

# MEDIA ALERT

## Hamilton Arts Foundation Presents the 4th Annual Opera in the Amphitheater

### A Free Community Celebration of World-Class Opera

#### WHAT:

The Hamilton Arts Foundation invites the community to attend the 4th Annual Opera in the Amphitheater, an outdoor concert celebrating the timeless beauty of opera. This year's program honors the 100th anniversary of Puccini's *Turandot* and the 270th anniversary of Mozart through performances by internationally acclaimed professional opera singers and musicians.

Guests will enjoy:

- Live opera performances
- Italian-inspired food concessions
- Family-friendly games and activities
- Opera trivia and prizes
- Educational opportunities to learn about opera and the performing arts

#### WHEN:

Saturday, September 12, 2026  
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

#### WHERE:

Hamilton Amphitheater  
500–598 Hamilton Parkway  
Novato, CA 94949

#### WHO:

Open to the public. Admission is free. \$20 donation tickets are optional.

## About Hamilton Arts Foundation

The Hamilton Arts Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to enriching the community through music, arts education, and the preservation of historic spaces. Through performances, cultural programs, and community events, the Foundation creates opportunities for residents and visitors to experience the transformative power of the arts.

Research consistently demonstrates that participation in music and the arts can improve mental well-being, reduce stress, enhance memory, and strengthen social connections.

By making the arts accessible to all, the Foundation helps foster creativity, cultural appreciation, and community engagement throughout Hamilton Field and Marin County.

## **Featured Artists**

### **Richard Alexandre Rittelmann – Baritone**

Internationally acclaimed Parisian baritone Richard Alexandre Rittelmann has performed throughout Europe and Asia and is the recipient of numerous prestigious vocal competition awards. His distinguished career includes appearances at major opera houses and festivals around the world.

### **Shawnette Sulker – Soprano**

Praised by the *San Francisco Chronicle* for her "beautifully tuned soprano" and "heart-breaking poignancy," Guyanese-American soprano Shawnette Sulker has captivated audiences across the United States and internationally.

### **Raeeka Shehabi-Yaghmai – Soprano**

Persian soprano Raeeka Shehabi-Yaghmai is recognized for her powerful stage presence and versatile vocal artistry, with leading roles in *Madama Butterfly*, *Don Giovanni*, *Pagliacci*, *La Traviata*, and many others.

### **Deborah Martínez Rosengaus – Mezzo-Soprano**

Known for her dynamic performances and expressive storytelling, Deborah Martínez Rosengaus brings extensive experience in opera, theater, music, and dance to audiences worldwide.

### **Vicente Álvarez Maire – Tenor**

Chilean lyric tenor Vicente Álvarez Maire has earned recognition for his warm, lyrical voice, elegant phrasing, and captivating stage presence.

### **Alexander Katsman – Music Director and Pianist**

A respected conductor, coach, and educator, Alexander Katsman serves on the faculties of Bay Area Summer Opera Theater Institute and Opera Academy of California and is a member of the coaching staff at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music.

## **Community Partners and Sponsors**

The Hamilton Arts Foundation gratefully acknowledges the support of:

- The Hamilton Field History Museum
- Glenn Woodruff and The J-B Piano Company
- Grimani Systems
- Kentfield & Ross Living Magazine
- City of Novato Parks, Recreation and Community Services

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## **Parking**

Free parking is available at:

- Hamilton Theater parking lot
- Hamilton Landing hangar parking lots

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