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El Camino College to Present Student Opera Workshop

El Camino College will present an Opera Workshop that showcases student work from the past semester. Led by director and award-winning soprano Victoria Muto, performances are scheduled for 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. May 12 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 program will feature works by: Schonberg & Kretzmer, Mozart, Howland, Jacobs & Casey, Bernstein, Bock & Harnick, Schwartz, Bizet, and Massenet. Muto will direct, with Kenner Bailey and Eun Nam accompanying on piano.

Founded in 2004 by the late Hedley Nosworthy, longtime ECC music professor, the Opera Workshop is intended to teach aspiring opera singers the skills necessary to simultaneously move, act, and sing while performing on stage. Students learn to master the ability to sing complex operatic works in English, Italian, French, and German.

Muto, an ECC music instructor who has performed with the Tri-Cities Opera in New York, is an accomplished and celebrated name in the opera community. She has won various honors, including the McAllister Awards, the Liederkrantz Competition, and the Metropolitan Opera auditions. Along with winning recognition from prestigious opera organizations, she has captured audiences in leading roles with Richard Leech and Deborah Voight.

Tickets for the Opera Workshop are \$10 each and may be purchased online 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.

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