



OCC Music Department presents

# Opera Magnifica 2023!

## ONCE UPON AN ISLAND

~ Scenes by Gilbert & Sullivan, Sondheim, Dvorak, Romberg, and Handel! ~

Fri., Feb. 24 at 7 pm  
Sat., Feb. 25 at 3 pm  
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Sun., Feb. 26 at 3 pm

Admission \$15  
\$10 with Student ID

<https://tickets.orangecoastcollege.edu>

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"It's meant to be a fun story," says Ali. "The performance is operetta, so it's a little lighter, more comical and has more dialogue than a grand opera would have. A lot of our students are young and haven't done a lot of performing, so this is a great way to practice singing opera pieces."

"Once Upon and Island" will include a collection of scenes by Gilbert and Sullivan, Handel, Romberg, Sondheim, and Dvorak. Both music major students and non-music major students will perform, as well as some members of the community. The cost to attend is \$15 for the general public and \$10 for students with ID. All proceeds from the weekend will go toward supporting OCC's music program.

## OCC Foundation Welcomes Retirees for Emeritus Luncheon

Retired faculty, staff and administrators were invited to campus on Jan. 25 for an Emeritus Luncheon hosted by the Orange Coast College Foundation. Approximately 70 emeriti attended the event, which included a lunch in the College Center ballroom, followed by tours of campus.

"We brought back the Emeritus Luncheon to reconnect with one another after the pandemic, and to let our retired employees know that we're back on campus, and we're available to them," says Executive Director of Advancement Doug Bennett.

During the lunch, attendees were shown videos highlighting what's new on campus, including video highlights of the many new buildings and facilities that have been constructed since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

## OCC Performing Arts Brings Back Opera Magnifica with Post Apocalyptic Adventure

The Orange Coast College music department is reviving its Opera Magnifica series after a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic. This year's performance, titled "Once Upon and Island," will take place on the weekend of Feb. 24-26, with evening performances on Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and matinee performances on Saturday and Sunday at 3 p.m. All performances will take place in OCC's Music Recital Hall.

"Once Upon and Island opens in a post-apocalyptic world where all that's left is one small land mass," explains Director Susan Ali. "The main characters live together on this island, and they like to perform but they find that the only music that's left is by Gilbert and Sullivan."

Hijinks ensue, and the show will include a love story, pirates, and even a swamp monster.

