



GET READY FOR A SUMMER OF ROMANCE

SAVANNAH VOICE FESTIVAL CELEBRATES PRELUDE WEEK

MAY 17-22 2016

SAVANNAH, GA – APRIL 28, 2016 The long awaited unveiling of the fourth annual Savannah VOICE Festival will take place on Tuesday May 17 as Prelude Week kicks off in style with a thrilling *Prelude to the Festival Concert* at Skidaway Island United Methodist Church at 54 Diamond Causeway from 6.30-8.00pm. With a Festival theme of a *Summer of Romance* this concert of sneak peeks will entice audiences with romantic arias, musical theatre and song. Opera fans will be thrilled to learn which three operas will be featured during this August's annual Festival. The 90 minute concert features Festival favorites Carlton Moe, Shana Grossman, Rebecca Flaherty, Paulo Lapa and Chad Sonka with the amazing DanGettinger as pianist. Maria Zouves directs this celebration of the new season just as tickets for the Savannah VOICE Festival season go on sale to the general public. Tickets for this Prelude concert are \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door and are available at www.savannahvoicefestival.org or by calling 855.76.OPERA.

The week continues with *Arias and Entrees* at Savannah Quarters Country Club at 6.15pm on Thursday May 19. This dinner event is themed *An International Journey in Food, Wine & Song* and offers a delicious selection of audible and edible treats. This very special evening costs \$85 for tickets purchased by May 8 and \$100 for tickets purchased after May 9. For tickets, please contact Savannah Quarters at 912.450.2280 ext. 230

The week concludes with a continuation of the association between the Savannah VOICE Festival and the Jewish Educational Alliance with the *Levy Memorial Concert* at 2pm on Sunday May 22. The Festival Artists will perform with Velvet Caravan and this sponsored event is free and open to the public.

Savannah VOICE Festival co-founder Maria Zouves comments “We believe that every year our Festival just gets better and better and as we become more established in Savannah we are thrilled to be invited to new locations to perform including Savannah Quarters in Pooler and Skidaway Island United Methodist Church. One of our organization’s taglines is *Where Music Meets Life* so it is very exciting for us to be performing closer to where many Savannah people live their lives.”

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Editor’s Notes

Savannah VOICE Festival is a 501(c) 3 tax exempt nonprofit arts organization in the state of Georgia. The Festival brings classical vocal excellence to the Savannah area through a two-week celebration of concerts, events and educational presentations during the month of August and throughout the year. Focusing on arts awareness and audience development in the performing arts, it offers music from opera, musical theatre and popular song. Donations are tax-deductible.

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