

Media Release  
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## **Open Air – A Summer Festival of Music presented by Pacific Opera Victoria**

Victoria, BC – Music fills the warm summer air once again as Pacific Opera presents *Open Air: A Summer Festival of Music* from August 1 through 5. For five days, Pacific Opera singers will be in parks and surprise public spaces with concerts and free Pop Up Opera events throughout the Capital Regional District. On Thursday, August 1 at 8:00 pm, Pacific Opera and the Victoria Symphony will be on stage at The Butchart Gardens (concert included with Gardens admission), followed by a free concert at Beacon Hill Park’s Cameron Bandshell, including an afternoon of fun for the whole family, on Saturday, August 3 from 3:00 to 7:30 pm.

Under the stars at The Butchart Gardens on August 1, Pacific Opera Principal Conductor, Giuseppe Pietraroia and the Victoria Symphony Orchestra will be joined by soloist Elana Lin on Violin. Soprano Lucia Cesaroni, who is remembered by Pacific Opera audiences for her portrayal of Fiordiligi in the 2023 production of *Così fan tutte* will perform, along with Pacific Opera favourite, baritone, Justin Welsh, remembered for his role of Wiedhopf in 2023’s *The Birds*.

The whole family will want to join in the fun at Beacon Hill Park on August 3. From 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, kids and families can take part in activities on the lawn including; a Pacific Opera Shop Touch Table, face painting, and the Victoria Symphony Instrument Petting Zoo. On the Cameron Bandshell stage, families will enjoy; Drag Storytime with Persi Flagge from Stashes & Lashes, a performance by soprano Jennifer Turner, with Robert Holliston on piano, a family sing-a-long with Pacific Opera Pop Up artists and a “Learn to be a Conductor” for kids session with Maestro Joey.

Beginning at 6:00 pm on August 3, Pacific Opera Principal Conductor, Giuseppe Pietraroia will be joined on the Cameron Bandshell stage by the Victoria Symphony Orchestra, along with soloists; soprano, Lucia Cesaroni and baritone, Justin Welsh.

Pop Up Opera events include; August 1 and 5, 4:00 pm at Bastion Square, August 2 and 4, 4:00 pm at GVPL Esquimalt Branch and August 7 at 2:00 pm at GVPL Juan de Fuca Branch. Watch for surprise Pop Up Opera events throughout Greater Victoria.

For more information about Pacific Opera and the 2024/25 season, including tickets, visit:  
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