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**MUSIC AT KOHL MANSION ANNOUNCES PROGRAMMING FOR
HOLIDAY ROULETTE: A MEZZO MASH-UP! DEC. 3 AT 7 PM INCLUDING
TRIBUTE TO MARIA CALLAS CENTENNIAL WITH OPERA EXCERPTS,
TRADITIONAL SEASONAL SONGS, ORATORIO, JAZZ AND COMEDY
PLUS, AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION TO SPIN HOLIDAY ROULETTE WHEEL AND
SELECT SONGS FOR THE ARTISTS TO PERFORM;
FEATURING MEZZO-SOPRANOS NIKOLA PRINTZ & GABRIELLE BETEAG AND
PIANIST-PRODUCER RONNY MICHAEL GREENBERG;**

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Holiday Roulette: A Mezzo Mash-up!

Burlingame, Calif. (November 20, 2023) — Music at Kohl Mansion (MAKM) today announced musical programming for the upcoming seasonal concert, ***Holiday Roulette: A Mezzo Mash-up!*** featuring the luminary talents of mezzo-sopranos **Nikola Printz** and **Gabrielle Beteag**, along with pianist-producer extraordinaire, **Ronny Michael Greenberg**. This recently announced concert of musical brilliance and holiday cheer is scheduled for Sunday, December 3, at 7 p.m.

Highlights of the evening will include a **Tribute to Maria Callas** on the occasion of the Greek opera diva's worldwide celebration of her centennial birthday (December 2, 1923), with selections from Bizet's *Carmen*, Saint-Saens' *Samson et Dalila*, and Bellini's celebrated duet "Mira, O Norma" from *Norma*. The festive evening will include Rossini's 'Cat Duet,' a masterpiece in classical musical humor; Handel's "But Who May Abide" from the *Messiah*; traditional Christmas songs; and the spirited "Witches' Ride" from Humperdinck's *Hänsel und Gretel*, in addition to surprise selections.

Adding to the excitement, the audience will have the opportunity to participate in a unique musical experience by spinning the Holiday Roulette Wheel. This interactive element will allow attendees to select songs for the artists to perform, ensuring a one-of-a-kind experience which the audience will be involved in creating. Songs on the Roulette Wheel will include a wide variety of selections and musical styles our performers may be asked to perform ranging from “Hard Candy Christmas,” “Santa Baby,” “My Favorite Things,” “La Vie en Rose,” Flight of the Bumblebee,” and “Clair de lune,” to “I’ll be Seeing You,” “Dock on the Bay,” “Be Our Guest,” and “Nacht und träume,” among other musical works.

Tickets are now on sale and the price of admission includes an elegant post-performance champagne and dessert reception with the artists. The concert will be held against the enchanting backdrop of Burlingame’s historic Kohl Mansion, adorned with its renowned holiday lights and decorations, creating a festive atmosphere that perfectly complements the musical celebration.

Both mezzos, Nikola Printz and Gabrielle Beteag, are highly accomplished opera and concert singers, and currently members of San Francisco Opera’s prestigious Adler Fellowship Program. MAKM previously worked with Nikola Printz in 2020 when she sang Jake Heggie’s commissioned work *Intonations: Songs from the Violins of Hope* in three different Bay Area concerts. Recently, Gabrielle Beteag competed in the 30th Anniversary edition of Operalia, the World Opera Competition, held this year in Cape Town, South Africa. Beteag was one of 34 international contestants in the prestigious competition. As Adler Fellows, both singers have performed in San Francisco Opera productions on the War Memorial Opera House stage. Ronny Michael Greenberg, also a veteran of the Merola Opera and Adler Fellowship programs, is a renowned collaborative pianist and soloist, performing across the U.S., as well as a remarkable and highly innovative producer of classical concerts.

TICKETS: Tickets for *Holiday Roulette: A Mezzo Mash-up!* are priced \$75 (premium) and \$55 (general), and age 18 and under are free; *Holiday Roulette* tickets include complimentary champagne and dessert reception with the artists. To purchase tickets, call the Box Office at (650) 762-1130 or online via musicatkohl.org.

2023-24 MAKM SEASON ARTISTS: Israeli Chamber Project, October 22; Jupiter String Quartet*, November 19; *Holiday Roulette: A Mezzo Mash-up!**, December 3; Frautschi, Manasse, Nakamatsu Trio, January 28, 2024; Horszowski Trio, February 25; Poulenc Trio with soprano Shawnette Sulker*, March 17; Pianist Joyce Yang, April 7; Pianist Ilya Yakushev with members of the St. Lawrence String Quartet, May 5. All concerts are scheduled for Sundays at 7 p.m. Music at Kohl Mansion’s 2023-24 Season is presented at the historic Kohl Mansion’s Great Hall, 2750 Adeline Drive, Burlingame.

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