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**JUNE 26 SAN FRANCISCO OPERA *PRIDE CONCERT* INCLUDES
COMMUNITY EXHIBITS, PRE-SHOW CONVERSATION AND
POST-CONCERT DANCE PARTY WITH DJ JUANITA MORE!**



Dance party with DJ Juantia MORE! and lobby exhibit. Photos: Matthew Washburn (l), Cory Weaver (c, r)

**ECLECTIC CONCERT FEATURES SOLOISTS MELODY MOORE, NIKOLA PRINTZ,
REGINALD SMITH, JR. WITH CONDUCTOR ROBERT MOLLICONE AND
EMCEE SAPPHIRA CRISTÁL**



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

SAN FRANCISCO OPERA MARCHES AT SF PRIDE PARADE JUNE 28

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (June 8, 2026) — On Friday, June 26 San Francisco Opera celebrates the LGBTQIA+ community with the second annual *Pride Concert* at the War Memorial Opera House. Ticketholders can also interact with a pride-themed altar of remembrance, listen to a pre-concert conversation with community partners, explore lobby exhibits and keep the party going on the

dance floor. **Sapphira Cristál**, the classically trained opera singer, composer and drag queen known for her theatrical lip syncs and six-octave range, returns as emcee 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, musical theater and pop songs.

[Sapphira Cristál](#) (runner-up and Miss Congeniality of *RuPaul's Drag Race* Season 16) is renowned as a charismatic emcee 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 Cristál Ball Tour, across North America.

[Robert Mollicone](#) conducts the San Francisco Opera Orchestra with soloists soprano [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*, Mimi 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, Umberto Giordano, Charles Gounod, k.d. lang, Jacques Offenbach, Stephen Schwartz, Michael Tilson Thomas, Luther Vandross, Stevie Wonder and more.



War Memorial Opera House (2025) Photo: Kristen Loken

Pride Concert Event Highlights:

- 6:30 p.m. *Rainbows All Around Us* outdoor, interactive community altar by the **Marigold Project** in front of the Opera House on the Van Ness Avenue steps
- 7–8 p.m. Pre-show Happy Hour with discounted food and drinks

- 7:05 p.m. Pre-concert talk featuring Rainbow Pride Flag project creators **Servane Briand**, **Bridget McGraw** and **Dominic Riley**, moderated by lead artist **Insiya Dhatt**
- Educational exhibit by the **GLBT Historical Society**
- *The Rainbow Pride Flag Project* exhibit by **Hand Bookbinders of California**
- AIDS Memorial Quilts display by the **National AIDS Memorial**
- 8 p.m. Concert hosted by **Sapphira Cristal** featuring soloists **Melody Moore**, **Nikola Printz** and **Reginald Smith Jr.** with **Robert Mollicone** conducting the San Francisco Opera Orchestra
- 9:30–11 p.m. Post-show dance party with DJ **Juanita MORE!**

Community partners for the event include SF Pride, Hand Bookbinders of California, National AIDS Memorial, Marigold Project and GLBT Historical Society.

For more information, visit sfopera.com/pride.

SAN FRANCISCO PRIDE PARADE

Sunday, June 28 at 10:30 a.m.

Market Street from Beale Street to 8th Street in San Francisco



San Francisco Pride Parade (2025) Photo: Kristen Loken

On Sunday, June 28, cheer on members of San Francisco Opera and other arts organizations at the 56th annual San Francisco Pride Parade, one of the oldest celebrations of LGBTQIA+ identity in the world. For more information about the 56th San Francisco Pride Parade and Celebration, visit sfpride.org.

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. 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. 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.

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 and 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.

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SAN FRANCISCO OPERA *PRIDE CONCERT* AND PARTY

Friday, June 26 at 8 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.)

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

Sapphira Cristál, emcee

Melody Moore, soprano

Nikola Printz, mezzo-soprano

Reginald Smith, Jr., baritone

with San Francisco Opera Adler Fellows

Alexa Frankian, soprano

Sadie Cheslak, mezzo-soprano

Thomas Kinch, tenor

Robert Mollicone, conductor

San Francisco Opera Orchestra

E. Reed Fisher, stage director

Justin A. Partier, lighting designer

San Francisco Opera presents its second *Pride Concert* in the Opera House on the eve of San Francisco's Pride Weekend. The high-energy concert and celebration features a concert blending opera, musical theater and beloved songs, including music by Michael Abels, Terence Blanchard, Brandi Carlile, 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, plus a talk with Rainbow Pride Flag project creators Servane Briand, Bridget McGraw and Dominic Riley,

moderated by lead artist **Insiya Dhatt**. 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 an educational display from the **GLBT Historical Society**, an exhibit called *The Rainbow Pride Flag Project* by **Hand Bookbinders of California**, AIDS Memorial Quilts from the **National AIDS Memorial** and an interactive Community Altar by the **Marigold Project** called *Rainbows All Around Us*.

For tickets and more information, visit sfopera.com/pride.

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