

November 2007

Dear Carleton friends,

Thank you for your request for more information about Carleton's Alumni Adventure weekend in Santa Fe. This promises to be a wonderful weekend of archaeology, opera and art!

The weekend will begin on Thursday afternoon, August 7, at the Hilton Santa Fe Historic Plaza and end with a wrap-up discussion over a continental breakfast on Sunday morning, August 10.

Friday morning, following breakfast, we will board our bus for the trip to Bandelier National Park where our day will be spent with Professor Nancy Wilkie. Be sure to pack your walking shoes for this day. We will plan for a lunch at the Park as we won't return to the hotel until mid-afternoon.

Dinner on Friday will be on the Opera grounds and will include a pre-performance talk by someone from the Opera as well as Professor Archbold. *Adriana Mater* is the performance that we will see on Friday night. Spanish conductor Ernest Martinez Izquierdo makes his American debut with this production. Mezzo-soprano Monica Groop, who made her Santa Fe debut as the Pilgrim in *L'Amour de loin*, appears in the title role. She is joined by soprano Pia Freund, who recently sang the title role in Saariaho's *La Passion de Simone* in Vienna and tenor Joseph Kaiser, who is featured as Tamino in the new Kenneth Branagh film adaptation of *The Magic Flute*.

Saturday will be our day for Santa Fe Art. Professor Haworth will give us an overview of the art scene in Santa Fe and we will have the opportunity to visit galleries and museums.

Saturday night's opera will be *The Marriage of Figaro*. Kenneth Montgomery conducts. This new production is staged by acclaimed British director Jonathan Kent, whose most recent SFO credit is *The Tempest* in 2006. Italian bass-baritone Luca Pisaroni makes his company debut in the title role; the young English soprano Elizabeth Watts is Susanna. Mariusz Kwiecen, who played Don Giovanni in 2004, returns as Count Almaviva, with SFO apprentice alumna Susanna Phillips as the Countess. Isabel Leonard, a young American making her Metropolitan Opera debut this coming season, is Cherubino.

Transportation will be provided as we travel around the Santa Fe area.

We are delighted you might be joining us for what promises to be an exciting and fulfilling weekend. If you have any questions, please call me at 800-729-2586 (email: [mcalcutt@acs.carleton.edu](mailto:mcalcutt@acs.carleton.edu)).

Sincerely,

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