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DOCTOR ATOMIC

Music by John Adams | Libretto by Peter Sellars
Directed by Shawna Lucey | Conducted by Joseph Marcheso
February 14-28, 2027
CALIFORNIA THEATRE, SAN JOSÉ

WHAT: This February, **Opera San José** brings audiences to the dawn of the atomic age with the South Bay premiere of **John Adams'** ***Doctor Atomic***, the company's first opera by the celebrated Berkeley-based composer, arriving just ahead of his 80th birthday. Set in the final hours before the world's first atomic bomb test, the opera follows J. Robert Oppenheimer and the scientists of the Manhattan Project as they confront the moral and human consequences of their work. Eighty years later, as Silicon Valley races toward new technological frontiers with artificial intelligence, ***Doctor Atomic*** offers a timely reflection on ambition, responsibility, and the cost of discovery. Adams' pulsing, cinematic score meets **Peter Sellars'** libretto shaped by historical documents, government records, and poetry, including the John Donne sonnet that inspired the name of the Trinity test. Baritone **Johnathan McCullough** makes his company debut as Oppenheimer, joined by mezzo-soprano **Laura Krumm** as his wife, Kitty. OSJ General Director & CEO **Shawna Lucey** directs, and Music Director **Joseph Marcheso** conducts, reuniting the creative team behind OSJ's *Bluebeard's Castle*, with set design by **Steven C. Kemp**, costume design by **Caitlin Cisek**, and lighting design by **Michael Clark**. ***Doctor Atomic*** is presented by arrangement with B&H Music Publishing, Inc.

WHEN: **February 14-28, 2027**

WHERE: **California Theatre**, 345 S 1st St, San José

TICKETS: **$49–$249** *(plus $3.50 fee per ticket)*

INFO: For more information, the public can visit **operasj.org** or call **408-437-4450** (open Monday through Friday, 11:00am–5:30pm).

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