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## SAN FRANCISCO OPERA CELEBRATES PRIDE

2026 PRIDE CONCERT HOSTED BY SAPPHIRA CRISTÁL—JUNE 26



2025 *Pride Concert*. Photos: Kristen Loken (l), Matthew Washburn (r)

ROBERT MOLLICONE CONDUCTS SAN FRANCISCO OPERA ORCHESTRA WITH SOLOISTS  
MELODY MOORE, NIKOLA PRINTZ, REGINALD SMITH, JR.



Sapphira Cristál, Robert Mollicone, Melody Moore, Nikola Printz, Reginald Smith, Jr.

POST-PERFORMANCE DANCE PARTY WITH DJ JUANITA MORE!

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (April 8, 2026) — San Francisco Opera celebrates the LGBTQIA+ community on the eve of San Francisco’s Pride Weekend with the second annual *Pride Concert* and post-show dance party on Friday, June 26 at the War Memorial Opera House. Sapphira Cristál, the classically trained opera singer, composer and drag queen known for her theatrical lip syncs and six-octave range, returns as hostess for the evening. Conductor Robert Mollicone leads the San Francisco Opera Orchestra and soloists Melody Moore, Nikola Printz and Reginald Smith, Jr. in a concert blending opera, Broadway and beloved songs.

[Sapphira Cristál](#) (runner-up and Miss Congeniality of *RuPaul’s Drag Race* Season 16) is renowned as a charismatic host who forges a special connection with her audiences. A guest artist in Madonna’s Celebration Tour, she

debuted her original operatic production, *Soundcake*, with Monét X Change and Thorgy Thor at Lincoln Center and brought her one-woman show, *The Cristal Ball Tour*, across North America.

[Robert Mollicone](#) conducts the concert program with soloists [Melody Moore](#), whose appearances with San Francisco Opera include the title role of *Tosca*, Susan Rescorla in the world premiere of Christopher Theofanidis' *Heart of a Soldier*, Mimì in *La Bohème* and Mother Marie in *Dialogues of the Carmelites*; versatile artist and mezzo-soprano [Nikola Printz](#), who recently portrayed Jade Boucher in San Francisco Opera's 25th-anniversary production of Jake Heggie's *Dead Man Walking* and who originated the role of Billie Jean King in Laura Karpman's *Balls* with Opera Parallèle and in their London debut at the Royal Festival Hall; and Grammy and Emmy Award-winning baritone [Reginald Smith, Jr.](#), who returns to San Francisco Opera following his 2017 debut as Count Monterone in *Rigoletto*.

The concert will feature music by Michael Abels, Terence Blanchard, Brandi Carlile, Ryan Cassata, Umberto Giordano, Charles Gounod, k.d. lang, Jacques Offenbach, Stephen Schwartz, Michael Tilson Thomas, Luther Vandross, Stevie Wonder and more.

Arrive early for a pre-show happy hour with discounted food and beverages. Following the concert, the celebration continues with a dance party in the beautiful opera house lobby with DJ Juanita MORE!

San Francisco Opera is partnering with local organizations for activations throughout the Opera House including displays from the GLBT Historical Society, a San Francisco Pride Flag-inspired exhibit by Hand Bookbinders of California, AIDS Memorial Quilts from the National AIDS Memorial and an interactive Pride Altar of Remembrance by the Marigold Project. A pre-show discussion with guests to be announced will precede the concert. For more information, visit [sfopera.com/pride](http://sfopera.com/pride).

#### TICKETS AND INFORMATION

Tickets for the *Pride Concert* range from \$30–\$229 and are available at the San Francisco Opera Box Office (301 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco), by calling (415) 864-3330 and online at [sfopera.com](http://sfopera.com). San Francisco Opera Box Office hours are Monday 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m. (Saturdays phone only). A \$2 per-ticket facility fee is included in Balcony 1, 2 and 3 zone prices; all other zones include a \$3 per-ticket facility fee.

The Dolby Family's *Opera for the Bay* program provides \$10 tickets to all mainstage performances to Bay Area residents (home address zip code between 94000-95999) who have not purchased tickets in the past three seasons. Discounted Dolby Tickets for *Pride Concert* go on sale online on April 21 at 12 p.m. and are limited to two tickets per eligible patron. Go to [sfopera.com/dolby](http://sfopera.com/dolby) for the on-sale schedule and more information.

Standing-room tickets (\$10) are available to purchase the day of the concert beginning at 10 a.m. at the Box Office window. Standing-room tickets are cash only and limited to two per person.

The War Memorial Opera House is located at 301 Van Ness Avenue. Patrons are encouraged to use public transportation to attend San Francisco Opera performances. The War Memorial Opera House is within walking distance of the Civic Center BART/Muni Station and near numerous bus lines, including 5, 6, 49 and F Market Street. For further public transportation information, visit [bart.gov](http://bart.gov) and [sfmta.com](http://sfmta.com).

All casting, programs, schedules and ticket prices are subject to change. For further information about San Francisco Opera's 2026 Summer Season, visit [sfopera.com](http://sfopera.com).

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SAN FRANCISCO OPERA *PRIDE CONCERT*

Friday, June 26 at 8 p.m.

War Memorial Opera House, 301 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, 94102

Sapphira Cristál, host

Melody Moore, soprano

Nikola Printz, mezzo-soprano

Reginald Smith, Jr., baritone

Robert Mollicone, conductor

San Francisco Opera Orchestra

Justin A. Partier, lighting designer

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