



Minoru Chapel

Surrounded by old growth trees, pathways, gardens and lakes, Richmond's historic Minoru Chapel is one of the most charming buildings in the region.

Built in 1891 by a Methodist congregation, the Minoru Chapel was an important place of worship for Richmond's pioneering residents.

Constructed on what is now the corner of Cambie and River Road, the chapel served as a place of worship until 1961 when the City of Richmond bought it and the surrounding land to reroute the railway into the nearby industrial park.

At this time, the Chapel was almost torn down; however, strong community support led to its move in 1967 to the current location in Minoru Park where it was restored, painted and re-consecrated so members of all different faiths could use this beautiful historic building.

Today, the chapel is used mainly for weddings and movie shoots. The Minoru Chapel Opera series was introduced in fall of 2010 and will open its doors exclusively for music lovers again this spring.

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Minoru Chapel Opera

ADMISSION:
\$20 adults (+ HST)
\$18 students/seniors (+ HST)

March 7, April 4, May 2. Shows at 2:00 and 7:00 pm.
Doors open 30 mins before show.

Limited seating!

Purchase at door or in advance at 604-276-4300 (Press 2)
Please quote course # listed on inside page
Mon-Fri 8:30 am-5:30 pm. Credit card only. Sorry, no refunds.

LOCATION:
6540 Gilbert Road,
Richmond, BC
(beside/behind the
Gateway Theatre)

Pay parking available.

Minoru Chapel is a
10-minute walk from
the Canada Line
Brighthouse Station.



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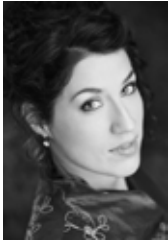
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Wed, March 7 2:00 & 7:00 pm

Vancouver Opera



Experience the thrilling world of opera in a concert presented by Vancouver Opera. This engaging and lively program will feature arias and duets from classic operas.

Host and pianist Kinza Tyrrell, Vancouver Opera's Principal Répétiteur and Associate Chorus Director, along with three accomplished Vancouver singers—baritone Aaron Durand, soprano Melanie Krueger, and tenor Frederik Robert—will perform a selection of highlights from VO's recent and upcoming productions such as Mozart's joyful *The Magic Flute* and Puccini's tragic love story *La Bohème*.



Be transported by beautiful music performed by talented artists in this intimate setting—a wonderful lead-up to Vancouver Opera's production of Rossini's *The Barber of Seville*, March 17, 20, 22, 24, 25, 2012.



Regarded worldwide for its fine mainstage productions, Vancouver Opera is the second largest opera company in Canada. VO's country-leading education programs are presented throughout BC and have introduced the power and beauty of opera to more than 1.6 million



children in the past 38 years. Its innovative, award-winning community programs and groundbreaking cross-cultural creative partnerships have brought opera to new generations of Canadians.

www.vancouveropera.ca

Photos:
VO Principal Répétiteur and Associate Chorus Director Kinza Tyrrell
Baritone Aaron Durand
Soprano Melanie Krueger
Tenor Frederik Robert

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Wed, April 4 2:00 & 7:00 pm

Burnaby Lyric Opera



Burnaby Lyric Opera is proud to present highlights from their season. You will hear selections from Puccini's musical masterpiece, *La Bohème*, and delight in a taste

of the exquisite music of Massenet's *Werther* and Tchaikovsky's *The Queen of Spades* from the 2012 Sunday Afternoon Concert Series. This beautiful music will be sung by young operatic singers from across the Lower Mainland and led by musical director David Boothroyd.

Burnaby Lyric Opera began in the early 1980's and by 1997 had evolved into a professional company with its permanent home in the Shadbolt Centre for the Arts in Burnaby, BC. For its innovative productions and high performance standards, BLO has received outstanding praise and critical acclaim, not only from local newspaper critics, but the high-profile magazine, *Opera Canada*.

The Company is a non-profit society with a vision to give emerging professional and semi-professional opera singers in BC the opportunity to sing leading roles in fully-staged operas. These young singers are often on the threshold of major careers and BLO is one of the only Intermediate opera companies in the province that provides this opportunity. BLO is a jumping-off point for young singers to experience what the business of performing is all about, rather than have to leave the province and often the country. The company also gives student performers the chance to sing in the chorus of its productions to acquire the experience of the operatic stage. While fulfilling its mandate, Burnaby Lyric Opera continues to produce a high standard of operatic performance that audiences in Vancouver, Burnaby and the Lower Mainland communities have come to anticipate. www.burnabylyricopera.org

Photo: scene from *Don Giovanni*

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Wed, May 2 2:00 & 7:00 pm

DragonDiva Operatic Theatre



DragonDiva Operatic Theatre is delighted to perform Engelbert Humperdinck's opera *Hänsel and Gretel* in an abridged concert version.

Hänsel and Gretel has become a staple of the operatic repertoire. A popular favourite with large and small opera companies alike, audiences delight in the lush score and beautiful vocal writing.

Hänsel and Gretel tells the story of a brother and sister who, sent to play in the forest by their mother, find themselves lost and forced to spend the night in the woods. They are sung to sleep by a magical sandman and awakened by a beautiful dew fairy. As they wake up, they discover a gingerbread house which they approach hoping to find something to eat.

Inside, they encounter an evil witch who captures the children and attempts to cook them in her giant oven. Gretel convinces the witch to release her spell on Hänsel and the two children trick the witch into looking inside the oven. As she bends into the oven, the children quickly push her inside. This breaks the witch's spell and other gingerbread children turn back into real children and are set free.

DragonDiva Operatic Theatre creates high calibre opera that is accessible to both opera lovers and future enthusiasts. They foster an environment where artists are encouraged to learn from each other by engaging a blend of community members, students and emerging professionals.

The company was established in 2007 with their premier production, Gilbert and Sullivan's *Pirates of Penzance*. Since then, they have presented four additional main stage shows, collaborated with orchestras, and presented concerts, concert opera and social events. www.dragondiva.org

Photo: cast of *H.M.S. Pinafore*

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