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EXTENDED! Cinnabar's "Figaro" adds another performance

JUNE 3, 2014 – Cinnabar Theater is on a roll: today, after selling out the opening weekend for its opulent production of *The Marriage of Figaro*, it extended its fourth straight show. This elegant and hilarious opera concludes a spectacular season at Sonoma County's beloved professional theater. *Figaro* has added a performance on **June 11 at 7:30 PM** – but this *Marriage* must end on June 15, so don't wait to get seats!

"Naturally we are thrilled by the great reception to our *Marriage*," punned Artistic Director Elly Lichenstein. "We are enormously grateful to all of the artists and audiences that have made our season such a success."

Mozart's music soars at Cinnabar with this rich and playful production of his enormously popular opera. Performed entirely in English, *The Marriage of Figaro* tells a luscious tale of seduction and forgiveness. The Count keeps chasing skirt, and the Countess wants to catch him in the act... So she conspires with two wisecracking servants who delight audiences as they outwit their boss. **It's comic opera at its best**, mixing saucy jokes and gorgeous songs of love. After past hits like *Carmen* and *Don Giovanni*, Lichenstein reunited with Music Director Mary Chun to stage this glorious marriage of music and theater.

Their production **features 20 incredible singers and a 10-piece orchestra**. The ensemble showcases the talents of Kelly Britt (Susanna), Miguel Evangelista (Don Basilio and Don Curzio), William Neely (Bartolo), James Pfeiffer (Antonio), Cary Ann Rosko (Cherubino), Christiaan Smith-Kotlarek (Count Almaviva), Bharati Soman (Countess Rosina), Maayan Voss de Bettancourt (Barbarina), Eugene Walden (Figaro), and Krista Wigle (Marcellina).

The designs for this show highlight the work of Wayne Hovey (scenery), Lisa Eldredge (costumes), and Krista Smith (lights). The entire production is generously underwritten by the Klebe Family.

Tickets are \$40 for adults and \$25 for ages 21 and under. Get tickets online at any time by visiting cinnabartheater.org, or call the box office at 707-763-8920 between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM on weekdays. Tickets may also be available at the door, but reservations are recommended as Cinnabar's shows often sell out.

Every year, **Cinnabar Theater** produces a thrilling mix of plays, musicals, operas, and concerts in a remarkable range of genres. Cinnabar's Young Rep offers extensive activities for local youth, and the Cinnabar Singers welcome anyone who wants to be part of a chorus. All these events take place in the iconic red schoolhouse perched atop a grassy hill on the outskirts of Petaluma.

Audiences have flocked to performances in this intimate setting since 1972, when Marvin and Jan Klebe established an arts center for the community. Along with their sons, they transformed a charming 1908 schoolhouse into a jewel-box theater that has hosted successful shows for four decades. Now Cinnabar is presenting another year of lively performances for its loyal audience.

Cinnabar Theater is located at 3333 Petaluma Boulevard North, just off Highway 101 and only minutes from historic downtown Petaluma. There's ample parking up on the hill... and a friendly herd of goats grazing in the neighboring field. For more information, or to purchase tickets, **call 707-763-8920 or visit cinnabartheater.org**.

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Photo captions:

- 2873: (l to r): Mozart's music soars at Cinnabar as Miguel Evangelista, Bill Neely, Christiaan Smith-Kotlarek, and Krista Wigle star in a joyous production of *The Marriage of Figaro*. (Photo by Eric Chazankin)
- 2988 (l to r): Mozart's music soars at Cinnabar as Krista Wigle, Eugene Walden, and Kelly Britt star in a gorgeous production of *The Marriage of Figaro*. (Photo by Eric Chazankin)

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The Marriage of Figaro

- WHO:** Cinnabar Theater, the beloved professional theater in Sonoma County
- WHAT:** *The Marriage of Figaro*
Mozart's music soars at Cinnabar with this rich and playful production of his enormously popular opera.
- Music by W.A. Mozart / Libretto by Lorenzo da Ponte
Music direction by Mary Chun / Stage direction by Elly Lichenstein
- Featuring 20 incredible singers and a 10-piece orchestra
- WHERE:** Cinnabar Theater, 3333 Petaluma Blvd. North, Petaluma, CA 94952
- WHEN:** May 30 – June 15, 2014
Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 PM / Sundays at 2:00 PM
Extra performance added on Wednesday, June 11 at 7:30 PM!
- HOW MUCH:** \$25 for ages 21 and under / \$40 for adults
- TICKETS:** 707-763-8920 or www.cinnabartheater.org
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