



MEROLA OPERA PROGRAM PRESENTS **LA TRAGÉDIE DE CARMEN**

7:00pm, July 9 & 2:00pm, July 11, 2026

WHAT: San Francisco's acclaimed **Merola Opera Program**, one of the world's most prestigious opera training programs, continues its 2026 season with *La Tragédie de Carmen*. This condensed, stark adaptation of Bizet's *Carmen*, created by Peter Brook, Jean-Claude Carrière, and Marius Constant, presents the opera in a raw and psychologically intense form. Two Merola alumnae, Conductor **Stephanie Rhodes Russell** ('09) and Director **Mo Zhou** ('15), lead this production, which focuses on the gripping tension between Carmen's insistence on absolute freedom and Don José's obsessive control. Prioritizing emotional intensity and inevitability over spectacle, the performance unfolds as an intimate tragedy driven by desire, jealousy, and fate. *La Tragédie de Carmen* will be performed in French with English supertitles. *This production is presented by arrangement with Boosey & Hawkes, Inc., Sole Agent in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico for Editions Salabert, a Universal Music Publishing Group company, publisher, and copyright owner.*

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

TICKETS: **\$75; \$25 (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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