



MEROLA OPERA PROGRAM PRESENTS **L'ANIMA NAPOLETANA**

7:00pm, Thursday, June 25, 2026

WHAT: San Francisco's acclaimed **Merola Opera Program** kicks off its 2026 season with *L'Anima Napoletana*, a Neapolitan-inspired vocal/piano recital celebrating the lyrical richness and emotional depth of Southern Italy. Widely recognized as the premier training ground for emerging opera singers, pianists, and stage directors, Merola selected 28 artists from over 1,500 international applicants. The 2026 cohort reflects a global community, with participants from Europe, Asia, Australia, and North America. Curated by Merola faculty member **Mario Antonio Marra**, this concert draws on the late 19th and early 20th centuries, blending folk-inspired melodies with refined romantic harmonies to explore themes of love, longing, joy, and nostalgia. The recital radiates warmth and passion, bringing to life the spirited melodies and rhythms of the region and offering an intimate portrait of a musical tradition that bridges popular song and classical music. Performances will be sung in Italian and Neapolitan dialect, with English supertitles.

WHEN: 7:00pm, June 25, 2026

WHERE: **San Francisco Conservatory of Music**, 50 Oak St., San Francisco

TICKETS: **\$55; \$75; \$25 (ages 25 and under)**
Tickets are currently available to Merola members, with remaining tickets available to the public beginning Friday, May 1.

For more information on how to become a member, visit merola.org/membership. Tickets and more information are available at merola.org or by calling the San Francisco Opera Box Office at 415-864-3330.

Patrons can also save on tickets by purchasing the full four-production Merola Summer Festival package. Receive 20% off when buying between Tuesday, April 14 and Thursday, April 30, or 10% off when purchasing between Friday, May 1 and Wednesday, June 24.

INFO: For more information or to order tickets, please visit merola.org or call the San Francisco Box Office at **415-864-3330**. The box office and Group Sales are open Monday, 10:00am-5:00pm, and Tuesday through Friday, 10:00am-6:00pm.

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