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PACIFIC OPERA PROJECT PRESENTS *THE MAGIC FLUTE*



In a New 1980s Video Game Inspired Production at the El Portal Theatre, March 2-10, 2019

Los Angeles, CA (January 9, 2019) — Pacific Opera Project (POP) opens its 2019 season with Mozart's *The Magic Flute* as you've never seen it before – set in classic video games from the early 1980s – in a return to the El Portal Theatre. Performances take place on **March 2, 3, 8, 9, and 10, 2019**, including two Sunday matinees. The “super” production transports Papageno, Tamino, and the gang to the land of video games resembling *Mario Bros.* and *Zelda* with a new English libretto by Artistic Director **Josh Shaw** and **E. Scott Levin**. **Edward Benyas** conducts.

The production's cast features **Arnold Livingston Geis** (LA Opera, Washington National Opera) as Tamino, **Alexandra Schoeny** (Cincinnati Opera, Philadelphia Orchestra) as Pamina, **E. Scott Levin** (LA Opera) as Papageno, **Michelle Drever** as Queen of the Night, **Andrew Potter** as Sarastro, **Robert Norman** as Monostatos, **Laura Broscow** as Papagena, **Tara Wheeler** as First Lady, **Ariel Pisturino** as Second Lady, **Megan Potter** as Third Lady, **Jonathan Matthews** as Priest/Armored Man, **Joshua Alarcon** as Priest/Armored Man, **Emily Rosenberg** as First Spirit, **Amanda Benjamin** as Second Spirit, and **Christine Marie Li** as Third Spirit.

POP's 2019 productions also include a brand new bilingual (Japanese/English) production of *Madama Butterfly* on **April 6, 13, and 14, 2019**; its highly acclaimed 2013 production of Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Mikado* on **August 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 28, 30, and 31**; and POP's signature modern take on Puccini's *La boheme* AKA “*The Hipsters*” on **December 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 2019 at 8pm**.

Performance Information

THE MAGIC FLUTE

The El Portal Theatre | 5269 Lankershim Blvd. | North Hollywood, CA

Dates: Saturday, March 2, 2019 at 7:30pm

Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 3:00pm

Friday, March 8, 2019 at 8:00pm

Saturday, March 9, 2019 at 7:30pm

Sunday, March 10, 2019 at 3:00pm

Link: <https://www.pacificoperaproject.com/magicflute>

Tickets: <https://ci.ovationtix.com/371/production/1001280>

About Pacific Opera Project

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