

ITALIAN OPERA EVENING 2017

VEN, 1 DEC, PIETERMARITZBURG: Old Prison Hall

SAB, 2 DEC, DURBAN: Playhouse Drama Theater

Under the Patronage of Consolato Generale d'Italia a Johannesburg, Dante Alighieri Durban and Pietermaritzburg and Istituto Italiano di Cultura di Pretoria present: the fourth edition of **THE ITALIAN OPERA EVENING**.

This elegant evening will take place on Friday 1st December at The Old Prison in Pietermaritzburg as well as Saturday 2nd December at Playhouse Drama Theatre in Durban. Be mesmerised by the enchanting and impressive tones of four acclaimed artists.

Those attending can look forward to:

LUKHANYO MOYAKE who is a member of the permanent ensemble at Cape Town Opera and represented South Africa in the BBC Cardiff Singer of the World competition in 2017. The 2016-17 season sees him make his house and role debut as Don José in Carmen at Teatro Nacional de São Carlos in Lisbon, take the stage as Sportin' Life in Porgy and Bess at Teatro Colón in Buenos Aires.

SIPHAMANDLA YAKUPA who is currently a soloist at the Cape Town Opera company and who made it to the final round of the Hans Gabor Belvedere international singing competition. Roles performed include Musetta in La bohème, Marzelline in Fidelio, Clara in Porgy and Bess, Frasquita in Carmen, Winnie Mandela in Mandela trilogy, Nella in Gianni Schicchi, Susanna in Le nozze di Figaro.

VIOLINA ANGUELOV Since her South African début as Cherubino in The Marriage of Figaro in 1999 for Cape Town Opera, Ms. Anguelov has sung over 30 roles, including: Marguerite in La Damnation de Faust, Ruggiero in Alcina, Idamante in Idomeneo, Romeo in I Capuleti e i Montecchi, Amneris in Aïda, Suzuki in Madama Butterfly, Octavian in Der Rosenkavalier and Queen Elizabeth in Donizetti's Maria Stuarda. For many, Ms Anguelov is the quintessential Carmen.

EUGENE JOUBERT holds a master's degree in collaborative piano from the Shepherd School of Music at Rice University in Houston, Texas. He was a member of the Oscine Trio, who performed throughout the country in national competitions and concerts. Eugene made his debut in 2007 at the Kennedy Centre for the Performing Arts, Washington, D.C. as part of their Conservatory Project.

EUROPEAN STRING QUARTET This is an acoustic and string quartet based in the wonderful city of Durban. The members are all classically trained and play for the KwaZulu-Natal Philharmonic Orchestra. The quartet combines their high level of technical proficiency with an energetic stage performance that breaks away from the more formal conventions of classical performance, resulting in a show appealing to all ages.

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TICKETS:

PIETERMARITZBURG – alla Old Prison Hall – R 180 p.p.

DURBAN – al Playhouse Drama Theater - R 180 p.p.

Welcome drink and Italian light refreshment included.;

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