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The Bond House Museum of Española Welcomes
New Exhibition *The Grandeur of Opera* Featuring
Santa Fe Opera Costumes, Scenery & Props
Opening May 27

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Santa Fe, NM — The **Bond House Museum of Española**, New Mexico, proudly welcomes *The Grandeur of Opera*, a new exhibition featuring costumes, scenery and props from the **Santa Fe Opera**. The collection is curated by costume and properties artists at the opera in a first-of-its-kind collaboration with the **San Gabriel Historical Society** and the **Española Valley Opera Guild**.

The Grandeur of Opera kicks off with a Grand Opening reception on **Saturday, May 27, 2023**, from **6:00 to 8:30 pm**. The celebration is a free event, open to the public with light refreshments, and includes the raffle of a pair of tickets to the Santa Fe Opera's **2023 Season**. The exhibition showcases costumes from principal performers in *The Golden Cockerel* (2017), *The Lord of Cries* (2021) and *La Finta Giardiniera* (2015), and a special set piece featured in last season's *Carmen*. Photographs and an assortment of unique props round out the collection which is sure to give visitors a taste of the theatrical magic and artistry that brings an opera to life on stage.

On display until **August 31, 2023**, the museum welcomes all opera lovers locally and from around the world who will be traveling to northern New Mexico to enjoy the exhibition as part of this summer's Santa Fe Opera Festival Season. Visitors are additionally welcome to enjoy the entire Bond House Museum, which displays the history of the Española Valley area in a permanent exhibit room as well as a photographic exhibit, *Merchants of Our Past* – both curated by the San Gabriel Historical Society of Española.

The Bond House Museum is located in the Plaza de Española at 706 Bond Street, Española. The Bond House was built beginning in 1887 and was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1980. It is open every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 12 to 4 pm. There is no charge to visit the museum, though donations are greatly appreciated. Parking is free and the museum is wheelchair accessible.

For Calendar Keepers

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Who: The Bond House Museum of Española, New Mexico in collaboration with the Santa Fe Opera.

What: A new exhibition entitled *The Grandeur of Opera* featuring costumes, scenery and props from the Santa Fe Opera.

Where: The Bond House Museum located in the Plaza de Española at 706 Bond Street, Española.

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Tickets: There is no charge to visit the museum, though donations are greatly appreciated. Parking is free and the museum is wheelchair accessible.

The 2023 Season

Scheduled in the Santa Fe Opera's 66th Festival Season are 38 performances including two evenings of **Apprentice Scenes**. The company holds to its mission and time-tested programming model: a balanced and varied repertory of new, lesser-performed and standard works. Opening on **June 30** and **July 1** are two standard works, *Tosca* and *The Flying Dutchman*, followed by two lesser-performed works, *Pelléas et Mélisande* and *Rusalka*, on **July 15** and **July 22**. Rounding out the season and presented for the first time on **July 29** will be Monteverdi's seminal *Orfeo* with a world premiere orchestration by American composer **Nico Muhly**. Tickets are on sale now at santafeopera.org.

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 179 operas by 91 composers spanning five centuries of opera, creating a legacy of 45 American premieres and 18 world premieres. In November 2022, the company was recognized as "Festival of the Year" at the **International Opera Awards**.

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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