

Opera Nova

presents semi-staged

MOZART'S



Saturday 30th June 2018

St Cuthbert's Parish Hall

Darlington

performance starts at 7.30pm

***Tickets:* Adults £12; u16s and students £1**

Opera Nova Ticket Line - 01642 807033 or 07872 339167

COSI FAN TUTTE – The Plot

Sometimes known as ‘The School for Lovers’, our semi-staged production is set in a Greek taverna owned by the wily old cynic, Don Alfonso. He makes a bet with his two friends (Ferrando and Guglielmo) that their respective girlfriends (Fiordiligi and Dorabella) will not stay faithful if put to the test. He then devises a plan. He tells the two women that their lovers have been called up to the reserves. They are beside themselves with grief and sing a tearful farewell. But then, two handsome strangers arrive (Ferrando and Guglielmo in disguise) on a mission of seduction, aided and abetted by Despina, the long suffering bar maid. The women are determined to resist. Chaos ensues. Will Don Alfonso win his bet?

CAST

Fiordiligi – Paulina Rossi

Guglielmo – Bill Lewis

Dorabella – Mary Coffield

Ferrando – Alan Phelps

Don Alfonso – David Curtis

Despina – Liz Roberts

supported by the Opera Nova Chorus

Musical Director - Richard Bloodworth

Accompanist - Alison Gill

ABOUT OPERA NOVA

Founded in the late 1960s by John Morton and Iris Lemare, Opera Nova carries a proud legacy of achievement in promoting opera in the area. It has over the years performed a wide range of operas ranging from *La Traviata*, *Falstaff* and *The Marriage of Figaro*, to works by 20th century composers such as Britten and Menotti.

We are the only amateur organisation in the area to promote and stage opera and aim to provide professional quality entertainment accessible to a wide audience and to develop the talents of local singers of all ages.

In recent years Opera Nova has developed a very popular series of spring/summer concerts on a variety of themes, featuring excerpts from operas such as *La Bohème*, *Carmen*, and *Don Giovanni* and from musicals, including *Kiss Me Kate* and *West Side Story*. The company’s current repertoire also includes complete operas: a concert version of Verdi’s *Nabucco* and semi-staged productions of *La Traviata*; and Bizet’s *Carmen*.

SUMMER AND AUTUMN 2018 – FEUDS FAMILY FRIENDSHIP



“Blood is thicker than water” – or so they say. If you’re a character in an opera, it is unlikely that your family life will be happy and uncomplicated. In innocent youth, you may find a soulmate but, after one or two beautiful duets, true love founders on the rocks of jealousy, infidelity, or parental hostility. Occasionally love and loyalty win through – against all the odds.

For more information visit www.operanova.org.uk

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