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## Renowned singer hosts opera-in-concert on February 22 in Carmel

David Gordon, a world-acclaimed opera singer and Carmel Valley resident, has co-founded a new organization, Opera Project Carmel, with the mission of sponsoring vocal workshops and performances for regional singers interested in opera and musical theater. This is the first organization of its kind on the Monterey Peninsula.

Gordon, a 3-decade veteran of the San Francisco Opera, Chicago Opera, Hamburg Opera in Germany and many other international companies, has lived in Carmel since 2003, and serves as Dramaturg of the Carmel Bach Festival. Now retired from his operatic career, Gordon is a well-known and beloved lecturer and master teacher. "I've spent my entire adult life on stages around the world. Now I like to share my knowledge and enthusiasms with other singers and with the audience."

Opera Project Carmel provides regional singers – professionals and serious amateurs – with an opportunity to explore and perform operatic works.

In its concerts OPC presents the essence of what makes opera so moving and awe-inspiring – music, emotions, story, and humanity – through the singers' voices and passion. Performances are held in intimate settings and presented without the costumes and elaborate staging that distance performers from the audience. In OPC performances, this immediacy of experience enables audiences to establish a direct connection with the art of vocal acting.

**Gordon will host and narrate the Feb 22 concert**, which he calls an "informance" – a combination of music, narration, and actual dialogue with the audience. An entertaining scholar and story-teller, Gordon weaves a narrative thread with humorous anecdotes and fascinating historical and musical insights about the music being performed.

"In this concert we play with the raw material of opera: just the glorious sound of voices - no costumes or scenery! How does opera "work?" How do we make our emotions audible? How do we get "inside" the music to understand it better? Exploring these issues is fun for the singers and for the audience. This exciting journey is what OPC is all about."

- **What:** "Audible Emotions" - a concert performance of best-loved ensembles from operas by Mozart, Bizet, Wagner, Delibes, Bernstein, Puccini and Offenbach. Hosted and narrated by David Gordon, veteran operatic tenor.
- **Who:** A cast of ten regional singers, directed by David Gordon, with Lucy Faridany, pianist
- **Where:** Unitarian Universalist Church, 280 Aguajito Road, Carmel
- **When:** Sunday February 22 at 2:30pm
- **Tickets:** \$12 adults, \$6 Seniors/Students, under 12 free
- **Website / Information:** [www.operaprojectcarmel.org](http://www.operaprojectcarmel.org)

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