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Opera York stages The Magic Flute

Opera York, York Region's professional opera company, presents three performances of Mozart's opera, The Magic Flute, Nov. 18, 20 and 24.

The opera features a large cast of fantastical and mysterious characters.

Keith Klassen stars as the handsome hero, Tamino, and Arlene Alvarado as the beautiful and courageous Pamina. Opera York audiences will remember Mr. Klassen as the love-struck Don José.

The Magic Flute was Mozart's last opera, first performed on September 30, 1791 in Vienna just months before he died at 35. Considered to be his most successful opera, The Magic Flute is the one that is most often produced. It has been interpreted by filmmakers Ingmar Bergman and Kenneth Branagh as well as for dance, most recently by The Winnipeg Ballet.

The cast is accompanied by the Opera York Orchestra and Chorus.

The Nov. 18 and 20 performance will mark the first production at the new St. Elizabeth Performing Arts Centre in Thornhill. The theatre, designed by Canadian Opera Company architects Diamond and Schmidt, is the most acoustically correct theatre in York Region and is the new home for Opera York through an agreement with the York Region Catholic District School Board.



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Opera York will also hold a performance of The Magic Flute at the Markham Theatre Nov. 24. Tickets are a \$30 and are available for the St. Elizabeth Theatre by calling Opera York at 905-763-7853. Tickets for the Markham Theatre performance are available at 905-305-7469.

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