



OPERA PARALLÈLE 2023-24 SEASON CALENDAR

Nicole Paiement, General & Artistic Director

operaparallèle.org/23-24

***The Emissary* – World Premiere; Commissioned by Opera Parallèle**

Kenji Oh*, composer; **Kelley Rourke***, librettist

Based on a novel by **Yoko Tawada**; English translation by **Margaret Mitsutani**

Opera in one act, no intermission; approximate running time of 50 minutes

Friday, October 27, 2023 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, October 28 at 1 p.m. & 4 p.m.

ODC Theater, 3153 17th Street, San Francisco

Tickets: \$10 Pay What You Can; \$25 General; \$50 Pay It Forward; free admission for ages 21 and under

<https://odcsf.my.salesforce-sites.com/ticket/#/events/a0S5b00000FRZAKeAP>

CREATIVE TEAM

Conductor - **Nicole Paiement** (Oct. 27 at 7 p.m. and Oct. 28 at 4 p.m. performances)

Associate Conductor - **Jaco Wong** (Oct. 28 at 1 p.m. performance)

Director - **Yayoi Kambara**

Chorus Director - **Tony Asaro*** (Lick Wilmerding High School)

Scenic & Costume Designer - **Matthew Linzer***

Lighting Designer - **Spense Matubang***

CAST

Mumei - **Angela Yam***

Yoshiro - **Bradley Kynard**

Lick Wilmerding High School Chorus

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### ***BIRDS & BALLS* – World Premiere of Double Bill**

A double bill of two one-act operas:

#### ***Vinkensport, or The Finch Opera***

**David T. Little\***, composer; **Royce Vavrek\***, librettist

#### ***Balls***

**Laura Karpman\***, composer; **Gail Collins\***, librettist

Both operas performed together without intermission; approximate running time of one hour, 30 minutes

Presented by Opera Parallèle and SFJAZZ

Friday, April 5, 2024 at 7.30 p.m.; Saturday, April 6 at 2 p.m. & 7.30 p.m.; Sunday, April 7 at 2 p.m.

SFJAZZ, Miner Auditorium, 201 Franklin Street, San Francisco

Tickets: \$40 - \$185 for April 5 & 7 performances; \$50 - \$205 for April 6 performance

<https://www.sfjazz.org/tickets/productions/23-24/birds-balls/>

## CREATIVE TEAM

Conductor - **Nicole Paiement**  
Assistant Conductor - **Jaco Wong**  
Stage & Creative Director - **Brian Staufenbiel**  
Associate Stage Director - **Erin Neff**  
Projection Designer - **David Murakami**  
Costume & Hair/Makeup Designer - **Y. Sharon Peng**  
Lighting Designer - **Mextly Couzin**

## CAST

### ***Vinkensport, or The Finch Opera***

Holy St. Francis' Trainer - **Jamie Chamberlain\***  
Atticus Finch's Trainer - **Daniel Cilli**  
Hans Sachs' Trainer - **Nathan Granner**  
Butler/Referee - **Mark Hernandez**  
Farinelli's Trainer - **Chelsea Hollow\***  
Sir Elton John's Trainer - **Shawnette Sulker**  
Prince Gabriel III of Belgium's Trainer - **Chung-Wai Soong**

## CAST

### ***Balls***

Marilyn, jazz singer - **Tiffany Austin**  
Soprano in vocal quartet - **Jamie Chamberlain\***  
Larry King - **Daniel Cilli**  
Bobby Riggs - **Nathan Granner**  
Howard Cosell - **Mark Hernandez**  
Rosie Casals - **Gabriela Linares**  
Billie Jean King - **Nikola Printz**  
Susan B. Anthony - **Shawnette Sulker**  
Baritone in vocal quartet - **Chung-Wai Soong**

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Fellow Travelers – West Coast Premiere

Gregory Spears*, composer; **Greg Pierce***, librettist

Based on a novel by **Thomas Mallon**

Opera in two acts, one intermission; approximate running time of two hours, 25 minutes

Presented by Opera Parallèle and Presidio Theatre

Friday, June 21, 2024 at 7.30 p.m.; Saturday, June 22 at 7.30 p.m.; Sunday, June 23 at 3 p.m.

Presidio Theatre, 99 Moraga Avenue, San Francisco

Tickets: \$50 - \$120; \$30 (Student)

<https://www.presidiotheatre.org/show/2023fellowtravelers/>

CREATIVE TEAM

Conductor - **Jaymes Kirksey**
Stage & Creative Director - **Brian Staufenbiel**
Scenic Designer/Props - **Jacquelyn Scott**
Costume & Hair/Makeup Designer - **Y. Sharon Peng**
Lighting Designer - **Mextly Couzin**

CAST

Timothy Laughlin - **Jonathan Pierce Rhodes***

Hawkins Fuller - **Joseph Lattanzi***

Mary Johnson - **Maya Kherani**

Tommy McIntyre - **Kurt Winterhalter**

Miss Lightfoot - **Elena Galván***

Lucy - **Cara Gabrielson**

Estonian Frank/Interrogator/Senator McCarthy - **Daniel Cilli**

Senator Potter/General Arlie/Bartender - **Bradley Kynard**

Potter's Assistant/Bookseller/Technician/French Priest - **Matthew Lovell***

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All operas are sung in English with projected English supertitles.

Programming and casting subject to change; operaparallèle.org/23-24

Current as of September 14, 2023

***Opera Parallèle Debut**