

## **"The Marriage of Figaro" will be performed by the Western Opera Theater**

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Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro" will be performed by the Western Opera Theater at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, January 15, at the University of California, San Diego in the Mandeville Auditorium.

"Figaro," based on a play by Pierre Beaumarchais, so aroused France's King Louis XVI that it was not performed for six years after its completion in 1778. Louis said it had "dangerous tendencies." The opera is a comic one but its satiric overtones are perfectly obvious to an audience.

In this work Mozart has created what many consider "the perfect opera buffa." Everyone can enjoy and appreciate the merry pranks that thwart the designs of a married nobleman on the intended bride of his servant, Figaro.

Western Opera Theater, the touring educational subsidiary of San Francisco Opera (founded in 1967 with the assistance of the National Endowment for the Arts in Washington, D.C.) pursues the following objectives: to provide the talented, young American artist with the opportunity to train, and perform in the United States and to introduce the idea that opera is entertainment, not a tedious cultural exercise.

Tickets for the UC San Diego performance, sponsored by the Campus Program Board, are \$2.50 for all students and \$5 for general admission. For ticket information and reservations, telephone the UCSD box office (452-4559.)

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