

# Celebrating David!

## Gala Concert

### *Conductor*

Nicola Luisotti  
Jiří Bělohlávek  
John DeMain  
Patrick Summers

### *Co-host*

Frederica von Stade  
Thomas Hampson

### *Director*

Jose Maria Condemí ‡

### *Lighting Designer*

Gary Marder

### *Artistic Consultant*

Matthew Epstein

### *Music Staff*

Jordi Bernàcer  
Joseph Marcheso  
Fabrizio Corona  
Matt Piatt ‡  
Maureen Zoltek  
Robert Mollicone ‡

### *Assistant Director*

E. Reed Fisher

### *Stage Manager*

Darin Burnett

‡ Adler Fellow Alum

### **Cast**

soprano	Julie Adams
	Renée Fleming
	Ana María Martínez
	Karita Mattila
	Patricia Racette
	Nadine Sierra
	Heidi Stober
mezzo-soprano	Catherine Cook
	Sasha Cooke
	Daniela Mack
	Dolora Zajick
tenor	Michael Fabiano
	Brian Jagde
	Simon O'Neill
	Pene Pati
baritone	Edward Nelson
bass-baritone	Eric Owens
bass	René Pape
	Anthony Reed

Thursday, June 16 2016, 7:00 PM

## Notes

This event honored David Gockley, General Director of the San Francisco Opera, upon his retirement.

The Gala concert was preceded by a cocktail party in the Wilsey Center and followed by a seated dinner, also in the Wilsey Center.

Mr. Gockley was bestowed emeritus status upon retiring; the first General Director Emeritus for the Company.

San Francisco Opera Orchestra Kay Stern, Concertmaster

San Francisco Opera Chorus Ian Robertson, Chorus Director

## PROGRAM

Gershwin, *Porgy and Bess* -- Overture  
John DeMain, conductor

Welcome from Gala Chairs John A. & Cynthia Fry Gunn and Gala Honorary Co-Chairs Diane B. Wilsey and Lynn Wyatt

Adams, *Nixon in China* -- "News"  
Edward Nelson, baritone ‡ \*  
John DeMain, conductor

Dvorák, *Rusalka* -- "Song to the Moon"  
Renée Fleming, soprano  
Jirí Belohlávek, conductor

Remarks by San Francisco Opera Center Director Sheri Greenawald and co-hosts Frederica von Stade and Thomas Hampson \*

Handel, *Giulio Cesare* -- "Da tempeste"  
Heidi Stober, soprano \*\*  
Patrick Summers, conductor \*

Floyd, *Susannah* -- "Ain't it a pretty night?"  
Ana María Martínez, soprano \*\*  
John DeMain, conductor

Gershwin, *Porgy and Bess* -- "I Got Plenty o' Nuttin"  
Eric Owens, bass-baritone \*\*  
John DeMain, conductor

Verdi, *Luisa Miller* -- "Quando le sere al placido"  
Michael Fabiano, tenor  
Nicola Luisotti, conductor

Rossini, *La donna del lago* -- "Tanti affetti"  
Daniela Mack, mezzo-soprano † \*

Patrick Summers, conductor \*

Wagner, *Die Walküre* -- Act I finale

Karita Mattila, soprano

Simon O'Neill, tenor \*

Patrick Summers, conductor \*

Strauss, *Der Rosenkavalier* -- "Hab' mir's gelobt"

Renée Fleming, soprano

Nadine Sierra, soprano † \*

Sasha Cooke, mezzo-soprano

Jirí Belohlávek, conductor

## INTERMISSION

Puccini, *Turandot* -- "Nessun dorma"

Brian Jagde, tenor † \*

San Francisco Opera Chorus

Nicola Luisotti, conductor

Boito, *Mefistofele* -- "Son lo spirit"

René Pape, bass

Nicola Luisotti, conductor

Kern, *Show Boat* -- "Bill"

Patricia Racette, soprano † \*

John DeMain, conductor

Remarks by Frederica von Stade and Thomas Hampson \*

Mozart, *Le nozze di Figaro* -- "Sull'aria ... che soave zeffiretto"

Renée Fleming, soprano

Heidi Stober, soprano \*\*

Nicola Luisotti, conductor

Mascagni, *Cavalleria rusticana* -- "Voi lo sapete"

Dolora Zajick, mezzo-soprano † \*

Nicola Luisotti, conductor

Tutino, *Two Women* -- Intermezzo

Nicola Luisotti, conductor

Massenet, *Manon* -- "Toi! Vous! N'est-ce plus ma main?"

Nadine Sierra, soprano † \*

Michael Fabiano, tenor

Nicola Luisotti, conductor

Previn, *A Streetcar Named Desire* -- "I can smell the sea air"

Renée Fleming, soprano

Patrick Summers, conductor\*

Berlioz, *Les Troyens* -- "Ah! Je vais mourir ... Adieu, fière cite"  
Sasha Cooke, mezzo-soprano  
Patrick Summers, conductor \*

Remarks by President of the San Francisco Opera Association, Keith B. Geeslin

Bernstein, *Candide* -- "Make our garden grow"  
Brian Jagde, tenor † \*  
Julie Adams, soprano ‡ \*  
Catherine Cook, mezzo-soprano † \*  
Pene Pati, tenor ‡ \*  
Edward Nelson, baritone ‡ \*  
Anthony Reed, bass ‡ \*  
San Francisco Opera Chorus  
John DeMain, conductor

† Adler Fellow Alum ‡ Current Adler Fellow \* Merola Opera Program Alum \*\* Houston Grand Opera Studio Alum

Video tributes:  
Cecilia Bartoli  
Plácido Domingo  
Joyce DiDonato  
Francesca Zambello

Note: Sasha Cooke replaced Susan Graham who cancelled due to illness.

Assistant Stage Mangers: Lisa-Marie Shuster, Sarah Bingel, Jimmy Marcheso.

Technical Staff: Ryan O'Steen, Mark Hueske Thomas, Sarah Tundermann.