



# MEROLA OPERA PROGRAM PRESENTS MEROLA GRAND FINALE

7:30pm, August 15, 2026

**WHAT:** San Francisco's acclaimed **Merola Opera Program**, one of the world's most prestigious opera training programs, will close its 2026 Summer Festival with the annual **Merola Grand Finale**. The performance marks the culmination of the season, bringing together participants for a vibrant showcase of operatic selections at the War Memorial Opera House. This summer's program features 28 artists selected by Merola from over 1,500 international applicants. The 2026 cohort reflects a global community, with participants from Europe, Asia, Australia, and North America. Conducted by **William Long** and directed by 2026 Merola Stage Director **Claire Choquette**, this electrifying performance features arias, ensembles, and scenes from across the repertoire, highlighting the technical skill and artistic growth the artists have achieved throughout the program. Audiences will celebrate the artists' progress in a capstone demonstration of their work in the home of San Francisco Opera. Following the performance, guests can join the Merola artists for a celebratory reception at the Wilsey Center for Opera (separate ticket required). Performed with English supertitles.

**WHEN:** 7:30pm, August 15, 2026

**WHERE:** **War Memorial Opera House**, 301 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco

**TICKETS:** **\$95/\$75/\$65/\$35; \$25/\$15 (ages 25 and under)**

Reception Tickets: \$85\*

\*The reception will take place at The Wilsey Center for Opera

For more information on how to become a member, visit [merola.org/membership](https://merola.org/membership). Tickets and more information are available at [merola.org](https://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 10% off when purchasing between Friday, May 1 and Wednesday, June 24.*

**INFO:** For more information or to order tickets, please visit [merola.org](https://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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