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El Camino College to Present Grammy-Nominated Vocalist Linda Watson *Recital to include works from Mahler, Strauss and Brahms*

Grammy-nominated vocalist Linda Watson will enthrall audiences during a recital with pianist Russell Ryan at 8 p.m. Jan. 19 in El Camino College's Marsee Auditorium.

Watson, an acclaimed Wagnerian soprano, will perform excerpts from Act One of "Der Rosenkavalier" by Richard Strauss, Francis Poulenc's "Banalités," a song cycle for voice and piano; and other works by Gustav Mahler, Strauss and Johannes Brahms.

Since her debut as Kundry (Parsifal) at the Bayreuth Festival in 1998, Watson has been recognized as one of the most important interpreters of Wagner and Strauss in our time. After her studies in Boston and Vienna, she began her career at Aachen, and moved on to world prominence via Leipzig to Deutsche Oper am Rhein, where she was a regular ensemble member for eight years. Watson appears regularly in Munich, Berlin, Vienna, Paris, Madrid, Barcelona, Florence, Bologna, Amsterdam, Tokyo, Los Angeles, Milan, and New York, working with the world's leading conductors. In 2013 she was nominated for the Principal Soloist Grammy Award with Christian Thielemann's "Ring" recording.

Accompanying Watson is pianist Russell Ryan, a regular soloist and ensemble member in Europe, Israel, Japan, China and the U.S. He has performed in New York City's Carnegie Hall and on several radio and television broadcasts. After his studies at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, he participated in masterclasses at the Juilliard School in New York, and subsequently moved to Austria, where he studied piano chamber music at Vienna's University for Music and the Performing Arts, graduating with honors.

Tickets for the performance are \$28 and may be purchased online at centerforthearts.org, or by phone at 800-832-ARTS. The Ticket Office is open Monday through Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Campus parking is \$3. The El Camino College Marsee Auditorium is located at 16007 Crenshaw Boulevard, Torrance.

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