

OPERA IN SANTA FE ***JULY 29 – AUGUST 4, 2019***

There is a special quality about Santa Fe that has attracted visitors for more than 400 years. It is the oldest capital city in the United States. It is unique in its blending of Native American, Hispanic and Anglo cultures and is renowned for its wealth of museums and fascinating architecture.

The Santa Fe Opera House is nestled in the foothills of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains and offers a panoramic view of sunsets and stars through open sides. The acoustics are incomparable and an English translation of the opera is available in front of your seat.

The Santa Fe Opera Productions

The Pearl Fishers by Georges Bizet

Bizet's first stage success is set in ancient times on the shores of Ceylon, where Zurga, ruler of the pearl fishers, is reunited with his long lost comrade Nadir. Their friendship duet, which recounts a mutual passion for the heavenly Leila, is the epitome of bromance in music. Both men renounced her to save their friendship but her unexpected return traps them again in the snares of love, and now they must make a choice. Conductor Timothy Myers and director Shawna Lucey lead this revival of the stunning 2012 production.

Cosi fan tutte by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Mozart's and Da Ponte's final collaboration has delighted, confounded, and rewarded viewers ever since its 1790 premiere in Vienna. Their "School for Lovers" sports an experienced faculty and a curriculum where required reading and written papers have been replaced by experiential learning. For the final exam they dissect the question, "Are you in love, or in love with the idea of love?" They're also required to work in pairs, and soon discover that being engaged to someone doesn't preclude being attracted to someone else. Mesmerizingly beautiful music and a profound understanding of the heart illuminate this all-too-human situation. Santa Fe Opera Music Director Harry Bicket and director R.B. Schlather lead this new production.

Jenufa by Leos Janacek

All eyes in the village are on Jenufa. Her fiance sees only a trophy wife. Her rejected suitor sees a chance to avenge the injustices in his past. Her righteous stepmother sees her own life's tragedy about to play out for her child. The results are two unspeakable crimes which lead to the opera's theme – all the wounds of troubled lives can be assuaged through acceptance, forgiveness and hope. Janacek's music pulses with vibrant rhythms, pungent harmonies and lyrical declamation. Johannes Debus conducts David Alden's English National staging, which won the prestigious Olivier Award for Best New Productions.

La Boheme by Giacomo Puccini

Young and poor and consumed with love, six Bohemians lead "charming and terrible lives" in 19th-century Paris. Living in Latin Quarter garrets, they stroll medieval streets crowded with toy vendors, fruit sellers, street urchins and military bands. They fraternize with famous writers and artists at the Café Momus and find their places in a rapidly changing society. They taste the freedom and perils of a freelance economy, and brave epidemics of passion and jealousy, sorrow and loss. Conductor Jader Bignamini brings Puccini's boisterous, poignant, heartbreaking score to life onstage.

TOUR INCLUDES

- Airfare between Vancouver and Albuquerque
- Transfers between Albuquerque and Santa Fe
- Accommodation for 6 nights at the Inn of the Governors including daily breakfast buffet
- Welcome reception
- Daily sherry and tea reception at the hotel
- State taxes and hotel portorage
- Return transfers between the Inn of the Governors and the Santa Fe Opera House
- Four opera tickets (Section 4)
- Day excursion to Taos
- Excursion to the Allan Houser Sculpture Garden and Madrid
- Vancouver Opera Guild Tour Director
- \$150 donation to the Vancouver Opera Guild (\$200 for non-members)

TOUR SCHEDULE

Mon. July 29: Vancouver-Albuquerque-Santa Fe
Morning departure from Vancouver by American Airlines to Phoenix with connecting flight to Albuquerque. Bus transfer to the Inn of the Governors in Santa Fe. **Welcome reception on arrival.**

Tue. July 30: Santa Fe

Evening transfer to the Opera House for the performance of ***The Pearl Fishers***.

Wed. July 31: Santa Fe-Taos-Santa Fe

Day excursion to Taos and its pueblo, considered to be one of the oldest continuously inhabited communities in the U.S. Enjoy the many shops and galleries around the historic Plaza. Return via the hill villages of Panasco, Truchas and Chimayo.

Thu. Aug. 1: Santa Fe

Evening transfer to the Opera House for the performance of ***Cosi fan tutte***.

Fri. Aug. 2: Santa Fe-Allan Houser-Santa Fe

Today an excursion to the Allan Houser Sculpture Garden. Meander among 80 monumental works situated on 15 acres where the renowned sculptor lived and worked. An indoor gallery exhibits hundreds of drawings, paintings and smaller sculptures. Continue to Madrid and free time for lunch. Evening transfer to the Opera House for the performance of ***Jenufa***.

Sat. Aug. 3: Santa Fe

Evening transfer to the Opera House for the performance of ***La Boheme***.

Sun. Aug. 4: Santa Fe-Albuquerque-Vancouver

Morning bus transfer to Albuquerque for your American Airlines flights to Phoenix and Vancouver.

TOUR COST

Guild Members: Cdn. \$3,320 per person based on sharing twin accommodation.

Non-Guild Members: Cdn. \$3,370

Single supplement: Cdn. \$1,095

COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

Airport taxes of approx. \$195.00

PRICES

Prices quoted in this brochure are in Canadian dollars based on a full tour, and airfares and foreign exchange rates in effect at time of printing (October 2018). We reserve the right to adjust the tour cost if there are exceptional price changes beyond our control.

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CANCELLATIONS

All payments are non-refundable unless space can be resold.

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