

MARCH 2023



UPDATE & NEWS

MARCH is National ARTS IN EDUCATION MONTH



Sowers Middle School Vikings Choir and director, Ryan Tan

Parnassus is proud to feature some very talented students of Orange County in our **Amour Fatal** Concert on April 22nd at Soka Performing Arts Center. This includes the Sowers Middle School Vikings Choir and four select students from OCSA and Irvine High School: Henry Courtney, Michael Morris, Nakshatra Srinivasan, and Genevieve Velarde.

Edward Graves joins **Amour Fatal** as Alfredo in La Traviata

Praised by Opera News as a tenor of “stunningly sweet tone,” Edward Graves is a second-year Adler Fellow at San Francisco Opera. His most recent performances include a workshop of Jake Heggie’s world premiere opera Intelligence with Houston Grand Opera, as well as Stone/Eunuch in Bright Sheng’s Dreams of the Red Chamber and Gastone in La Traviata, both on the San Francisco Opera mainstage. At SFO, he also covered the roles of Alfredo in La Traviata and Lensky in Eugene Onegin before engaging in a “thrilling who-can-sing-it-higher face-off from Rossini’s Otello” (SF Chronicle)



Edward Graves, Tenor

in the Adler Fellowship’s The Future Is Now concert. Graves is a 2022 San Francisco District winner of the Metropolitan Opera’s Laffont Competition.



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“ STUDENT ARTISTS Spotlights



Henry Courtney, Baritone

OCSA

Henry Courtney is a freshman in the Classical Voice conservatory at the Orange County School of The Arts (OCSA). He currently studies with Milena Kitic. Henry has sung in LA Opera community productions, in the role of Eddy in *On Gold Mountain* and as a shepherd in *Moses*. A member of the All-American Boys Chorus, Henry began singing at the age of seven and now serves as section leader.

Preceding his participation in singing, Henry began studying the piano at age four, and is currently a student of Craig Richey. Henry has won and placed in local and international competitions in both voice and piano, including the IAPMT Concours International de Musique Online, Concordia Music Competition, Southern California Junior Bach Festival, MTAC VOCE, VO-CAL, and NATS-LA. At OCSA, Henry is member of the Middle School Science Olympiad team, specializing in build events. He has medaled at regional tournaments and national invitationals. Among Henry's favorite music making experiences is the recent debut of his ragtag quartet, the Tim Tams.

Michael Morris is a freshman at the Orange County School of the Arts, in the Classical Voice conservatory. He began singing at five years old with the Acting Academy For Kids Glee Club. His pursuit of music really began when he joined the All American Boys Chorus at age 10. Since then, He began vocal studies with Milena Kitic and started participating in many vocal competitions. His awards include VO-CAL 2021 3rd place, NATS-LA 2022 2nd place, VO-CAL 2022 3rd place, VOCE State Finals 2023 Honorable mention, and Spotlight 2023 recognition of artistic achievement. Michael has performed all around the East Coast and Hawaii, and has recently performed in his very first opera with the LA Opera Community Program. Music has been a big part of his life in the last few years and he is grateful for the privilege to keep learning.



Michael Morris, Tenor

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Nakshatra Srinivasan
Irvine High School

Nakshatra Srinivasan Soprano, 17, is a junior at Irvine High School. She studies voice with Milena Kitic and has been training for four years. Some of her recent awards include: Musical Arts Competition of Orange County 1st Place (2021), VOCE Finalist (2023), Concordia Music Competition 4th Place (2023), Spotlight Music Center Semifinalist (2023), and OC Artist of the Year Semi-finalist (2023). She also performs regularly at local arts events for

Indian classical music and Bharatanatyam. One of her favorite memories is dancing with her friends at many cultural events during the COVID pandemic and singing for an organization named Smile Train OC, which gave her the opportunity to perform classical music for children with clefts. Naksha is also involved in sports such as volleyball and taekwondo, in which she has a 2nd-degree black belt.

Genevieve Velarde, Soprano, 17-year-old junior at Irvine High School, is a student of Milena Kitic. Genevieve has been a member of both the 22-23 Southern California and All-State California SATB Honor Choirs as well as her school's advanced choir. She is highly active within her school's Choral and Theater programs. Her choral experience has led her to perform in venues such as Meng Concert Hall and the Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall.



Genevieve Velarde
Irvine High School

Her most recent theatrical credits include Marian Paroo in 'The Music Man', Sandy Dumbrowski in 'Grease' and Amy March in 'Little Women'. Genevieve's awards include 1st place in VOCE MTAC Intermediate Level, Semi-Finalist in the 2023 Spotlight Classical Voice Competition, and Spirit of the Macy's Awards for Outstanding Performance in 'Little Women' and Special Recognition for 'Chicago'.

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Of course, don't forget the

Stars of **Amour Fatal**

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Milena Kitic



Lynette Tapia



Nmon Ford



Bruce Sledge



Edward Graves

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Also featuring



Chelsea Chaves

Frasquita and Flora



Stefan Jevtic

Dr. Grenvil



Erin Theodorakis

Mercedes and Annina



Maestro Scott Dunn
Parnassus Chamber Orchestra

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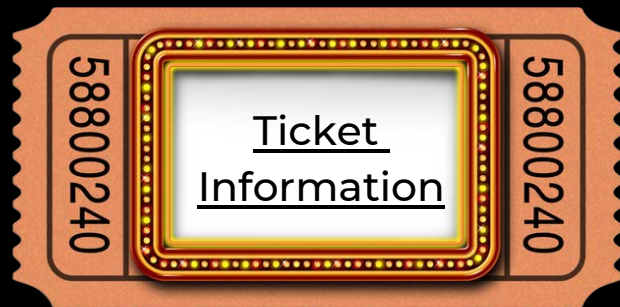
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