

## **Opera Lovers: See Verdi's "Rigoletto" with Luciano Pavarotti, Ingvar Wixell and Edita Gruberova**

Please join The Villages Music Society's Opera Lovers on our third Thursday afternoon, October 15 at 2:00 p.m. in Montgomery Center, when we will present Giuseppe Verdi's tale of court intrigue, treachery, seduction and murder: "Rigoletto."

This gorgeous production was filmed on location in Italy, providing atmospheric settings of Italian Renaissance landmarks in Mantua, Cremona and Parma. The tragic story of "Rigoletto" involves the lecherous Duke of Mantua (Pavarotti), the cruelly mocking court jester Rigoletto (Wixell), and Rigoletto's daughter Gilda (Gruberova). A courtier curses the Duke for seducing his daughter and Rigoletto for encouraging the Duke. The curse ultimately comes to fruition when Gilda falls in love with the Duke and sacrifices herself to save him from the assassin hired by her father.

The music, acting and settings are fabulous and, if you have never heard Luciano Pavarotti sing "La donna è mobile," we urge you to come on October

15! The run time is approximately two hours, no registration is required,

and all Villagers are welcome.

If you need additional information, please call Opera Lovers' president, Mary Stradner at (408) 887-3293: Future 2026 dates are November 19 and December 17. We also recommend visiting <https://VillagesMusicSociety.org> for information about other musical events.

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