

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Jan. 25: “A Night at the Opera” at Temple Israel & JCC – Selections from Don Giovanni, Carmen, La Traviata, Romeo et Juliette, and More**

#### **Professional Opera Singers Present a Program Sponsored by Temple Israel’s Brandeis Men’s Club**

RIDGEWOOD, N.J., December 12, 2019 – [Temple Israel & Jewish Community Center](#) (TI-JCC) in Ridgewood will present an evening of opera favorites sung by professional opera singers at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. “A Night at the Opera” will feature soprano Oriana Falla and baritone Suchan Kim, accompanied by pianist Brian Holman, presenting selections from *Don Giovanni*, *Carmen*, *La Traviata*, *Romeo et Juliette*, and other operas. After the show will be a refreshment reception with wine and cheese, hors d’oeuvres, desserts, coffee and tea.

Tickets cost \$54 per person for this fundraiser program which benefits the Brandeis Men’s Club of Temple Israel & JCC. For more information on this program, email [Mensclubevents@synagogue.org](mailto:Mensclubevents@synagogue.org), or for advance tickets, visit [www.eventbrite.com/o/the-brandeis-mens-club-2837247757](http://www.eventbrite.com/o/the-brandeis-mens-club-2837247757).

Soprano **Oriana Falla** recently made her role debut as Violetta in New Rochelle Opera’s production of Verdi’s *La Traviata*. She made her professional operatic debut in Numi Opera’s inaugural season as Donna Clara in Zemlinsky’s *Der Zwerg*. She attended UCLA where she studied with renowned baritone, Vladimir Chernov. There she was the featured soprano soloist for Vaughan William’s *Dona Nobis Pacem* in Royce Hall, Orff’s *Carmina Burana* with the UCLA Philharmonia and *La Fée* in Massenet’s *Cendrillon*. She is a frequent soloist with the Long Beach Camerata singers where she recently sang Orff’s *Carmina Burana* and Brahms’s *Ein Deutsches Requiem*.

Baritone **Suchan Kim** recently sang the title role in Bare Opera’s production of Mozart’s *Don Giovanni*. He has performed as a resident in San Francisco Opera’s Merola Opera Program as well as with The Metropolitan Opera Guild, Mannes Opera, Dallas Opera’s The Hart Institute for Women Conductors, Sarasota Opera, Opera in Williamsburg, New Rochelle Opera, Teatro Grattacielo, New Amsterdam Opera, Loft Opera, Opera Ithaca, Amore Opera, Boardwalk Opera, Sinfonietta of Riverdale, The New York Concert Opera, New York Grand Opera, New York Lyric Opera, Fairfield County Chorale, Lyric Chamber Music Society of New York, Sign & Sing, NYU IMPACT Conference, MidAmerica Productions, National Theater of Korea, Seoul Arts Center, and several opera companies in South Korea.

Pianist **Brian Holman** has performed in recital with many acclaimed singers, including Nelly Miricioiu, Laquita Mitchell, Aprile Mollo, Stella Zambalis, Francisco Casanova, Hans-Pieter Herman, John Mac Master, James Valenti, Lester Lynch, Daniel Borowski, Nini Cáffaro, Dawn Padmore, and Kofo the Wonderman. He has appeared at Carnegie Hall, Weill Recital Hall, Salle Cortot, Teatro Nacional de Santo Domingo, Feinstein’s 54 Below,

MGM Grand Detroit, Don't Tell Mama, The Rainbow Room, the UN, and on international radio (WQXR, Classic FM, Sirius XM, Esimora Cultural RAC Colombia) and television (Alhurra, LBCI, Tele-Occidente Sicilia).

**Brandeis Men's Club** takes pride in its status as the original address for Jewish life in Ridgewood. It was the spirit and determination of a group of Jewish business owners in the village that was responsible for the creation of the Men's Club in 1940-41. Another dozen years would go by before the Jewish Community Center of Ridgewood was established in the congregation's first home on Oak Street and another decade until the Temple moved to its current Grove Street location. Although Brandeis Men's Club pre-dates Temple Israel & JCC itself, the men's club always strives to remain relevant to Jewish men. With its crowded calendar of events and programs throughout the year, the men's club engages BMC members spiritually, socially, and culturally in its synagogue community.

Located at 475 Grove St. in Ridgewood, Temple Israel & JCC now offers two worship alternatives within one community: egalitarian Conservative and Reconstructionist. Service schedules and more information are available at [www.synagogue.org](http://www.synagogue.org).