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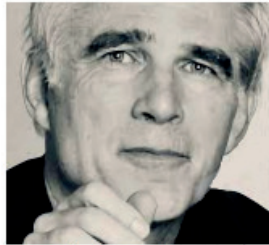
Eric Levintow, Tenor



Lori Willis, Mezzo-Soprano



Laura van Galen, HAF



Jerry Kuderna, Pianist



Roberta Becker, GGO

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## Sopranos and Mezzo

**Olga Chernishiva-Moudry, Spinto Soprano**, is described by critics as possessing "a pure, strong soprano with phrasing of sumptuous elegance" (San Francisco Chronicle), "a strong voice, with well-rounded tone and fullness in all registers" (San Francisco Classical Voice), voice all power and glinting steel" (Boston Globe) and "a lyric voice focused and alluring... subtly expressive" (Opera News), "show stopping" (Opera Online).

**Lila Khazoum**, hailed as "an artist of impressive talent" with "soaring high notes" (Piedmont Post), Lila Khazoum is an emerging coloratura **soprano** based in the San Francisco Bay Area. In July, 2021 she performed *Un Raggio di Speme - A Ray of Hope* with pianist Alexander Katsman as part of Festival Opera's Artist Recital Series.

**Shawnette Sulker** has been described as a singer "...displaying a bright, superbly controlled **soprano** with perfectly placed coloratura."

**Lori Willis** made her opera debut in 2006 as Malcolm X's half-sister Ella in the "Life & Times Of Malcolm X" in Oakland Opera. She now participates as a **mezzo-soprano** in San Francisco Opera; following "The Trojans" in June, and she will be performing in "Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg" in November.

**Elena Schon Northen**, versatile classically trained local **soprano** and local educator with performances with Contemporary Opera Marin, and chorus in Festival Opera.

## Baritone and Tenor

**Richard Alexandre Rittelmann, baritone**, belongs to the new promising generation of opera singers, laureate of many international competitions, from Paris, France.

**Eric Levintow** is an operatic **tenor**, guitarist, and teacher. He recently performed as Borsa (Rigoletto) with Opera San José, and Nemorino (Elixir of Love) with the San Francisco Opera Guild.

## Instrumentalist and Sound Technician

**Jerry Kuderna**, accomplished **pianist and music director**, performs widely in the Bay Area and is a favorite soloist with the Berkeley Symphony Orchestra (BSO).

**Mike Meszaros**, San Francisco Bay Area and National leading sound technician.

"O sole mio".....Neopolitan Song by E. di Capua & A. Mazzucchi.....Eric Levintow

PART I

*Il barbiere di Siviglia* ..... Gioachino Rossini - Figaro's Aria: "Largo al factotum" ..... Richard Rittelmann

*La Bohème* ..... Giacomo Puccini: Aria: "Che gelida manina" ..... Eric Levintow / as Rodolfo - a Poet

*Madama Butterfly*: "Un bel di" ..... Giacomo Puccini ..... Olga Chernishiva / as Cio Cio San

"Quando m'è vo" (Musetta's Waltz) ..... Giacomo Puccini ..... Shawnette Sulker

*Cavalleria Rusticana* ..... Pietro Antonio Stefano Mascagni

Aria: "Voi lo sapete" ..... Lori Willis / as Santuzza

Duet: ..... Olga Chernishiva / as Santuzza and Richard Rittelmann / as Alfio

*Carmen* ..... Georges Bizet - Toreador Song: "Votre toast" ..... Richard Rittelmann

*The Tales of Hoffman* ..... Jacques Offenbach

Aria: "Les oiseaux dans la charmille" ..... Lila Khazoum / as Olympia

*Pearl Fishers*: "Les pêcheurs de perles" ..... Georges Bizet

Duet: "Au fond du temple saint" ..... Richard Rittelmann / as Zurga and Eric Levintow / as Nadir

*Phantom of the Opera* ..... Andrew Lloyd Webber ..... Song: "Music of the night",

Duet: "All I ask of you" ..... Richard Rittelmann / as Erik, Shawnette Sulker / as Christine Daee

*Turandot* ..... Giacomo Puccini - Aria: "Nessun dorma" [Nobody shall sleep] ..... Eric Levintow / as Calaf  
[Calaf has a sure-fire strategy to get the cold-hearted princess to marry him!]

## INTERMISSION - 20 MINUTES

PART II

*Charles Gounod* ..... *Romeo & Juliette* ..... Ah Je veux vivre" ..... Lila Khazoum / as Juliette

*Don Giovanni* ..... Wolfgang A Mozart ..... "Là ci darem la mano"

Elena Shoen Northen / as Zerlina and Richard Rittelmann / as Don Giovanni

*Tosca* ..... Giacomo Puccini ..... Aria: "Vissi d'arte" ..... Olga Chernisheva / as Tosca

*La traviata* ..... Giuseppe Verdi ..... "Libiamo ne lieti calici": The Drinking Song, Act I, The Ball Scene  
Lila Khazoum / as Violetta Valery, and Eric Levintow / as Alfredo Germont ..... (Let's drink!)

*Rigoletto* ..... Giuseppe Verdi ..... Aria: "Caro nome" ..... Shawnette Sulker / as Gilda

*La Favorita* ..... Gaetano Donizetti ..... Aria: "O mio Fernando" ..... Lori Willis

*Rusalka* ..... Antonin Dvořák ..... Aria: "Měsíčku na nebi hlubokém" ..... Olga Chernishiva

*Gianni Schicchi* ..... Giacomo Puccini.....Aria: "O mio babbino caro" .....Olga Chernisheva/as Lauretta

*Rigoletto* ..... Giuseppe Verdi ..... Quartet: "Bella figlia dell'amore" ..... Eric Levintow/ Duke of Mantua,  
Roberta Wain-Becker/ Maddalena, Shawnette Sulker/ Gilda, Richard Rittelmann/ Rigoletto

*Das Land des Lächelns (The Land of Smiles)* ..... Franz Lehár ..... Aria: "Dein ist mein ganzes Herz" .....  
Richard Rittelmann and Tutti Ellen Khan