VANCOUVER OPERA IS PROUD TO PRESENT: HABANERA!

THE RETURN OF VANCOUVER OPERA'S SIGNATURE BLACK TIE GALA



MARCH 26, 2024, VANCOUVER, B.C./ Traditional territory of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations – Vancouver Opera is thrilled to announce the revival of its iconic black tie gala event, ***Habanera!***, on May 3rd. Sponsored by Scotiabank, this event promises an enchanting evening filled with romance, music, and the vibrant spirit of Spain. Set against the backdrop of the lush, grand-scale production of ***Carmen***, this gala will transport guests into a world of passion and drama.

"We're ecstatic to welcome back our signature gala event following a hiatus," said Tom Wright, Vancouver Opera General Director. "To have guests join us on the stage of the vibrant production of *Carmen* is an incredible feeling. Not only will guests be immersed in the world of *Carmen*, but they will also hear from two of our principal singers who are performing

the roles of Carmen and Don José. Carolyn Sproule and Matthew White will give an incredibly intimate and captivating performance straight from the heart of *Carmen* led by Maestro Leslie Dala."

Taking place on stage at the illustrious Queen Elizabeth Theatre, this elegant affair will seat 300 distinguished guests amidst the grandeur of one of opera's most beloved tales. On Friday, May 3, prepare to be swept away by the allure of ***Habanera!,*** where every moment will be infused with the magic of live performance and the charm of Spanish culture. When guests arrive, they'll be transported by the incredible live music of guitarist Ruel Morales as they sip Cava before stepping on the elegantly decorated stage and feasting on a three-course meal. Event hosts Sylvia L'Ecuyer and GlobalBC presenter Safeeya Pirani will be joined by the incredible auctioneer Howard Blank for an engaging live auction to raise funds for Vancouver Opera.

Vancouver Opera was long known for hosting one of our city's pre-eminent black-tie galas. Adds Wright, "it will be an absolute joy to see over 300 people having a fantastic evening on stage at the QET, enjoying live performances and exquisite Spanish cuisine while creating lasting memories. We're even more excited that we'll be reconnecting with past gala attendees and long-time supporters of the opera community, while welcoming some of the new aficionados who've been a huge part of making this season such a huge success. The gala is so important to the organization as it's our biggest fundraiser of the year and allows us to continue our education and community programming. Join us for an unforgettable evening as we celebrate the timeless allure of Carmen and support the arts in our community."

Habanera! guests not only indulge in a night of elegant opulence but also contribute to Vancouver Opera's mission of enriching lives through music and theatre. All funds raised go to support Vancouver Opera Education & Community Outreach. With initiatives like Vancouver Opera in Schools, Voices Free Concert Series, and Opera in the Park, the company ensures that the transformative power of opera is accessible to all. Your support for this gala enables Vancouver Opera to continue these vital programs and expand their reach throughout British Columbia.

Vancouver Opera's ***Habanera!*** is on Friday, May 3 at Queen Elizabeth Theatre, 630 Hamilton Street, Vancouver. *Habanera!* is generously supported by title sponsor Scotiabank and media sponsor GlobalBC.

For more information and to purchase tickets click here. For more information about sponsorship for this gala please contact Bella Dingman, Senior Manager, Major Gifts & Events at bdingman@vancouveropera.ca.

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