

A MESSAGE FROM OUR ARTISTIC DIRECTOR- SYLVIA AMORINO

Dear Friends of Solo Opera-

It is with great sadness in our hearts, we write to you today, with an update about Solo Opera's production of *Scalia/Ginsburg*. We were recently informed by the Leshher Center for the Arts, which is run by the City of Walnut Creek, that due to the Coronavirus pandemic and County Health Orders, they have cancelled all events through end of August 2020, including our opera.

We also learned this past week during a National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) webinar that leaders in our industry, like Dr. Lucinda Halstead, the president of the Performing Arts Medical Association, do not feel it would be safe for singers and some wind instrument musicians to go back to performing or rehearsing until there is a vaccine and 95% effective treatment in place. This was sobering news.

**Although we are disappointed that the show cannot go on as planned, the health and safety of our performers, musicians, designers, technicians, and audience members are our main priorities as we navigate this pandemic. As we say in the arts world, we will keep the lights on, and look to a brighter future. We realize how important art is during a time of crisis to nourish the souls of all and heal the devastation. We will use this time wisely to better ourselves and our company as well as continue to work with the theater, publisher, and others to see if we might be able to reschedule the opera when all is safe -possibly for 2021.**

*Meanwhile, our main wish is that you and your families all stay safe and well. Thank you for your support!*

NOTE TO TICKET HOLDERS: For those that have already purchased tickets to our show, *Scalia/Ginsburg*, we understand that you may be contacted by the ticket office for options- to either receive a full refund, or donate your ticket back to our company, etc. If you are able to donate back to us, this would be a great help to us during this time. The cancellation of our opera and COVID-19 crisis have already meant some financial losses for Solo Opera. We appreciate any help you can offer at this time. If you do not hear from the ticket office, please email them at [LCATICKETS@LESHERARTSCENTER.ORG](mailto:LCATICKETS@LESHERARTSCENTER.ORG). Thank you!

-Sylvia Amorino  
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