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**Renowned Mezzo-Soprano and Pianist to Present “La Favorita: A Musical Journey”**  
*Duo of Jill Grove and Victoria Kirsch to perform a musical grand tour through Europe*

From the taverns and cafes of Seville and Prague to the salons of London and Vienna, mezzo-soprano Jill Grove and pianist Victoria Kirsch will take the audience on a musical grand tour through the capitals of Europe. The featured duo will present “La Favorita: A Musical Journey” at 8 p.m. March 9 in El Camino College’s Marsee Auditorium.

The performance will include the fiery rhythms and poignant melodies of Manuel De Falla’s “Siete Canciones Populares Españolas” and Antonín Dvořák’s “Gypsy Songs,” in addition to the rich harmonies and heartfelt poetry of Ralph Vaughan Williams’ “The House of Life” and songs by Johannes Brahms. Gaetano Donizetti’s “Leonora (La Favorita)” will make a special appearance.

Known for her distinctive dramatic voice and passionate artistry, American mezzo-soprano Jill Grove has won critical raves throughout the United States and Europe for her distinguished portrayals of the heroines of German and Italian opera. She is equally at home with the world’s leading orchestras and in recital.

Pianist Victoria Kirsch curates and performs a wide range of musical programs in a variety of local, regional and national venues. She creates exhibit-based concerts at local museums, including the USC Fisher Museum, where she has presented yearly concerts as part of the campuswide Visions and Voices program since 2004.

Tickets to “La Favorita: A Musical Journey” are \$24 and may be purchased at [www.centerforthearts.org](http://www.centerforthearts.org), by phone at 310-329-5345 or toll-free at 800-832-ARTS. The Ticket Office is open Monday-Friday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Campus Parking is \$3. Marsee Auditorium is located at 16007 Crenshaw Boulevard, Torrance.

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