

OPERA IN THE PARK RETURNS TO DEER LAKE PARK ON SUNDAY, JULY 16

FREE CONCERT GIVES A PREVIEW OF BELOVED FAVOURITES FROM VANCOUVER OPERA'S UPCOMING 2023-2034 SEASON

JUNE 20, 2023, VANCOUVER, B.C. – Presented in partnership with the City of Burnaby, join Vancouver Opera as ***Opera In The Park*** returns to beautiful Deer Lake Park. On **Sunday July 16** this free, family friendly event features some of the incredible arias and duets from Vancouver Opera's upcoming 2023-2024 season productions; *The Magic Flute*, *Don Pasquale* and *Carmen*.

Vancouver Opera Music Director Emeritus **Jonathan Darlington** conducts the Vancouver Opera Orchestra alongside Chorus Director **Tina Chang** on the Deer Lake Mainstage for **Opera in the Park,** an unforgettable evening concert. Powerhouse singers including Jonelle Sills (Soprano), Magda How (Soprano), Emma Parkinson (Mezzo), Andrew Haji (Tenor) and Clarence Frazer (Baritone) alongside the Vancouver Opera Chorus will perform instantly recognizable classics like Habanera from Bizet's *Carmen*, the Queen of the Night's hair-raising aria from Mozart's *The Magic Flute*, and highlights from Gaetano Donizetti's triumph of the comedic opera buffa style, *Don Pasquale*.

"We are delighted to return to Deer Lake Park for Opera in the Park," said Tom Wright, Vancouver Opera General Director. "This free summer concert is a continuation of our partnership with the City of Burnaby following our incredibly successful concert last summer. Our July 16 event includes a day filled with performances for music lovers of all ages with plenty of activities for families. The concert is a celebration of familiar favourites from our upcoming season productions."

The **Opera in the Park** concert begins at 7:30pm with a special welcome ceremony and land acknowledgement. Concertgoers are encouraged to arrive early for the many family-friendly activities that start at 3:00pm including face-painting, musical games, circus characters, and giveaways. Enjoy a high energy pre-concert celebration of the human voice featuring Indigenous artists, JUNO-nominated choral performers musica intima and more from 5:45pm to 6:30pm.

Deer Lake Park is located in Burnaby at 6450 Deer Lake Avenue. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early as parking is limited, and to bring their blankets and lawn chairs but leave large tents and umbrellas at home. Opera in the Park attendees can bring their own snacks or visit the on-site food trucks for food and refreshments.

2023-2024 subscriptions are available now. Single tickets to The Magic Flute, Don Pasquale and Carmen go on sale July 12, 2023. Find out more at vancouveropera.ca or call the Vancouver Opera Ticket Centre at 604 683 0222.

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