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**SAN FRANCISCO OPERA PRESENTS *THE MAGIC FLUTE FOR FAMILIES*  
ON OCTOBER 27 AND NOVEMBER 3 AT THE WAR MEMORIAL OPERA  
HOUSE**

**Matinee Performances Designed Especially For Families**

SAN FRANCISCO – San Francisco Opera presents two family performances of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart’s classic opera, *The Magic Flute*, on Saturday, October 27 and Saturday, November 3 at 1:00 p.m. at the War Memorial Opera House. Condensed into two hours with one 20-minute intermission, *The Magic Flute for Families* is a specially designed production for parents and children alike.

For this abridged version of one of Mozart’s finest and most whimsical efforts, the bird-catcher Papageno (Daniel Belcher) narrates the plot between arias in a fun, family-friendly format. Papageno accompanies the prince Tamino (Chad Freeburg) on a journey through an enchanting world to free his beloved Pamina, sung by San Francisco Opera Adler Fellow Ji Young Yang. The cast also includes Svetlana Nikitenko as the Queen of the Night and Adler Fellow Jeremy Galyon as Sarastro. Conductor Alya Joffe and director Yuval Sharon make their San Francisco Opera debuts. The mystical realms of the opera are re-envisioned by renowned cartoonist and designer Gerald Scarfe – best known in the U.S. for his work on Disney’s *Hercules*, and his cartoons in *The New Yorker* magazine – with make-believe animals like “crocoguins,” “tigoons” and “giraffestriches.”

The opera will be performed in English with English supertitles. *The Magic Flute for Families* is recommended for families with children aged 6 and older.

## Tickets and Information

There is a limited availability of tickets for *The Magic Flute for Families*. Tickets are priced from \$20 to \$80 for adults, and \$10 to \$40 for children and students age 18 and under. Tickets may be purchased from the San Francisco Opera Box Office either in person or by phone at 415.864.3330. For further information, visit [www.sfopera.com](http://www.sfopera.com).

The War Memorial Opera House is located at 301 Van Ness Avenue, within walking distance of the Civic Center BART station and near numerous bus lines, including the 5, 21, 47, 49, and the F Market Street. For further public transportation information, visit [www.bart.gov](http://www.bart.gov) and [www.sfmuni.com](http://www.sfmuni.com).

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### **SAN FRANCISCO OPERA'S *THE MAGIC FLUTE FOR FAMILIES***

**Saturday, October 27, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.**

**War Memorial Opera House**

**Saturday, November 3, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.**

Approximate running time: 2 hours, including one intermission  
Sung in English, with English supertitles and narration  
Los Angeles Opera production

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## Production Information

\* San Francisco Opera Debut

†Current San Francisco Opera Adler Fellow

### **Cast:**

<i>Tamino</i>	<b>Chad Freeburg*</b>
<i>Pamina</i>	<b>Ji Young Yang†</b>
<i>Papageno</i>	<b>Daniel Belcher</b>
<i>Queen of the Night</i>	<b>Svetlana Nikitenko</b>
<i>Sarastro</i>	<b>Jeremy Galyon†</b>
<i>Papagena</i>	<b>Rhoslyn Jones†</b>
<i>Monostatos</i>	<b>Matthew O'Neill†</b>

### **Production Team:**

<i>Conductor</i>	<b>Alya Joffe*</b>
<i>Director</i>	<b>Yuval Sharon*</b>
<i>Designer</i>	<b>Gerald Scarfe</b>
<i>Original Lighting Designer</i>	<b>Richard Pilbrow</b>
<i>Lighting Designer</i>	<b>Chris Maravich</b>
<i>Chorus Director</i>	<b>Ian Robertson</b>

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