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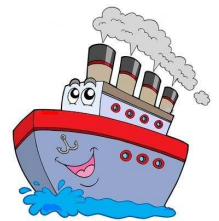
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UPCOMING EVENT: *WITH LOVE, FROM GUILD OPERA*



Sunday, March 28th, 2:00pm – 4:00pm
at Vallejo Drive Seventh Day Adventist Church
300 Vallejo Drive, Glendale, CA 91206
Free for Guild Opera members, \$25 for guests
RSVP to guildopera@gmail.com or (323) 463-6593



Guild Opera invites you to an afternoon of love songs with special guest **Jeraldine Saunders**, the original “Love Boat Lady” and author of *The Love Boats* which spawned the famed movie and television series *The Love Boat*. Ms. Saunders will be joined by many of Guild Opera’s talented artists including **Lesili Beard, Michelle Bourque, Robert Chauls, Melodee Fernandez, Benito Galindo, Linda Jackson, Charles Lane, Risa Larson, Lucia Lynn, Gabriel Manro, Deborah Mayhan, Gabriel R. Pazos, David Reeder, George Sterne, Carol Tavis, Elender Wall, Belinda Wilkins, Carol Winston, and Helen Wu**. The concert will be followed by a tasty reception arranged by **Randy Melson**, who also creates feasts for the eyes as Guild Opera’s costume designer.

Directions from Interstate 10: Take the 110 (Harbor) Freeway north to Interstate 5 north to the 2 (Glendale) Freeway north. Exit at Holly Drive. Go left on Holly Drive, and take the second left onto Vallejo Drive. The church will be on the left.

Directions from the 134 (Glendale) Freeway: Exit at Harvey Drive in Glendale. Go north on Harvey Drive. Take the first left onto Wilson Terrace, and the first right onto Vallejo Drive. The church will be on the right.

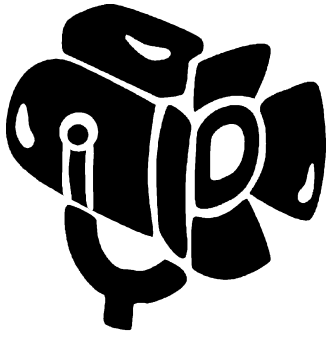
THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING GUILD OPERA COMPANY!

It was wonderful to see so many of you last summer at our 60th Anniversary celebration! We are so glad you were able to join us to honor Guild Opera, **Heinz Blankenburg, Mary Costa, and Marilyn Horne**, and to see the premiere of Guild Opera’s newest original opera, *The Treasure of California*.

Those of you who purchased tickets (\$60 or \$1 for each year of Guild Opera’s existence) renewed your memberships through June 30, 2010. This entitles you to free attendance at our events until that date.

Please know that Guild Opera always needs additional support to carry out its mission of introducing young persons to opera and the performing arts. In the words of **Beverly Sills**, “*Our children live in a world which can sometimes be disturbed and ugly. But we can give them the beautiful world of opera.*” With your support Guild Opera will ensure children’s exposure to “the beautiful world of opera.”

Please use the enclosed reply envelope to send a generous donation and make your reservation for “Love Songs” on Sunday, March 28th. Many thanks to you for your support!



IN THE SPOTLIGHT



GUILD OPERA'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY GALA!

On June 20, 2009, Guild Opera Company celebrated its 60th anniversary of introducing professional opera to school children. The setting at the Autry National Center of the American West was ideal in presenting the premiere of *The Treasure of California*, written, directed, and produced by Guild Opera's Artistic Director **Gabriel R. Pazos**. Music from Puccini's *Girl of the Golden West* was interwoven with American folksongs from the California Gold Rush period.

In addition to introducing young audiences to opera, another important function of Guild Opera is to provide performance experience for emerging singers in our area. Many great singers of the past six decades made their operatic debut with Guild Opera. Soprano **Mary Costa**, mezzo **Marilyn Horne**, and baritone **Heinz Blankenburg** were introduced by composer, conductor, and Guild Opera board member Dr. **Robert Chauls** and honored for their contributions to opera. Each spoke graciously about their experience with Guild Opera and the importance of ensuring its future for both singers and audiences.

Guild Opera's longevity and contributions to the community were recognized with commendations from L.A. County Supervisor **Michael Antonovich**, California State Assemblyman **Kevin de Leon**, L.A. City Council President **Eric Garcetti**, L.A. Mayor **Antonio Villaraigosa**, California Congresswoman **Diane Watson**, and L.A. County Supervisor **Zev Yaroslavsky**. A lovely reception and silent auction rounded out the festivities.



(Clockwise from top) Mary Costa, Marilyn Horne, Grace-Lyn Martin



Heinz Blankenburg and Bob Chauls

In Loving Memory

Eleanor Gordon Sheldon

July 17, 1925 - January 19, 2010

Elly was a dedicated Director and Secretary of Guild Opera for several years. She was invited onto the board by Bob Lerner who shared her passion for opera and dedication to introducing opera to children. She was also an elementary teacher and administrator with LAUSD. We shall miss her elegance, talents, and generosity.

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