas. See the [full-size poster](#) for the names of the operas featured. The UA Philharmonic Orchestra will accompany the singers, under the baton of doctoral conducting students András Derecskei and Juan Montoya, and faculty member Michael Dauphinais.

The singers will be Kristen Lucas, Bridget Marlowe, Jordan Murillo, Sebastian Alameda, Chunghee Lee, Matthew Alexander, David Ingram, Brianna Barnhart, Clara Salomon, Simon Faddoul, Keio Cunningham, Emily Garcia and Frannie Barrows. The rehearsal pianist is Bonnie Bird



OGSA Welcomes New Board Member

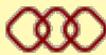
The Opera Guild Board is pleased to welcome our newest



member, distinguished economist Dr. Vera Pavlakovich-Kochi. We'll let her introduce herself in her own words.

Hello, I am Vera Pavlakovich-Kochi, and I am excited to have joined the Opera Guild Board in support of budding opera singers. I call Tucson my home since 1986 when I accepted a position of a senior researcher/adjunct professor at the University of Arizona. I earned my Ph.D. degree in geography and regional development at Kent State University and spent most of my professional life focusing on economic relationships in the U.S.-Mexico border

region. Since my recent semi-retirement, I started my own research/consulting company, and resumed working on a book about a 19th century Croatian immigrant who, among other things, built the Tucson Opera House. Even with my life-long focus on economic forces, I am a staunch believer in powerful role of culture in our individual lives and our region at large. After all, living in a place without culture is like being no place at all.



Get Tickets Now: Opera in the Sculpture Garden

A much-anticipated opera event is coming on **Sunday, December 10** from **3:00 to 5:00 PM**: Opera in the Sculpture Garden. Set in the Sculpture Garden at the Tucson Jewish Community Center (the J), this event will feature arias sung by talented U of A students. The J, UA's Fred Fox School of Music, and OGSA are collaborating to show the beauty of opera in a venue other than the concert hall. Tickets are \$10 and include the program and light refreshments. Afterward there will be an aria auction to benefit our scholarship fund. [Sign up](#) on the J's website. See the [larger poster](#) for more details.



It's Time to Renew OGSA Membership

Some of our loyal members have not yet renewed. If that's you, and you enjoy *The Guild Voice*, *Quest for the Best*, our free opera previews, our annual member party, and free community membership in the UA Singers Club, and if you look forward to this year's special events, *Opera in the Sculpture Garden* (December 10 at 3:00 p.m.) and *Love in Seville* (February 18 at 1:00 p.m.), please support these efforts and our talented students with your membership. It's easy to join or renew on our website <https://azogsa.org>.



OGSA Offers Holiday Gift Idea

Give folks the gift of opera this season! Buy them tickets to *Quest for the Best*, our wonderful voice competition and reception, to be held March 24, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. in Holsclaw Hall on the UA campus. Tickets will soon be available on our website, but for now email *Quest* chair [Judi Hasbrouck](#).

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