



SAN FRANCISCO OPERA INVITES
PUBLIC TO DISCOVER

THE OPERA IN YOU

FREE WORKSHOPS BY LEADING STORYTELLERS,
AS PART OF SAN FRANCISCO OPERA'S CENTENNIAL SEASON

September 17–December 10, 2022 at San Francisco Public Libraries

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (September 15, 2022) — San Francisco Opera and the San Francisco Public Library (SFPL) fuse the storied art form of opera with the art of storytelling in *The Opera in You*, which invites the public to discover their own operatic tales as part of the Company's historic Centennial Season. This series of free memoir writing and storytelling workshops led by experienced teachers will be held at library branches throughout San Francisco in the coming months (*see full schedule and locations below*).

Each 5-part Saturday workshop series will culminate in a free public event in which participants can share their stories. Previous writing/storytelling experience is not required. Participants are welcome to attend the full series of workshops or individual sessions. There is no cost to participate; registration is strongly encouraged but not required, and all are welcome. The public may register at bit.ly/theoperainyou.

Stories connect us to our past, present and future. The stories we tell can reveal amazing journeys and teach us empathy. Whether dramatic tales of triumph, survival, perseverance or hope, everyone has a story to tell, no matter their age or background. San Francisco Opera's Department of Diversity, Equity and Community leads *The Opera in You*, a new story writing program to uncover the stories that are within each

of us. Free and open to the public, the workshops will bring together story- and music-lovers for an enriching creative experience, working with professional writing coaches and teachers to explore their own unique experiences and build storytelling literacy skills in a collaborative environment. For more information, visit sfopera.com/operainyou.

Storyteller, improviser and teacher Corey Rosen is the lead facilitator for the teaching artists and will also lead workshops in both sessions. Also confirmed to teach are writers and storytellers Nicole Apostol Bruno, Patricia Cotter, F.T. Kola, Sara Marinelli and Christian Wilburn.

ABOUT SAN FRANCISCO OPERA

San Francisco Opera has been thrilling audiences in San Francisco since 1923. The Company is known internationally not only for its famed performances by the world's leading artists but is also renowned for commissioning world premieres, training some of opera's greatest young artists and creating innovative programs and events to inspire a new generation of operagoers. San Francisco Opera's 2022–23 Season marks 100 years of pioneering new approaches to producing opera, developing new audiences and creating impactful connections with the community through education and engagement. Learn more at sfopera.com/100.

ABOUT THE SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY

The San Francisco Public Library (SFPL) is dedicated to free and equal access to information, knowledge, independent learning and the joys of reading for its diverse community. The library system includes the architecturally significant Main Library in the city's Civic Center, 27 neighborhood branches including 7 Carnegie libraries and four bookmobiles. With a collection of more than 3.7 million items and circulation exceeding 11 million each year, SFPL serves more than 6 million visitors annually. The doors of San Francisco's first public library opened on June 7, 1879, and over the course of its 142-year history has continued to expand its reach into the community, now boasting the second-most libraries per square mile in the U.S. The library embraces its role as the most democratic of institutions, providing safe and welcoming facilities for all. Through a robust array of services and programs, the library places an emphasis on literacy and learning, racial equity, digital inclusion, social justice and healthy communities. Visit sfpl.org.

For Calendar Editors

WHAT: San Francisco Opera and the San Francisco Public Library (SFPL) fuse the storied art form of opera with the art of storytelling in *The Opera in You*, an exciting new way to connect with San Francisco Opera as part of its Centennial Season. This series of free memoir writing and storytelling workshops led by experienced teachers will also offer opportunities for participants to dive deeper into their creative experience with their stories and share them with the public.

TICKETS: FREE—Registration is strongly encouraged but not required. The public may register at bit.ly/theoperainyou.

For more information about *The Opera In You*, visit sfopera.com/operainyou.

DATES: Session 1: September 17–October 15
Session 2: October 22–December 10

Participants are welcome to attend a full five-session series or attend individual sessions. Previous writing/storytelling experience is not required.

Session 1 Dates & Locations:

Saturdays: September 17, September 24, October 1, October 8, October 15 from 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

San Francisco Public Libraries:

Main Library Learning Studio (100 Larkin St.–5th floor, San Francisco)

Glen Park Meeting Room (2825 Diamond St., San Francisco),

Western Addition Meeting Room (1550 Scott St., San Francisco)

Bayview Meeting Room (5075 3rd St., San Francisco)

Anza Meeting Room (550 37th Ave., San Francisco)
North Beach Library Community Room (850 Columbus Ave., San Francisco)

Session 2 Dates & Locations:

Saturdays: October 22, October 29, November 19, December 3,
December 10 from 1 p.m.–3 p.m.

San Francisco Public Libraries:

Main Library Learning Studio (100 Larkin St.–5th floor, San Francisco)
Chinatown Meeting Room (1135 Powell St., San Francisco)
Noe Valley Meeting Room (451 Jersey St., San Francisco)
Ortega Meeting Room (3223 Ortega St., San Francisco)
Richmond Meeting Room (351 9th Ave., San Francisco)
Visitacion Valley Meeting Room (201 Leland Ave., San Francisco)

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