



An Afternoon at the Opera

Organized by: Doris Frey

Sunday, March 6, 2016

1:45 - 5:30 pm

Granada Theater

1330 State Street



L'Elisir d'Amore (The Elixir of Love)

by Gaetano Donizetti

Sung in Italian with English subtitles

Vistas is trying something new: A Sunday afternoon of live opera. We have reserved 30 good seats at a group discount for a Santa Barbara Opera performance of the Donizetti opera "*The Elixir of Love*". **Included is a pre-performance lecture at 1:45 pm at the Granada.** Please join your fellow Vistas opera lovers or first-timers to share in this musical event.

Reservations must be received by February 18 - Tickets will be mailed to you.

What is the opera about?

To put it concisely: *Love Potions and A Furtive Tear*. Do love potions sold by a doctor of dubious credentials really work? In this delightful comedy of magical concoctions, feigned indifference, mistaken love and a sad tear two lovers are finally united. The happy ending is as much a foregone conclusion as it would be in a romantic comedy film today—the joy is in the journey, and Donizetti created one of his most instantly appealing music for the ride, sending audiences home smiling. And probably humming the famous tenor aria "Una furtiva Lagrima" for days. *(Continued on the back)*



Enrollment Form: Opera - Sunday March 6, 2016
VISTAS Members \$70. Non-members \$75.

Note: At-The-Door Registration is not available

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Check# _____

Name(s): _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Mail registration form to:

VISTAS Lifelong Learning, Inc., P.O. Box 23228, Santa Barbara, CA 93121-3228

Deadline for registration: February 18th



About the Opera

Gaetano Donizetti was among the most important composers of bel canto opera in both Italian and French in the first half of the nineteenth Century. He composed 75 operas, many forgotten today. But about a dozen are still part of the repertoire in opera houses worldwide.

At age 45 Donizetti composed “*L'Elisir d'Amore*” over a six-week period. It premiered at the Teatro alla Canobbiana, Milan in 1832. It was and still is one of the most beloved of his operas.

VISTAS Calendar			
Seminar/Event	Inclusive Dates	Time	Venue
Documentary Film Club	3rd Thurs Monthly	2:00 pm	Maravilla Theater
Presenting for Vistas	Thur, Jan 28	1:30 pm	Maravilla, Valencia Rm
Race to the Poles	8 Tuesdays 2/2-3/22	9:00 am	SB County Admin Bldg
Old Testament	Mon, Feb 8	1:30 pm	Maravilla Club Room
Women's Politics	Mon, Feb 15	1:30 pm	Maravilla, Club Room
Political Polarization	Thurs, Feb 18, 25 & Mar 3	9:30 am	Goleta Library
Victory & Defeat Part 2	Thurs, Mar 17, 24, & 31	9:30 am	Goleta Library
Opera	Sun, March 6	1:45 pm	Granada Theater
Systems & Individuals	Wed, Mar 2	1:30 pm	Maravilla Club Room
Art & Poetry	Mon, Mar 7	1:30 pm	Valle Verde Social Room