



Opera Baritone Adelmo Guidarelli

### 'Operation Opera!'

Comedy and classical music may seem like odd bedfellows, but they have a rich history, from the rise of comic opera in 18th century to Bugs Bunny cartoons and the stand-up routines of Victor Borge, who once said, "Laughter is the closest distance between two people."

In the spirit of Borge, a master at making musician jokes cool for the rest of society, The Garden State Philharmonic, now celebrating its 60th anniversary season, will perform a program titled "Operation Opera!," starring baritone Adelmo Guidarelli, at the Center for the Arts on Ocean County College Campus.

Guidarelli was encouraged in opera by the late Luciano Pavarotti and received a fellowship to study with Jerome Hines at his Opera Music Theater International. In 2016, he will be appearing with the Shreveport Opera in Louisiana and the Little Opera Theater in New York.

His "Operation Opera!" made its Lincoln Center debut in 2014. In addition to opera, Guidarelli has hosted a TV show called "Voices Among Us." Guidarelli will perform an evening of comedy based around classical music excerpts. Maestro Anthony LaGruth will lead the orchestra. The performance will be 7:30 p.m. Dec. 12 at the Center for the Arts at Ocean County College, 1 College Drive, Toms River. Tickets are \$42 and \$48, \$38 and \$42 for seniors, \$12 and \$18 for students. A percentage of the ticket sales will be donated to the partnering charity Meals on Wheels of Ocean County.