



## VINA ROBLES AMPHITHEATRE

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### **SYMPHONY AT SUNSET ADDS SOLOIST ALBA FRANCO-CANCEL TO EVENING OF POPS UNDER THE STARS**

*Paso Robles, CA* — Vina Robles Amphitheatre is proud to announce soprano Alba Franco-Cancel has been added to the list of notable soloists for the SYMPHONY AT SUNSET concert featuring the Opera San Luis Obispo (OperaSLO) Grand Orchestra performing an evening of symphonic pops under the stars. Franco-Cancel has performed in Los Angeles with Pacific Opera Project as well as in the Bay Area with Livermore Valley Opera.

Franco-Cancel joins previously announced soloists Julie Davies, Gregorio Gonzalez and Karin Mushegain at SYMPHONY AT SUNSET, a family friendly program. Conducted by OperaSLO Artistic Director Brian Asher Alhadeff they will perform familiar classics, current favorites, Hollywood hits and Broadway tunes from *James Bond to Oklahoma!* and more. The evening will also include a special Veterans honor enacted by the Central Coast Leatherneck Color Guard. The performance will be held at Vina Robles Amphitheatre on Sunday, August 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and are on sale now.

Through a generous partnership with the San Luis Obispo County Office of Education, free admission will be given to children under the age of 16 with each paid adult ticket.

Artistic Director Brian Asher Alhadeff is an internationally recognized opera, ballet and symphonic conductor. In addition to his work with OperaSLO, he is the Artistic Director and Conductor of the Lompoc Pops Orchestra, as well as the Principal Conductor for Civic Ballet San Luis Obispo and State Street Ballet, Santa Barbara. Alhadeff studied conducting at the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore, MD and the Janacek Academy in Brno, Czech Republic.

Soprano Julie Davies enjoys an active stage career, performing with international orchestras and opera companies. Ms. Davies is specifically celebrated for her performances of the title roles in *Lucia di Lammermoor* and *La Sonnambula*. She has sung in master classes with Marilyn Horne, Martina Arroyo and Hoerst Guenter.

Puerto Rican soprano Alba Franco-Cancel continues to thrill audiences with her pure and silvery sound delivered with her magnetic stage presence in both operatic and concert appearances. She was a resident artist with the Lawrence Opera Theatre and Finalist in the American Prize Vocal Competition. She is currently Opera San Luis Obispo 2017-2018 Resident Artist

Gregorio Gonzalez began his critically-acclaimed career in 2002 after being hired as a resident artist by Placido Domingo at the Los Angeles Opera. Since then, he has sung extensively throughout the United States, Mexico and Europe. He has performed in over a dozen productions with the Los Angeles Opera, including *La Boheme*, *Carmen*, *Romeo et Juliette*, *Madama Butterfly* and *Le Nozze di Figaro*.

Called “superb” by the *New York Times*, Karin Mushegain is captivating audiences with her exciting, energetic portrayals, dramatic poise and dynamic vocal sound. She has portrayed Cherubino in *Le Nozze di Figaro* with Seattle Opera and Opera San Jose. She is a graduate of Northwestern and an alum of UCLA.

Located on California's beautiful Central Coast since 1985, Opera San Luis Obispo is the region's only professional opera company. Season programs feature diverse events from elegant and intimate recital series to exciting educational experiences and spectacular grand productions of opera and musical theatre. OperaSLO complements each season with an ever-changing cascade of rising opera and Broadway stars of both national and international acclaim. OperaSLO is a Resident Company at Performing Arts Center San Luis Obispo. One of only four Grand Opera companies in the state of California, OperaSLO productions boast full orchestras, choruses, ballet, and original, complete sets and costumes. For more information about OperaSLO call (805) 541-5369, or visit online at [OperaSLO.org](http://OperaSLO.org).

SYMPHONY AT SUNSET promises to be a wonderful night of entertainment under the stars at the Vina Robles Amphitheatre on Sunday, August 20. This is a general admission show with all tickets priced at \$25.00, plus applicable service charges. The Vina Robles Amphitheatre is located at 3800 Mill Road, Paso Robles, CA 93446, 805-286-3680.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 20 – 7:00 P.M.**

**TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW** and are available at the Vina Robles Amphitheatre box office during business hours (Thursday-Saturday 10am-6pm), online at [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com) or charge by phone at [800-745-3000](tel:800-745-3000). All dates, acts and ticket prices subject to change without notice. A service charge is added to each ticket price. For more information, please visit [www.VinaRoblesAmphitheatre.com](http://www.VinaRoblesAmphitheatre.com)

**About Vina Robles Entertainment:** Vina Robles Entertainment provides high quality, live entertainment experiences for California's Central Coast and Central Valley communities at the Vina Robles Amphitheatre in Paso Robles. This premier 3,300-seat outdoor venue, nestled on an oak-dotted hillside in the heart of wine country, offers an intimate concert setting with modern amenities and first class hospitality. Featuring events to all segments of the population, Vina Robles Entertainment supports the arts and entertainment programming in the area. Visit [www.vinaroblesamphitheatre.com](http://www.vinaroblesamphitheatre.com) for more information.

**About Vina Robles Vineyards & Winery:** European Inspiration – California Character. Vina Robles crafts wines that represent a bridge between the Old and New worlds, capturing the finesse associated with European wines while celebrating the bold flavors of their estate vineyards in Paso Robles. Here, they unite the best of both experiences by bringing their Swiss heritage to California's Central Coast. Visit [www.vinarobles.com](http://www.vinarobles.com) for more information.

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