

SUGAR CREEK OPERA

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Sugar Creek Opera Announces 13th Season of Opera in The Country

Helen Todd Stars In Hong Kong's Musica Viva production of *Turandot*

Watseka, IL (18 September 2014) -- Sugar Creek Opera (SCO) will present Wolfgang Mozart's endearing and family friendly opera, *The Magic Flute* for its 13th season, upcoming the weekend of **July 10th - 12th, 2015**. A full cast listing and a complete **July** performance schedule will be released in the near future.

SCO Founder and General Director, Helen Todd says of the selection for the 2015 opera season, "I want to produce a family friendly opera for our patrons; *The Magic Flute* will be a wonderful experience for the entire family. Set in a mythical land, where a magic flute provides protection in the age-old battle of good versus evil, this opera is funny, lighthearted and entertaining!"

The Magic Flute is an opera in two acts by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, to a German libretto by Emanuel Schikaneder. The work is in the form of a Singspiel, a popular form that includes both singing and spoken dialogue.

Mozart's masterful comedy is a celebration of true love conquering all. *The Magic Flute* transports the audience into an enchanted world where good faces the forces of darkness. A prince who charms wild animals with a magic flute and a birdcatcher with silver tinkling bells, set off in search for the queen's missing daughter. Todd further explains her choice with, "*The Magic Flute* has charmed children and young people of all ages for generations – whether or not they have been exposed to opera before or not. We want to encourage families to attend with their children or grandchildren. With this in mind, we will perform in English."

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Sugar Creek Opera a professional opera company based in Watseka, IL. During its annual summer opera festival, it produces dynamic, world-class opera performance. Its vision is to produce and perform world-class, professional opera that inspires, wherever there is a performance void. The Mission of Sugar Creek Opera is to: Provide an intimate and accessible experience of professional opera; Bring opera back to its roots, the way opera was meant to be performed; Showcase innovative classic and American opera; Honor the tradition of opera with seasoned professionals while providing training opportunities for young opera professionals; Engage in creative collaborations, innovative outreach, and audience development. Sugar Creek Opera is designated as a public charity and 501 (c)3 non-profit organization by the Internal Revenue Service.