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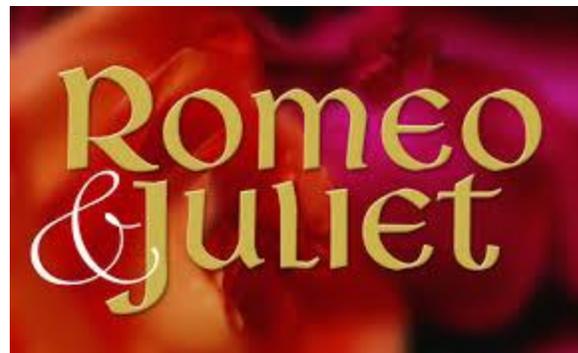
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### Opera Guild to Host *Romeo & Juliette* Panel

The Santa Fe Opera Guild will present a panel discussion, *Romeo & Juliette: the Play and the Opera*, at 5:30PM on Tuesday, May 10, at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Santa Fe.

The panel has been billed as a journey that starts with an examination of Shakespeare's immortal play, then moves on to an exploration of its many musical adaptations, and finishes with a study of Gounod's rich musical score. Three speakers will serve on the panel: John F. Andrews, Bill Derbyshire, and Mary Kime.

John F. Andrews is a noted editor, educator, and cultural leader with deep expertise in the works of William Shakespeare. In addition to publishing numerous books on the Bard, Mr. Andrews spent ten years as Director of Academic Programs at the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, DC. His portion of the panel discussion will delve into the play and its origins.



Bill Derbyshire, who will examine various musical adaptations of *Romeo and Juliet*, is the President of the Santa Fe Opera Guild and a lifelong opera devotee. He recently said, "I have loved opera ever since I was young. It's safe to say that it is my passion." Mr. Derbyshire is a retired professor of Slavic languages who now resides in Santa Fe and devotes much of his time to The Santa Fe Opera Guild.

#### At A Glance

##### ***Romeo & Juliette* Panel**

- Tuesday, May 10 at 5:30PM
- Unitarian Church, 107 W Barcelona, Santa Fe
- Free for members, \$10 for non-members

Mary Kime's portion of the panel discussion will incorporate musical excerpts to illustrate the ways in which Gounod's music expands and intensifies Shakespeare's drama. Ms. Kime serves on the Opera Guild's Board of Directors and lectures at The Santa Fe Opera's Seminars series. She also maintains an active practice as a voice coach. She commented, "*Romeo et Juliette* promises to be one of the most popular operas this season, and it has never been staged in Santa Fe before. Our panel is

designed to help everyone get ready for this exciting event."