

53rd SEASON SCHEDULE

E-mail: Info@ReginaOpera.org (718) 259-2772 2022-2023 SEASON

PERFORMANCES HELD AT OUR LADY PERPETUAL HELP SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, 5902 6TH AVE. BROOKLYN



Orchestra conducted by Gregory Ortega Staged by Linda Lehr

 SATURDAY
 May 13, 2023 - 3PM

 SUNDAY
 May 14, 2023 - 3PM

 SATURDAY
 May 20, 2023 - 3PM

 SUNDAY
 May 21, 2023 - 3PM

General Admission: \$25 Senior Citizens - age 60+: \$20 College Students under 25: \$20 Teens: \$5; Children: Free; TDF/V

Tickets are Available at the Door by Cash or Check and Online. MASKS ARE STRONGLY SUGGESTED.

SUNDAY MATINEE CONCERTS: Tickets \$15; Teens \$5; Children: Free.

April 30, 2023 – 3PM 53rd Anniversary Concert

Celebrate Regina Opera's Anniversary with a concert of operatic selections;

and instrumental pieces composed by Julian Villanueva Raheb featuring members

of Regina Opera's Orchestra

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Accessible entrance is located to the right of the main entrance on 6th Avenue between 59th and 60th Streets.



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Don't Miss Our Free-Admission Events!



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Tuesday May 9, 2023 - 7PM - FREE Performance of Sigmund Romberg's The Student Prince featuring our Covers performed at Regina Opera, will be fully-staged with piano accompaniment and English supertitles for the musical selections, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School auditorium.Notickets required. **MASKS ARE STRONGLY SUGGESTED.**

Wednesday June 21, 2023 at 6:30PM. Join us for a FREE 90minute Make Music New York operatic Concert in the Schoolyard of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Academy, 558 59th Street. No reservation required. Rain location - inside the school.

FREE and ON DEMAND: Watch dozens of videos of Regina Opera's recent operas and concerts. Access these through our

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 RESERVATIONS... Seat reservations are limited to Regina Opera Guild Memebers and groups. Over 400 seats will be available at the door.

DIRECTIONS TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP (OLPH), 6th AVENUE BETWEEN 59th & 60th STREET, BROOKLYN.

"N"or"R" train to 59th Street (NOW WITH AN ELEVATOR). B-9 Bus to 60th Street & 6th Avenue; B-63 Bus to 5th Avenue & 60th Street; B-70 Bus to 8th Avenue & 60th Street;

B-11 to 49 / 50th Street & 6th Avenue.





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The Story of The Student Prince

Act 1 - Scene 1 - May 1st - Antechamber, Palace of Karlsberg. Prince Karl Franz will attend the University of Heidelberg, and his tutor, Dr. Engel, is ordered to accompany him there to keep him in line. At the end of the school year, Karl Franz is to be betrothed to his cousin, Princess Margaret, whom he has never met. Dr. Engel would rather resign than be Karl Franz's jailor at school, but Karl Franz wants him to come along. They reminisce about Heidelberg in their "Golden Days".

Scene 2 - Courtyard, Inn of the Three Golden Apples, Heidelberg. Gretchen and the inn staff celebrate May with "Garlands Bright." Karl Franz's pompous valet, Lutz, arrives to ensure that everything is ready. A crowd of students arrives ("To the Inn We're Marching") and toasts the girls they love ("Drink! Drink! Drink!"). They then call for their favorite waitress, Kathie, to take their orders. Karl Franz and Dr. Engel arrive, thrilled to be in Heidelberg ("Heidelberg, Beloved Vision"). Karl Franz is introduced to Kathie and finds her charming. The students sing the old student drinking song, "Gaudeamus Igitur." Karl Franz becomes acquainted with Kathie, who tells him that she's engaged to her cousin in Vienna. But she and Karl Franz are falling in love ("Deep in My Heart, Dear"). The students toast Karl Franz and Kathie. Then Karl Franz leads the students in a "Serenade," and everyone celebrates Springtime, youth, and love.

Act II - Four months later - the Prince's Sitting Room at the Inn. Lutz and Hubert have been sitting up all night waiting for Karl Franz, who returns from his carousing with Dr. Engel and the students. They kick Lutz out and celebrate "Student Life," and fall asleep. Lutz returns with the news that the prince's fiancée, Princess Margaret, has arrived with her mother, the Duchess. The students leave and Karl Franz hurries away to freshen up. The Duchess comes in with the Princess and their escort, Captain Tarnitz, and introduces Karl Franz to her daughter. Karl Franz is shocked to learn that his betrothal is to be announced immediately. When the visitors leave, Karl Franz calls for Kathie in a panic and proposes to elope to Paris with her. She agrees and rushes off to pack. The Prime Minister arrives, announcing that the King is seriously ill and wants the betrothal ceremony to take place now. Karl Franz refuses, as Heidelberg has taught him to be free. Dr. Engel convinces Karl Franz to comply, but is sorry to leave ("Thoughts Will Come to Me"). Kathie, devastated to learn that Karl Franz is leaving, knows he must. She is convinced he will forget her, but he reassures her.

Act III - Two years later - Scene 1 - Antechamber, Palace of Karlsberg. During a ball, the Duchess describes how Karl Franz's betrothal to Princess Margaret was delayed for two years due to the old King's death. The Duchess asks Lutz where Karl Franz is. Lutz sayst he is walking alone in the park, and that Princess Margaret is out walking with Captain Tarnitz. Meanwhile, Tarnitz wants to run off with Margaret, but she wants to marry Karl Franz. He tells her that Karl Franz had a romance with an innkeeper's niece in Heidelberg, but she refuses to believe it. She flirted with Tarnitz only to get Karl Franz's attention. They dance a farewell waltz ("Just We Two"). The Prime Minister tells Karl Franz that the wedding to Princess Margaret is set for June 1. The Princess tells Karl Franz that she understands why his thoughts are elsewhere. Alone, Karl Franz takes from his pocket a dried rose, recalling his happy days in Heidelberg ("What Memories, Sweet Rose"). He imagines that Dr. Engel, students, and Kathie are with him and vows to go back to Heidelberg.

Scene 2 - Courtyard, Inn of the Three Golden Apples, Heidelberg. Princess Margaret urges Kathie to go away and marry someone else, so that Karl Franz will turn to the Princess, who loves him. Kathie tearfully agrees. The students march in and toast King Karl Franz. He asks them to sing some of the old student songs. Kathie tells Karl Franz that she is going to Vienna, and that he must devote himself to his people. Princess Margaret appears, and he goes to her. But he and Kathie will remember each other forever.