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El Camino College to Present "Opera du Jour"

Annual opera workshop highlights student work

El Camino College will present "Opera du Jour," an annual opera workshop that highlights the work of ECC opera students. The performance is directed by Kevin Blickfeldt and scheduled for 8 p.m. December 15 in the Campus Theatre.

The Opera Workshop is designed to spotlight the work of outstanding vocal students, who auditioned to be in the class. The fall program will feature selections from familiar oratorios.

Founded in 2004 by the late Hedley Nosworthy, longtime ECC music professor, the Opera Workshop is intended to help aspiring opera students develop vocal, musical and dramatic skills through the research, rehearsal and performance of the selected pieces. Students learn to master the ability to sing complex operatic works in English, Italian, French, and German.

Blickfeldt is in an ECC music instructor who is also an accomplished performer and vocal instructor. This fall, Blickfeldt portrayed Fiorello in Pacific Opera Project's "Il Barbiere di Siviglia."

Tickets for "Opera du Jour" are \$10 and may be purchased at www.centerforthearts.org, by phone at 310-329-5345 or toll-free 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 Campus Theatre is located at 16007 Crenshaw Boulevard, Torrance.