Silicon Valley Community Opera

2016 production – "La Traviata"

A word from the Silicon Valley Community Opera Artistic Director, Keiko Kagawa

The Silicon Valley Community Opera was founded in 2008 with the goal to provide the community access to beloved opera repertoire in an affordable and intimate setting. The cast and crew consist of both professional and amateur singers from the community who share a love of singing and storytelling.

Each production provides many opportunities for community members to take part: singers, musicians, dancers, and actors. We welcome anyone who has an interest in opera.

We invite you to support Silicon Valley Community Opera. For donations or more information please contact Keiko Kagawa.

Director – Keiko Kagawa

Opera Singer, Choral Conductor, Choir Director, Voice & Piano Teacher



Keiko Kagawa (www.theoperabutterfly.com) has performed nearly 20 opera roles, Soprano Lead in Handel's Messiah performances. Keiko also gives occasional recitals, as well as participating in an annual vocal concert in Japan. "Sisters and Friends USA" will be performed in Saratoga, CA on 5/13/2017. She has done some musical theater, dance productions, recording and television experiences. Keiko is also the former band leader, keyboardist and lead singer of "Lovely Wind," a Tokyo based Gospel Jazz Trio. Currently, she is a vocalist for THE BEAST band based in Silicon Valley. Behind the scenes television work includes professional make-up work. Keiko also teaches voice and piano and serves as the conductor for Choral Cosmo/Silicon Valley Community

Chorus www.choralcosmo.com. Aldersgate United Methodist Church of Palo Alto choir director and Calvary United Methodist Church music director/choir director. Keiko holds the degree of Master of Vocal Performance from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. Her undergraduate degree, a Bachelors degree in Vocal Performance and a Teaching Credential in Music Education are from Tokyo's Kunitachi College of Music (国立音楽大学).

2015 March Puccini's "Madama Butterfly" (Hoover Theatre, San Jose)

Mayumi Ashiya

Kazumasa Ashiya

Kazuyo Fujimori

Paula Gutierrez

Nami Kakinami

Mayu Hashimoto

Angela Ikemoto

Kaori Izutani

Ayano Nagaoka

(Guest Artists)

Kenji Nakai

Yasuhiro Matsui

Yukiko Murmann

Miho Ogawa

Sumika Oki

Shihoko Sakamoto

Gordon Sasamori

Makiko Ueda

Gayatri Venkatesen

Jamie Villamor

Izumi Wakita

Krassen Karagiozov, Michael Boley, Dan Morris



2013 October Mozart's

"The Marriage of Figaro" (Saratoga)

Kuriko Maeki

Miho Ogawa

Sumika Oki

Yasuhiro Matsui

Yukiko Murmann

Michael Celso

Kazuyo Fujimori

Kaori Izutani

Kent Koike

Yutaka Kuroda

Masae Nagai

Kenji Nakai

(Guest Artists)

Michael Taylor, Matt Larochelle,

Tomomi Matsumoto, Cheryl Chang



2012 July Puccini's "Madama Butterfly"

(Osaka, Japan)

Hide Ashiya

Mayumi Ashiya

Kenji Nakai

Yukiko Murmann

Emi Okuda

Yoshi Shiroishi

(Guest Artists)

Christopher Bengochea, Scott Bearden,

Aoki Miyatake

2012 May Mozart's "Cosi fun tutte" & Puccini's

"Tosca" (Saratoga)

Mayumi Ashiya Kuriko Maeki

Kazuyo Fujimori Yukiko Murmann

Kent Koike Miho Ogawa

Yoshio Honda Gordon Sasamori

Masae Nagai Shea Springett

Kenji Nakai Tomoya Yamamoto

(Guest Artists)

Christopher Bengochea, Michael Taylor, Rolf Dauz



2011 September Puccini's "Madama Butterfly" (Hakone, Saratoga)

Mayumi Ashiya

Kazuyo/Fujimori

Keiko Kokawa

Kent Koike

Hikaru Kotani

Yoshio Honda

Tomoko Ishii

Kaho Laforge

Emily Linden

Kenji Nakai

Akiko Nakamura

Netsuki Nakamura

Yuzuko Nakamura

Yukiko Murmann

Miho Ogawa

Gordon Sasamori

Kyoko Shimozaki

Yoshi Shiroishi

Makiko Ueda



2011 March Puccini's "Madama Butterfly"

(Santa Clara)

Mayumi Ashiya Yuzuko Nakamura

Miho Ogawa

Gordon Sasamori

Kyoko Shimozaki

Yoshi Shiroishi

Makiko Ueda

Kazuyo Fujimori Yukiko Murmann

Keiko Kokawa

Kent Koike

Yoshio Honda

Tomoko Ishii

Kenji Nakai

Akiko Nakamura

(Guest Artists)

Christopher Bengochea,

John Minaguro, Steve Spike Wong

2009 March Verdi's "La Traviata"

(Santa Clara)

Mayumi Ashiya Kenji Nakai

Yukiko Kiyotaki Miho Ogawa

Kent Koike Junko Ohoka

Yoshio Honda Yoshi Shiroishi

Tomoko Ishji Makiko Ueda

Masae Nagai Rumiko Ueda

(Guest Artists)

Adam Flowers, Michael Taylor



2009 November Mozart's "Don Giovanni" & Strauss' "Die Fledermaus" (Saratoga)

Miho Ogawa

Kazuyo Fujimori Kenji Nakai

Yukiko Kiyotaki Akiko Nakamura

Keiko Kokawa Yukiko Murmann

Kent Koike

Yoshio Honda Junko Ohoka

Grace Hsieh Gordon Sasamori

Tomoko Ishii Yoshi Shiroishi

Masae Nagai Makiko Ueda

(Guest Artists) Rumiko Ueda

Yumi Tayama, Samuel Chiba, Dan Morris,

Raeeka Shehabi-Yaghmai



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