



The Story of Manon

Presented by: Bob Weinman

Monday, October 30, 2017

9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Goleta Library
 500 N. Fairview Ave, Goleta

Manon and des Grieux were children of provincial France and were only 17 when they met. They fell madly in love with each other and ran away to Paris.

But Manon was a girl who loved the pleasures of wealth and soon discovered that her charm and beauty could seduce very rich men to make her the queen, which Des Grieux could not.

This exciting story, written in the early 18th century, immediately became a classic and was the basis for a long line of interpretations, including opera, drama, ballet, film, and even several TV series. The greatest of all these is the opera *Manon* by the great late-19th-century composer *Jules Massenet*.

This one-day class will use Massenet's opera as a framework but will explore how each succeeding century retold the story in the light of its own sensibilities. It will serve as an introduction to the actual performance of the opera by Opera Santa Barbara the following weekend.



Deadline for registration: October 24th

Enrollment Form: Opera Manon – Oct 30, 2017

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Name(s): _____

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Biography: *Bob Weinman* received a B.S. degree from Cornell University in 1960, and a Ph.D. in Nuclear Physics from the California Institute of Technology in 1966.

He worked as a rocket scientist for the Northrop Grumman Corporation until he retired in 1993.

He currently volunteers as a videographer and music lecturer at the Music Academy of the West. Bob is a member of the board of directors of Opera Santa Barbara.



VISTAS Calendar

| Seminar/Event | Inclusive Dates | Time | Venue |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|---------|------------------------------|
| Documentary Film Club | 3rd Thurs Monthly | 2:00 pm | Maravilla Theater |
| Nonfiction Book Club | 2nd Thurs Monthly | 1:30 pm | Vista del Monte-Sierra Madre |
| The Changing Arctic | Tues, Oct 17 & 24 | 9:30 am | Goleta Library |
| Mental Illness | Wed, Oct 18 & 25 | 9:30 am | Valle Verde - Social Room |
| Freedom Train | Tues, Oct 31 & Wed, Nov 1 | 1:00 pm | Grace Gathering |
| Socialism in the US | Tues, Nov 7, 14, 21 | 9:30 am | Grace Gathering |
| Wine in Culture | Mon, Nov 13, 20, 27 | 9:30 am | Valle Verde - Social Room |
| Climate Change Denial | Wed, Nov 29 & Dec 6 | 9:30 am | Museum of Natural History |
| Hamilton | Mon, Dec 4, 11, 18 | 9:30 am | TBA - Limited to 10 |
| Manon Opera | Mon, Oct 30 | 9:30 am | Goleta Library |