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Robin Hood - Presented by Pacific Opera Victoria

Victoria, BC – Pacific Opera Victoria's Youth Summer Performance Program presents *Robin Hood* July: a fully staged, spirited 55-minute opera by Ben Moore and Kelley Rourke. The Baumann Centre will host four family-friendly performances on July 17 and 19 at 4:00 pm and July 18 and 19 at 12:30 pm. This lively retelling of the classic legend is filled with adventure, humour, music, and heart —offering a fun and memorable experience for audiences of all ages.

Set in a land ravaged by the corrupt Sheriff of Nottingham, the story follows Robin Hood as he flees to Sherwood Forest and vows to protect its ancient trees, wildlife, and the people who depend on them. With a band of ordinary folk, he builds a community rooted in harmony with nature—much to the outrage of the Sheriff and his hapless deputies. A reluctant hero, Robin grapples with the weight of leadership: can he defend the forest without becoming what he opposes?

Starring talented local youth alongside opera professionals, *Robin Hood* is directed by Pacific Opera Artistic Director Brenna Corner and conducted by Pacific Opera Principal Conductor Giuseppe Pietraroia.

"I am so excited to be presenting our second Summer Youth Opera by Ben Moore and Kelley Rourke. This piece features 23 local kids, ages 9-18, sharing their love of music, storytelling, and opera. Their joy and love of music is just infectious," said Corner.

Audiences can also enjoy *Trees: Celebrating Gaia*, a unique 3-dimensional fine art installation in the lower lobby area, featuring more than 30 black-and-white and colour images by award-winning Victoria, BC photographers Blair Ketcheson and Frances Litman. Presentation tables celebrating trees and ecological diversity will be hosted by Creatively United for the Planet in partnership with Climate and the Arts and the Habitat Acquisition Trust (HAT).

Tickets are $20 for adults and $15 for youth. To purchase tickets and for more information, visit Pacific Opera - Robin Hood.

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