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Jennie Olivia
Soprano



Ben Lowe
Baritone

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an evening of holiday music and conversation
to benefit FirstServe Community Services

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Jennie Olivia (*Soprano*) hails from Los Angeles. Ms. Olivia's operatic roles include Fiordiligi (*Così fan tutte*) Micaela (*The Tragedy of Carmen*), Le Prince Charmant (*Cendrillon*), Hanna Glawari (*The Merry Widow*), Clorinda (*La Cenerentola*), The Mother (*Amahl and the Night Visitors*) and Geraldine (*A Hand of Bridge*). In the spring of 2017, she sang the comical role of Aunt Norris in the Southern California premiere of Jonathan Dove's *Mansfield Park* under the direction of Peter Kazaras. A musical theatre performer as well, Ms. Olivia has performed the roles of Cinderella's Stepmother (*Into the Woods*), Rose (*The Secret Garden*), Mrs. Merkle (*Bye, Bye Birdie!*) and the Milkmaid (*Oliver!*) Ms. Olivia participated in the 2017 Miami Summer Music Festival as a member of their Apprentice Artist program.

Equally comfortable on the concert stage, she has sung the soprano solos in Dvorák's "*Te Deum*" and Bach's *BWV 140*. Ms. Olivia recently collaborated with LA guitarist and educator Roberto Herмосillo for the VIBRANTE concerts, sponsored by Airbnb Concerts for a program of Spanish and Portuguese music. Ms. Olivia was the 1st place winner of the 2017 Vocal Vision Award (UCLA) and was a recipient of the 2016 Mimi Alpert Feldman Award. She has also received prizes from the Ahmanson Foundation and the Nakamichi Foundation. She has received the Casola Prize by the Patrons of Italian Culture for her efforts in fostering relationships between Italian and American cultures.

Ms. Olivia is a graduate of the UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music Master's Program and Pepperdine University. Ms. Olivia is also an alumna of the prestigious Los Angeles County High School County High School for the Arts (LACHSA).



Ben Lowe (*Baritone*) has been heralded for his "stentorian voice" by *Singerpreneur*, is quickly becoming a household name in the opera world in Southern California and abroad. A highly sought-after operatic performer and concert soloist, Mr. Lowe made his European concert debut this season in Siena and Florence, Italy as the Bass soloist in the Verdi Requiem with Unione Corale Senese "Ettore Bastianini."

Returning to Pacific Opera Project in their production of *La Bohème* as Marcello concludes a jam-packed season; 2018 included a debut performance of Marcello opposite Joshua Guerrero and Julianna Di Giacomo at The Colburn School of Music, reprising the role of Dulcamara in *l'elisir d'amore*, and a workshop of a new, one-act opera for LA Opera.

Mr. Lowe made his New York debut performing in the east coast premiere of Matt Aucoin's opera *Crossing* and performed his one act opera *Second Nature* in 2017. His 2019 season begins with a world premiere of *Llantos*, a new Mariachi opera presented in Arizona. Then, Mr. Lowe will be joining Opera Delaware as a Young Artist for their season, performing leading roles in *Dead Man Walking* and *Trial by Jury*.

Past achievements include being a finalist in both the Palm Springs Opera Guild and The Loren L. Zachary Society competitions, and winner of the 2016 Marilyn Horne Song Competition.

Mr. Lowe studies under Maestro Vladimir Chernov and is a graduate of Cal State Dominguez Hills and UCLA.

To connect with Ben online, and learn more about his musical projects, please visit his website, BenLoweBaritone.com.