



An Afternoon at the Opera

Organized by: Doris Frey

Sunday, November 6, 2016

1:45 pm Pre-Opera Lecture

2:30 pm Opera

Granada Theater

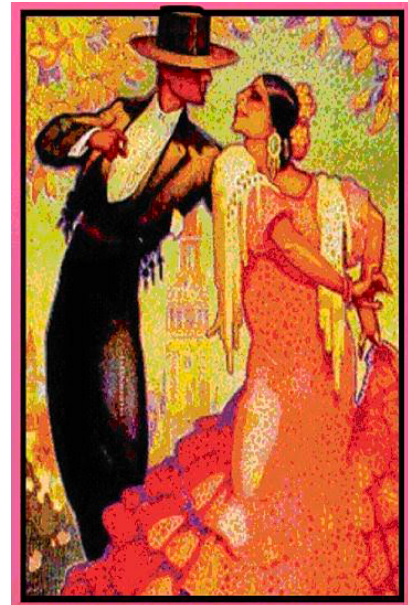
1330 State Street, Santa Barbara

You are invited to our second annual Sunday afternoon of live opera. **Our group has 30 discounted tickets for good seats available at \$72 per person.**

Bizet's CARMEN, first performed in 1845, was groundbreaking in its realism, and it rapidly became one of the most popular Western operas of all time. It is a riveting story of love, lust, jealousy and tragedy. The music is intoxicating and the source of many memorable and widely recognized songs, notably those known by the popular names "Toreador Song" and "Habanera." However, it was condemned by the earliest critics, who were unaccustomed to seeing the lives of the common folk and ne'er-do-wells on center stage. Opera, after all, was a refined art, not one to concern itself with lowlives and scoundrels. In the end, Carmen was a tremendous, worldwide success.

Additionally we are offering a free pre-performance lecture at 1:45 pm. Please join your fellow VISTAS opera lovers to share in this wonderful musical event.

Carmen



RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY OCTOBER 17

Tickets will be mailed to you including a synopsis.

Enrollment Form: *Opera Carmen* - November 6, 2016

\$72 Per Person Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Check# _____

Name(s): _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Mail registration form to:

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About the composer: *Georges Bizet* was born in Paris in 1838. His father was a singing teacher and his mother was an accomplished pianist who gave Georges his first lessons. The Paris Conservatoire was so impressed by the boy's abilities that it waived its age rule and offered him a place when he was nine. But Bizet never achieved real success during most of his life. His compositions were largely ignored and he earned his living mainly by arranging and transcribing other people's music. He composed almost 40 operas, none of them successful until after his death. Sadly, Bizet, who was a heavy smoker, died of a heart attack at age 36, three months after the première of *Carmen*, unaware that his opera would become a spectacular and enduring success. His other works also began to be performed more frequently and he is now recognized as a composer of brilliance and originality



VISTAS Calendar

Seminar/Event	Inclusive Dates	Time	Venue
Documentary Film Club	3rd Thurs Monthly	2:00 pm	Maravilla Theater
Nonfiction Book Club	3rd Wed Monthly	1:30 pm	Vista del Monte-Sierra Madre
Macbeth	Thurs, Sept 22	9:30 am	Valle Verde-SB Room
Initiative/Referendum Process	Thur, Sept 29, Oct 6,13	9:30 am	Goleta Library
Trials of the Century	Mon, Oct 10-Nov 14	9:30 am	Valle Verde - Social Room
Poetry & Metaphor	Tues, Oct 18,25, Nov 1	1:30 pm	Valle Verde - Social Room
Brazil's Econ/Political	Wed, Oct 19	9:30 am	Valle Verde - Social Room
LGBT/Transgender/Transsexual: What Is Being Taught in College Courses Today?	Tues, Oct 25	9:30 am	Valle Verde - Social Room
Opera Carmen	Sun, Nov 6	1:45 pm	Granada Theater
Post Election Analysis	Thurs, Nov 10	1:30 pm	Goleta Library
Eleanor Roosevelt	Wed, Nov 16	1:30 pm	Valle Verde - Social Room
Laughing & Crying	Mon, Nov 21,28, Dec 5,12	9:30 am	Valle Verde - Social Room