



Santa Fe Opera with Kimberlea Daggy!

August 13 – 18, 2009

Limited to 25 participants

Join Classical KUSC 91.5's popular afternoon host, Kimberlea Daggy, for a magical opera tour to Santa Fe. We will attend three performances at the Opera, featuring the great French soprano, **Natalie Dessay**, in her first *La Traviata*, Met star **Christine Brewer** singing the title role in Gluck's *Alceste*, and Mozart's most perfect work, *Don Giovanni*, in Santa Fe's glorious, partially outdoor, setting.

Nestled 7000 feet above sea level in the foothills of the Rockies, Santa Fe is one of America's oldest cities, and boasts a long history and rich cultural heritage. Founded as a capital city in 1607 by Spanish explorers, it has been claimed by the Pueblo Peoples, the Spanish Crown, Mexico and the Confederacy. Today it is a sophisticated city, famous for its diverse cultures, museums and galleries, outstanding cuisine, and the Santa Fe Opera.

During the day we will make excursions outside Santa Fe to explore Native American and Spanish sites rich in history such as an ancient and modern pueblo, artisan workshops, museums and galleries. We will also have a Georgia O'Keeffe day with visits to her home in Abiquiu and the country she painted.

Meanwhile, you will enjoy deluxe accommodations at the Inn at Loretto just a couple blocks off Santa Fe's historic Plaza, a fabulous optional cooking demonstration by renowned chef Lois Ellen Frank, a concert at the fine Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival and Kimberlea's commentary on all the music you will hear.



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Prime tickets to three performances at Santa Fe Opera
- A performance at the Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival
- Pre-opera commentary by KUSC's Kimberlea Daggy
- Deluxe accommodations at the Inn at Loretto
- Excursions to the stunning cliff dwellings at Bandelier National Monument, San Ildefonso Pueblo, and the historic village of Chimayo
- Visits to a noted potter's studio and award-winning weaving workshop
- A private tour of Georgia O'Keeffe's home in Abiquiu
- A gala Welcome Dinner and deluxe Tailgate dinner at the Opera
- Optional cooking demo by prominent chef Lois Ellen Frank
- Free time to relax, shop or explore more sites in Santa Fe

KIMBERLEA DAGGY is Classical KUSC's much-beloved on-air host, heard weekdays from 1-4pm. Since 2001, she has been sharing her love of classical music, in particular opera, choral music and orchestral favorites with listeners all over Southern California who tune in to KUSC. You may have also seen her at the Los Angeles Opera where she is a frequent pre-performance speaker.

She is a trained singer, having received her Bachelor of Music in Voice from Northwestern University, with graduate studies at Yale University and Arizona State University. One of her most favorite roles was the title role of *Carmen*.

Exclusive to participants of the KUSC Santa Fe Opera Tour, Kimberlea will provide a pre-performance talk each day to our group, prior to each of the operas and chamber concerts. She hopes to enrich your musical experience with fun information about the composer, the artists, and the music. She looks forward to sharing her passion for opera and classical music with you on the 2009 KUSC Santa Fe Opera Tour!

Tour cost: \$3185 pp, ground only; Group limited to 25 participants

DAILY ITINERARY

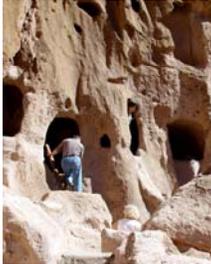
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13:

OLD SANTA FE & MOZART'S RAKE

Our home for five nights is the four-star Inn at Loretto, featuring a full-service spa, restaurant, three art galleries, and a tranquil garden. A Southwest cultural historian gives us a walking tour of downtown Santa Fe before our *Gala Welcome Dinner* on the lovely terrace of Santacafé in a landmark adobe, the Padre Gallegos House. Then it's off to the Opera and Mozart's *Don Giovanni*, arguably the most perfect opera in the repertoire.

FRI, AUGUST 14: PUEBLOS & GLUCK'S NOBLE HEROINE

Our first excursion out of Santa Fe is to the stunning cliff dwelling site at Bandelier National



Monument. Our guide will share the archaeological history and cultures of this remote site, used by ancestral Puebloan Indians for centuries. After a delightful *picnic lunch*, we'll journey to a modern sovereign Indian Pueblo, San Ildefonso, and visit an award-winning, nationally recognized Keres Indian potter, Dora Tse Pe. She has been honored throughout her lifetime with many awards, invited to the White House, and has received national recognition for her beautiful handmade pottery. Tonight at the Opera we attend a performance of Gluck's noble opera *Alceste*, with Christine Brewer, one of opera's fast rising stars, in the title role.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15:

SANTA FE COOKING & ART

The morning is free, but for "foodies" on the tour you will

have a special treat (at an additional fee): a visit to Santa Fe's new Farmer's Market with renowned chef Lois Ellen Frank, who prepares contemporary Native American food using ancient techniques and ingredients, with a modern twist. Her book, *Foods of the Southwest Indian Nations*, won a prestigious James Beard Award. Back at her home kitchen, she will cook the ingredients selected at the Market



for a fabulous Brunch. The afternoon is dedicated to one of the greatest of all American artists, Georgia O'Keeffe, who made Santa Fe and vicinity her longtime home. We will visit her home and studio in the village of Abiquiu and the spectacular 'red rock country' on the eastern edge of the Colorado Plateau, she made famous. Your evening is free, with the option of attending the world premiere of Paul Moravec's *The Letter*, based on a short story by Somerset Maugham.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16:

CHIMAYO & CHAMBER MUSIC

This morning we visit the village of Chimayo, an important cultural center for Hispanic arts and crafts, settled in the 1700s by Spanish settlers. We'll visit a Hispanic weaving studio as well as the famed "Lourdes of America", the Santuario (Sanctuary) de Chimayo, a chapel built over miracle healing earth in the early 1800s. *Lunch* is at the Restaurante Rancho de Chimayo, a local favorite renowned for its native New Mexican cuisine. Tonight we take a break from opera to attend a Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival concert with music by Prokofiev and Dvorak.

MONDAY, AUGUST 17:

MUSEUMS & A GALA OPERA EVENING!

Our last full day in Santa Fe is a free one to relax, shop, or sightsee further. Each participant will receive a Museum Pass to use in Santa Fe and we will provide transportation to Museum Hill where four splendid museums await you. Tonight a private backstage tour of the Opera precedes our *Farewell Dinner* on site, a fabulous catered Tailgate party, a Santa Fe Opera tradition. The opera is a new production of Verdi's *La Traviata* with famed French soprano, Natalie Dessay in her first Violetta.



TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

Transfer to Albuquerque airport for departure to Los Angeles.

Itinerary is subject to change. Meals in bold italics are included in the price of the tour.

TOUR COST

\$3185 per person, ground only

\$349 group flight

Single supplement: \$660

DEPOSIT

\$800 per person (includes a \$300 contribution to KUSC)

Deposit deadline is June 12, 2009.

After that date, call for availability.

Call The Grand Tour at 800-727-2995 to reserve your place on the tour with a credit card deposit, or send a check for the deposit amount to: KUSC Santa Fe Tour, c/o The Grand Tour, PO Box 274, Peterborough, NH 03458
Registration materials can be downloaded from www.kusc.org

QUESTIONS?

Call Minnie Prince at KUSC (213) 225-7534 or The Grand Tour (800) 727-2995