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**SACRAMENTO PHILHARMONIC & OPERA ANNOUNCES OPERA FINALE,
*THE BARBER OF SEVILLE***

SACRAMENTO, CALIF. The Sacramento Philharmonic & Opera is pleased to announce the Opera Finale on April 25, 2020 will be a performance of Rossini's hilarious comedy *The Barber of Seville*. Presented in the same semi-staged manner as last season's stunning performance of *Rigoletto*, the production will be directed by Jennifer Williams. [Christoph Campestrini](#) (*Tosca*, 2017; *Opera Favorites*, 2018) returns to conduct.

Director [Jennifer Williams](#) is a Fulbright Scholar who specializes in site-specific and audience immersive opera presentations. In addition to leading new productions of standard repertory works at Pittsburgh Opera, Michigan Opera Theatre, Austin Opera and others around the country, Jennifer has directed performance installations throughout New York City and Washington D.C., incorporating the venue into the telling of the story. She will bring this unique skill set to the performance of *The Barber of Seville* in Sacramento's Memorial Auditorium to create a fun and unique experience for those in attendance.

"Having visited Sacramento recently to tour the Memorial Auditorium, I am so excited for the opportunities to utilize the entire space for this performance," said Jennifer Williams. "The building lends itself incredibly well to surround the audience with the action and engage patrons in fun ways throughout the opera. It will upend a lot of assumptions about what going to the opera can be like. This *Barber of Seville* will be a unique experience for our audience – We're going to have a good time with this performance!"

Tickets are available at SacPhilOpera.org or by calling the SP&O Box Office at 916-476-5975.

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What began as the Sacramento Symphony in 1927 is now combined into the Sacramento Philharmonic & Opera, returning with authority as a melded organization in 2015. The organization is now entering its fifth season under the executive leadership of Alice Sauro, and once again offers musical power, beauty, and innovation. As one of the Central Valley's premier arts ensembles, the organization continues to bring the very best artistic talent to audiences throughout the region.

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