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Opera Program Concert Free to Public

RIVERSIDE, CA – The Pirates of Penzance, and arias by Mozart, Strauss, Verdi & Puccini are just a few of the musical pieces you will hear at the Riverside Opera Institute free public concert on July 21 at 4:00 p.m. at the Cesar Chavez Community Center.

The concert allows audience members to enjoy the sounds of opera performed by young musicians who have spent two weeks exploring this classical style of musical theater during the summer program. Concert attendees will also hear the professional sound of master class adult students who developed their expertise under the internationally recognized faculty.

“In Riverside, we celebrate arts and innovation and the Riverside Summer Opera Programs allows our residents to explore the arts through an operatic sound while developing their musical skills,” Councilmember Andy Melendrez said.

Under the direction of Maestro Manuel Alberto Aybar, internationally renowned conductor and Institute artistic director of the MusicStart and the Riverside Opera Institute, students in the youth camp and master classes were exposed to skill development in a variety of areas including vocal technique and stage presence.

The Adult Master Classes were led by Mezzo-soprano Suzanna Guzman, professional performer and television host of [KCET](#)'s weekly series *Open Call*; acclaimed Tenor Greg Fedderly, principle member of the Metropolitan Opera and other opera companies; Tenor John Duykers, lead performer in more than 100 contemporary operas including 50 plus world premieres; and Lisa Sylvester, USC Assistant Professor of Vocal Arts and Opera.

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