



OPERA PARALLÈLE 2024 SPRING/SUMMER SEASON CALENDAR

Nicole Paiement, General & Artistic Director

operaparallèle.org/23-24

BIRDS & BALLS – World Premiere of Double Bill: Two One-Act Operas

Vinkensport, or The Finch Opera

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

Balls

Laura Karpman*, composer; Gail Collins*, librettist

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 performances

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

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

CREATIVE TEAM

Conductor - **Nicole Paiement**

Stage & Creative Director - **Brian Staufienbiel**

Associate Stage Director - **Erin Neff**

Assistant Conductor - **Jaco Wong**

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**

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**
Vocal Quartet Soprano - **Jamie Chamberlain***
Vocal Quartet Mezzo-Soprano - **Nina Jones***
Vocal Quartet Tenor - **Chad Somers***
Vocal Quartet Baritone - **Chung-Wai Soong**

BULLHORN COMMUNITY PROGRAMS FOR *BIRDS & BALLS*

Community engagement activities to help the public delve further into these two operas.

- **Creators Conversation** with composers David T. Little and Laura Karpman with host Nicole Paiement Thursday, February 29 at 5 p.m. PT via online zoom; free public event; advance registration required;
- **OP Dialogues - Music & Conversations:** *On the Basis of Sex - Competition, Title IX and Billie Jean King* dive deeper into themes of *Birds & Balls* with a panel of artists & experts, plus a preview from the opera. Friday March 15 at 6 p.m., SFJAZZ Joe Henderson Lab, 201 Franklin St.; free or donation; advance registration required;
- **Open Rehearsal** with the cast and members of the creative team, c/o 42nd St Moon, 250 Van Ness Ave Saturday, March 23 at 1 p.m.; free public event; attendance limited; advance registration required.
[Birds & Balls - 2023 | 2024 Season - Opera Parallèle - San Francisco Contemporary Opera \(operaparallele.org\)](https://www.operaparallele.org)

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## ***Fellow Travelers* – West Coast Premiere**

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

Based on a novel by **Thomas Mallon**

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/>

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

## **CREATIVE TEAM**

Conductor - **Jaymes Kirksey**

Stage & Creative Director - **Brian Staufenbiel**

Scenic Designer/Props - **Jacquelyn Scott**

Costume & Hair/Makeup Designer - **Y. Sharon Peng**

Lighting Designer - **Spense Matubang**

## **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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Programming and casting subject to change; Calendar current as of January 12, 2024

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