

MUSIC

Mozart & More in Santa Rosa Symphony's February Concerts

The Marriage of Figaro" was banned in Mozart's time, yet it's now a favorite of both opera buffs and classical fans. In the February 12, 13, and 14 concert set, Santa Rosa Symphony Music Director Bruno Ferrandis and the orchestra will present the opera's overture and "Porgi Amor." Celebrated soprano Christine Brandes will sing the famed aria from "The Marriage of Figaro" and perform Berg's "Seven Early Songs" — intensely emotional expressions in the tradition of the great German art songs (Lieder). The Mozart selections will be capped by the famous tour de force "Jupiter" Symphony. The program will end with the magnificent Adagio of Mahler's Tenth (and unfinished) Symphony.

The New York Times called Christine Brandes "earthy and affecting" and the Saint Paul PioneerPress remarked, "Christine

Brandes has a transporting soprano voice... a velvety, supple tone and an agile coloratura." Opera News says she "sang with dark allure; her intonation is a wonder," and the San Jose Mercury News wrote that she has "ample vocal reserves that make audiences sit up and take notice, with technical brilliance and a deep dramatic urgency."

To hear Maestro Ferrandis's musings and insights about the February program, come to "Conversations with the Conductor," a pre-concert talk with Q & A beginning one hour before each performance (excluding the Saturday Discovery Open Rehearsal). This is an open-seating event that is free to ticket holders. Program Notes for this concert are available online.

Concert times are Saturday, February 12, and Monday, February 14, at 8 PM and Sunday, February 13, at 3 PM. at the Wells Fargo Center for the Arts, 50

Mark West Springs Road in Santa Rosa. The popular, family-friendly Discovery Series of open rehearsals continues at 2 PM on February 12. The Discovery concerts, economically priced at \$10 for adults and \$6 for youth, offer a sneak peek into the final rehearsal process before each concert set.

For tickets, call 707.546.8742, purchase online at santarosasympphony.com, or go in person to the Symphony Patron Services Office at 50 Santa Rosa Avenue (north door entrance, off the elevator lobby), from 9 AM to 5:30 PM Monday through Friday. Tickets may also be purchased at the door 90 minutes before each performance (based on availability). Single tickets are \$28 to \$55, with student and senior discounts available. \$10 Student Rush tickets (student I.D. required) can be purchased 30 minutes prior to curtain.

"Die Fledermaus" is Coming!

Imagine a global financial crisis brought on by heedless investors and runaway banks. No, we're not talking about today's headlines. We're back in 1873. Vienna's banking collapse has precipitated a worldwide crisis. And yet, just one year later as the Western world reels, Johann Strauss's blockbuster operetta, "Die Fledermaus," opens to instant acclaim.

SSU's Lynne Morrow brings the production to the Evert B. Person Theatre stage February 17 through 27 in an eight-performance run. Amanda McTigue is stage director.

"We could use a splash of Strauss right about now," Dr. Morrow explained, as she spoke of her decision to bring "Die Fledermaus" to Sonoma State University in the spring. "Here we are in yet another financial meltdown. It seems to me everyone could use a good laugh—particularly at the expense of the greedy guys who caused it."

According to Morrow, contemporary themes will flavor SSU's production even

as the original champagne-and-whipped-cream story shines through. How could it be otherwise with a libretto featuring luxe lifestyles that lead to excess, illicit liaisons that threaten marriages, and mega-rich schemers who are dragged off to jail? The stuff of today's gossip blogs is brought to bubbling life through Strauss's beloved melodies and a witty English translation by two immortals of the American stage, Garson Kanin and Howard Dietz.

"If you know the piece, you couldn't pick a better time to enjoy this glorious music," Morrow said. "If you don't know it, then Johann Strauss, a master of musical storytelling, will show you how an edgy revenge caper can blow up into great fun through slapstick humor, farce and always, always, that singable, waltz-able score."

Tickets are \$16 general admission; \$14 SSU faculty, alumni and staff; \$9 students and seniors; and free to SSU students with ID.

For further information, call 707.664.2057.

The Last Day Saloon

THE LAST DAY SALOON OPENS AT 4 PM THURSDAY - SATURDAY AND OTHER DAYS THAT SHOWS ARE SCHEDULED

FEBRUARY 2011

SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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UPCOMING SHOWS:

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