

SUOR SCHICCHI SUNDAE FROM LEOPOLDS
TO CELEBRATE PERFORMANCES OF *SUOR ANGELICA* AND *GIANNI*
***SCHICCHI* AT THE LUCAS THEATRE FOR THE ARTS**
AVAILABLE MARCH 20TH – 22ND 2015

SAVANNAH, GA – March 16, 2015 - Savannah's favorite creamery, Leopold's Ice Cream, is once again collaborating with the Savannah VOICE Festival (SVF) to develop a new sundae to honor the stunning performances of two short Puccini operas on the evening of Friday March 20th and afternoon of Sunday March 22nd 2015 at the Lucas Theatre for the Arts. This SVF and Savannah Music Festival (SMF)'s co-production of *Suor Angelica* and *Gianni Schicchi* has inspired the creation of the *Suor Schicchi Sundae* – a delicious combination of tutti frutti and coconut ice cream topped with pineapple.

The *Suor Schicchi Sundae* will only be available from the morning of Friday March 20th to the evening of Sunday March 22nd to coincide with the performances at the Lucas Theatre which is located next door to Leopold's iconic creamery at 212 E. Broughton Street. The sundae was inspired by the different elements of these two one-hour operas which will be performed together with an intermission allowing people to choose between Friday evening or Sunday afternoon. The shows will be filled with recognizable tunes including the aria *O mio babinno caro* and is visually stunning with multimedia cinematography and simultaneous English translations projected on the screen.

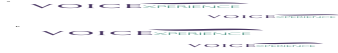
Maria Zouves, Executive Director of the Savannah VOICE Festival said "We came up with the delicious recipe for the *Suor Schicchi Sundae* with our friends from Leopold's to combine the elements of two very different and fast paced stories. *Suor Angelica* is the tragic story of a young princess separated from her son by being exiled in a convent so we picked the pure white coconut ice cream to represent the ultimate purity and graceful redemption of the heroine. *Gianni Schicchi* is an amusing and colorful farce from Italy with many flavorful characters so naturally we selected the tutti frutti ice cream. The pineapple topping was selected because pineapple was just becoming popular and widely available around 1918, the year that these two operas were first performed in New York". Zouves continues "This new sundae had to have three ingredients as *Suor Angelica* and *Gianni Schicchi* are two parts of Puccini's three part *Il trittico*. We also wanted to create a unique and rare combination for the *Suor Schicchi Sundae* as this performance will only ever take place with this amazing cast and production values next weekend in Savannah". Stratton Leopold, owner of Leopold's Ice Cream and movie producer commented "We're really excited to continue our collaboration with the Savannah VOICE Festival and as their operatic productions are as far away from the image many people have of traditional, heavy and long opera performances, it is right that we developed this fun sundae as a tribute to this amazing production."

Tickets can be purchased online at www.savannahmusicfestival.org, by phone at 912.525.5050 or in person at the Savannah Box Office at 216 E. Broughton Street. For more information, please visit www.savannahvoicesfestival.org, www.voicexperiencefoundation.com or call 855.76.OPERA.

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Editor's Note

Savannah VOICE Festival is a new 501 (c) 3 tax exempt non-profit 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.



VOICE Experience Foundation is an educational non-profit partner organization to the Festival, helping young artists pursue their careers in the performing arts. It provides crucial outreaches to the communities it serves and perpetuates excellence in the art of singing with its educational programs.

Both organizations were founded by opera legend Sherrill Milnes and soprano Maria Zouves. They work together to serve the community by providing the highest level of education and quality performances by talented artists for all to enjoy. Donations to both organizations are tax-deductible.

For more information, please visit www.savannahvoicefestival.org, www.voicexperiencefoundation.com or call 855.76.OPERA.

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