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**A SUMMER OF OPERA SAN LUIS OBISPO:
*CHILDREN'S SUMMER OPERA CAMP, BROADWAY BY THE SEA,
SYMPHONY AT SUNSET: POPS! UNDER THE STARS***

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA (JUNE 5, 2017) – This summer, Opera San Luis Obispo (OperaSLO) will produce a variety of exciting performing arts events throughout our county for children, families, and arts lovers of all ages.

In its 19th consecutive season, OperaSLO's *Children's Summer Opera Camp* returns. This program offers a two-week fun and educational day camp for children ages 8-16. Campers interact with a professional team of musician educators in a structured and positive environment focused on learning correct vocal technique, warm-up stretches and breathing exercises, drama and stage movement, ear-training and musicianship. Campers will perform solo, ensemble, multiple-part singing and learn how to create pops, costumes, and sets.

This year Opera Camp culminates in a darling abridged performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Mikado*: Friday, July 28 at 7pm. No experience is required, just a willingness to learn about performing arts.

Opera Camp is held July 17–28, 2016 - Monday through Friday from 9:00am - 3:00pm at United Methodist Church, 1515 Fredericks Street in San Luis Obispo: \$400 for the first family member and \$375 for additional family members. For more information, contact our office at 805.541.5369 or operacamp@operaslo.org.

Summertime on the Central Coast would not be complete without OperaSLO's annual outdoor Americana concert *Broadway by the Sea*. This year we are proud to feature something entirely new: The Starlight Dream Orchestra - a nineteen-piece 1940's swinging big band guaranteed to thrill audiences with hits from movie-musicals, swing-era favorites, and several surprises along the way!

This unique concert fund-raiser takes place at the Chapman Estate - a gorgeous seaside home that is one of the Central Coast's most stunning and exclusive locations: Saturday, August 12 at 2pm. Arrive early, picnic with friends, bid on silent

auction treasures, stroll the gardens, observe plein air painters and marvel at the breathtaking views from this historic property in Shell Beach. Ticket price includes complimentary wine tasting from Opolo Vineyards.

Symphony at Sunset: Pops Under the Stars at the Vina Robles Amphitheatre is back for a second consecutive year. The OperaSLO Grand Orchestra conducted by Artistic Director Brian Asher Alhadeff melts summer into fall in a concert extravaganza especially for families. This year we feature the internationally acclaimed talents of sopranos Alba Cancel and Julie Davies, baritone Gregorio Gonzalez, and mezzo-soprano Karin Mushegain, for an evening of vocal and symphonic favorites from Hollywood to Broadway including hits from James Bond to *Oklahoma!* and more. The evening will also include a special Veterans honor enacted by the Central Coast Leatherneck Color Guard.

Artistic Director Brian Asher Alhadeff was recently hailed by *805 Living* as *The Maestro of the Central Coast*. He is an internationally acclaimed opera, ballet and symphonic conductor. In addition to his work with OperaSLO, he is the Artistic Director and Conductor of the Lompoc Pops Orchestra, as well as the Principal Conductor for Civic Ballet San Luis Obispo and State Street Ballet, Santa Barbara. Alhadeff is committed to expanding the relevancy and vibrancy of performing arts by creating inspiring, life changing experiences for all through collaboration and impactful engagement.

The performance will be held at Vina Robles Amphitheatre on Sunday, August 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25. Through a generous partnership with the San Luis Obispo County Office of Education, free admission will be given to children under the age of 16 with each paid adult ticket.

About OperaSLO

Located on California's beautiful Central Coast since 1985, Opera San Luis Obispo is San Luis Obispo County's only professional opera company. Season programs feature diverse events from elegant and intimate recital series to exciting educational experiences and spectacular grand productions of opera and musical theatre. OperaSLO complements each season with an ever-changing cascade of rising opera and Broadway stars of both national and international acclaim. OperaSLO is a Resident Company at the Performing Arts Center San Luis Obispo as well as Vina Robles Amphitheatre. One of only four Grand Opera companies in the state of California, OperaSLO productions boast full orchestras, choruses, ballets, and original, complete sets and costumes. For more information about OperaSLO call 805.541.5369, or visit online at OperaSLO.org.