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Opera San Jose – ‘La Traviata’

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A famed courtesan, glamorous, yet fragile. It is 1889 Paris and the celebrated Violetta Valéry has thrown a lavish party where she meets the young admirer Alfredo Germont. He has long loved her, and she is so taken with his sincerity that she abandons her life of luxury and retreats to the country to be with him. But when met with the disapproving eye of Alfredo's father, Violetta regrettably agrees to end the affair and go back to Paris. A jealous Alfredo denounces her, but when he learns of her sacrifice he returns to beg her forgiveness, only to discover she has but moments to live.

Verdi's romantic tragedy *La traviata* is overflowing with some of the most unforgettable music in all of opera. His melodies, rich in passion and drama, made him the master of his time and this legendary tale of love and sacrifice has touched the hearts of both the opera novice and long-time opera lover for generations.

Mode Bay Area recently attended the latest masterpiece 'La Traviata' at the charming California Theater in downtown San Jose. The San Jose Opera has become a mainstay for Mode Bay Area, as it continues to impress us with beautiful orchestral melodies, old world ambiance, and truly remarkable vocal performances.

La Traviata featured the stellar cast of Jouvanka Jean Baptiste (Violetta) – Alexander Boyer (Alfredo) – Torlef Borsting (Giorgio) – Cathleen Candia (Flora) – Isaiah Musik-Ayala (Doughol) – Justin Marsh (Gastone) – Bradley Kynard (D'Obigny) – Silas Elash (Dr. Grenville) and Tori Grayum (Annina)

What fascinates us is that each and every time we attend a Opera San Jose performance, we are absolutely amazed at the variety of people that the Opera attracts. Married couples and singles, young and old, first time viewers and opera aficionados; all seemed to gather under one roof for a memorable night of beautiful performances, striking set pieces and costumes, weaved into the fabric of an enchanting and ultimately tragic story.

Tickets for La Traviata can be purchased online at: <http://operasj.org> (Performances will be running thru February 26th 2012)

Photos for the show can be found below:

