

# Opera Santa Barbara 26-27 Season

## **RIGOLETTO**

**By Giuseppe Verdi**

*A jester's sharp tongue.  
A father's fierce love.  
A curse that changes everything.*

Tragedy, set in Italy in the 16th century  
2 hours and 45 minutes including one intermission  
Sung in Italian with English captions projected in LED

### STARRING:

Ben Lowe  
Oriana Falla  
Arnold Geis\*  
Colin Ramsey  
Xeni Tziouvaras\*

### CONDUCTOR:

Kostis Protopapas

### DIRECTOR:

Octavio Cardenas

## **THE BARBER OF SEVILLE**

By Gioachino Rossini

*A rollicking comedy with hilarious disguises, mistaken identities, and some of opera's most famous tunes.*

Set in Spain in the 17th century  
2 hours and 45 minutes including one intermission  
Sung in Italian with English captions projected in LED

### STARRING:

Matthew Peterson  
Jana McIntyre  
Chris Mosz  
Mattia Venni

### CONDUCTOR:

Lyndon Meyer\*

### DIRECTOR:

Richard Gammon

## **RIDERS OF THE PURPLE SAGE**

By Craig Bohmler

*The Wild West, but with soaring arias. Expect stunning visuals and rousing melodies as Zane Grey's epic novel becomes a grand opera.*

Western, set in Utah territory, circa 1870

2 hours and 10 minutes including one intermission

Sung in English with projected LED captions

### STARRING

Karin Wolverton

Joshua Dennis\*

Keith Phares

Luis Alexandro Orozco

### CONDUCTOR:

Joseph Mechavich\*

### DIRECTOR:

Tara Faircloth