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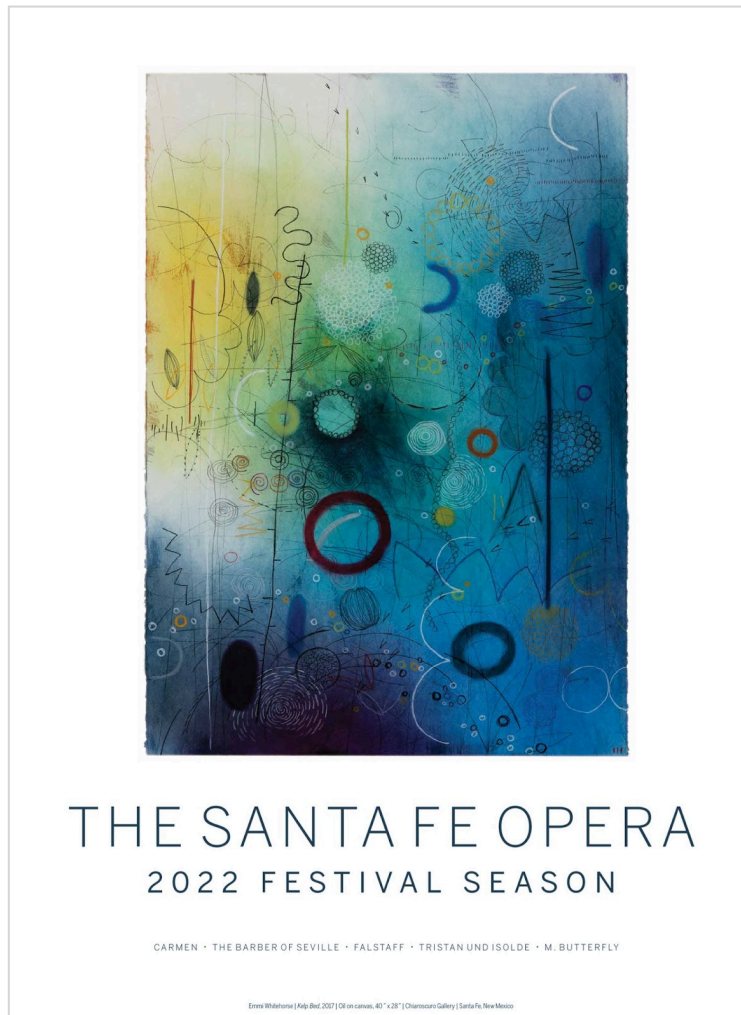


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THE SANTA FE OPERA'S 2022
FESTIVAL SEASON POSTER FEATURES
ARTWORK OF NEW MEXICO PAINTER
EMMI WHITEHORSE

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"Kelp Bed" by Emmi Whitehorse, 2017 | Oil on canvas 40" x 28"

Chiaroscuro Gallery, Santa Fe, New Mexico

Poster is 22" x 30" | Signed \$50.00 | Unsigned \$35.00

Available beginning June 6, 2022

Santa Fe, NM — The Santa Fe Opera’s 2022 Festival Season poster features the artwork of painter **Emmi Whitehorse**. Born in Crownpoint, New Mexico, and brought up on the Navajo Nation, Ms. Whitehorse credits her artistic frame of mind to formative years spent playing and tending sheep in a landscape that seemed magical and endless. Her paintings tell the story of knowing land over time and reflect sensory impressions — noticing the subtle fluctuations of light, the perpetual changes in color and the fleeting shift of elements from prominence one moment to obscurity the next. Says Ms. Whitehorse, “Light, space and color are the axis around which my work evolves. The calm and beauty that is in my work I hope serve as a reminder of what is underfoot, of the exchange we make with nature.”

Featured is “Kelp Bed,” an oil on canvas creation realized in 2017. Says General Director **Robert K. Meya**, “When I first saw Emmi’s work, I was mesmerized. Her appreciation for the beauty found in nature aligns so perfectly with what it feels like to visit the Santa Fe Opera. I’m honored that Emmi has so generously allowed us to celebrate her work in this unique way.”

The 2022 Festival Season poster has been created in a standard vertical size format measuring 22” x 30.” Signed and regular copies will be available for sale beginning June 6 at the **Opera Shop** and online at shop.santafeopera.org. The Opera Shop will be open on performance evenings from 5:00 pm until 20 minutes after the end of the performance. Purchases can also be made by contacting the shop directly at shop@santafeopera.org or 505-986-5949.

The Santa Fe Opera extends its deepest thanks to Santa Fe’s **Chiaroscuro Gallery** for helping to facilitate this special collaboration.

About The Santa Fe Opera

The Santa Fe Opera annually draws 85,000 people from New Mexico and around the globe. Nestled atop a mountain vista in northern New Mexico, the company’s iconic Crosby Theatre is open on three sides, allowing visitors to enjoy performances complemented by the elements. Since 1957 the company has presented over 2,000 performances of 177 operas by 90 composers spanning five centuries of opera, creating a legacy of 45 American premieres and 17 world premieres.

The mission of the Santa Fe Opera is to advance the operatic art form by presenting ensemble performances of the highest quality in a unique setting with a varied repertory of new, rarely performed and standard works; to ensure the excellence of opera’s future through apprentice programs for singers, technicians and arts administrators; and to foster an understanding and appreciation of opera among a diverse public.

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