

Cardiff Greek Festival returns Sept. 10-11

Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church welcomes the San Diego community to join the fun, food and "Opa!" at the 42nd Annual Cardiff Greek Festival on Sept. 10 and 11.

From from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on both days, attendees can enjoy and experience Hellenic cuisine, entertainment and hospitality as the church grounds are transformed with the sights, sounds and tastes of Greece.

"Our parish holds Greece's rich history and traditions deeply in our hearts, and we are excited to

once again share our Philotimo with the community-at-large through the festival," said Rev. Father Michael Sitaras, pastor of Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in a news release. "Stemming from filis meaning friend and timi meaning honor, Philotimo is the love and good that motivates us to share ourselves with others, but it's true definition can only be felt."

The renowned Southern California Greek band The Olympians will perform throughout the weekend. The parish's youngest members, ages five through high

school, will also perform folk dances in traditional costumes.

Greek delicacies will be available, such as Greek-style roasted lamb shanks, gyros, lemon chicken, souvlaki (shish-kabobs), pastitsio (baked layers of macaroni, seasoned meat, cheese, and béchamel sauce) and loukaniko (sausage). Vegetarian fare will include tiropitas (cheese triangles in filo), spanakopita (spinach pie), dolmathes (stuffed grape leaves), feta fries, and Greek salad.

The Kafenio (café) will serve
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Guests learn a traditional Greek dance at a past festival. **ROB MCKENZIE**

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'Jesus Christ Superstar,' 'Saturday Night Fever' highlight Moonlight's 2023 season

Vista's Moonlight Stage Productions has also announced the hiring of new managing director Mike Bradford

BY PAM KRAGEN

Moonlight Stage Productions has announced its five-show 2023 season at Vista's Moonlight Amphitheatre, featuring the regional premieres of three musicals and the return of two classics.

Here's a look at Moonlight's 2023 summer season. Subscriptions are on sale at (760) 724-2110 or moonlightstage.com.

"Jesus Christ Superstar": Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's iconic rock opera about the final weeks in the life of Jesus of Nazareth returns to the Moonlight for the first time in 30 years. *May 10-27*

"The Wedding Singer": Moonlight presents the San Diego premiere of this 2006 Broadway musical inspired by the 1998 Adam Sandler film comedy about a 1980s-era wedding singer who falls in love with the bride at a wedding he's been booked to play. The musical features a score by Matthew Sklar and Chad Beguelin with book by Beguelin and Tim Herlihy. *June 7-24*

Roald Dahl's "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory": Another regional premiere, this 2013 Broadway musical is based on Dahl's 1964 novel, with a book by David Greig and score by Marc Shaiman and Scott Wittman. It's the story of a poor boy and a reclusive and eccentric candy-maker who hosts a contest and factory tour to search for a child to take over his global business before he retires. *July 19-Aug. 5*

"42nd Street": Last seen at the Moonlight in 2009, this Tony Award-winning 1980 throwback musical is known for its epic, full-cast tap-dancing numbers. Featuring a score of hit songs from the 1930s and book by Michael Stewart and Mark Bramble, it's adapted from a 1933 Hollywood movie about a company of hard-working singer-dancers rehearsing a new Broadway show during the Great Depression. *Aug. 16-Sept. 2*

"Saturday Night Fever — The Musical": This little-known 1998 jukebox musical is based on the 1977 movie starring John Travolta about a Brooklyn paint store clerk who explores his passion for dancing and meets the girl of his dreams at a local disco. The musical features the famous Bee Gees songs from movie's top-selling film soundtrack. *Sept. 13-30, 2023*

The 2023 announcement arrives as Moonlight is nearing the end of its first full



Moonlight Amphitheatre in Vista's Brengle Terrace Park. PAM KRAGEN

five-show summer season since the pandemic. "Ragtime" continues through Sept. 3 and "Kinky Boots" will close the season Sept. 14 through Oct. 1. After that, Moonlight Youth Theatre will present the Disney-Cameron Mackintosh musical "Mary Poppins," running Oct. 14-22.

In other news, Moonlight this month also announced the hiring of Mike Bradford as the organization's new managing director. Bradford served as Moonlight's acting technical director from 2019 to 2021. He also created the design elements for the annual pandemic-born "Jingle Terrace Park" drive-through holiday event. Previously, Bradford also worked for the Moonlight Cultural Foundation for 14 years, serving as director of arts education and producer of Moonlight Youth Theatre. Bradford replaces Colleen Kollar Smith, who left Moonlight last month for a new events coordinating position at UC San Diego.

OnStage pushes back 'Rest'

Chula Vista's OnStage Playhouse has pushed back by one week the production of the Samuel D. Hunter play "Rest" because of a COVID outbreak among its cast. Originally

scheduled to open Aug. 26, the play will now open Sept. 2. The play is a tragicomedy about a retirement home in northern Idaho where a record-breaking blizzard forces the last three residents to contemplate their own mortality when one of them wanders out into the storm. For details, visit onstageplayhouse.org.

Lamb's Players Theatre switches up fall schedule

Thanks to the success of its long-running production of "Million Dollar Quartet," Lamb's Players Theatre in Coronado has announced a final extension of the musical's run to Sept. 18. As a result, it has reorganized its fall and winter season schedule. Ken Ludwig's "Baskerville," a Sherlock Holmes mystery play, will run Oct. 1 through Nov. 20. "A Christmas Carol" will play Dec. 1 through 24. And "Respect," a musical revue of music by women songwriters of the 1960s, will play Jan. 21 to March 12. For more, visit lambsplayers.org/202122-shows.

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14729 Polo Point	4	3.5	\$3,300,000
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92075			
6497 Calle Del Alcazar	5	5.5	\$6,000,000
17337 Circa Del Sur	3	3.5	\$4,250,000
424 Pacific Ave.	2	1	\$4,150,000
6686 Camino Saucito	4	3.5	\$3,700,000
626 Canyon Drive	3	3	\$3,600,000
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781 E. Solana Circle	2	2	\$3,400,000
1419 San Lucas Court	4	3	\$3,200,000
16847 Stagecoach Pass	3	3.5	\$2,475,000
16863 Stagecoach Pass	4	4.5	\$2,400,000
15430 Pimlico Corte	3	3.5	\$2,180,000
92130			
13911 Rancho Solana Trail	5	5.5	\$5,276,500
12446 Del Vino Court	3	4.5	\$5,200,000
14133 Caminito Vistana	5	4.5	\$4,400,000
6659 Granite Crest Court	4	4.5	\$4,180,000
5165 Meadows Del Mar	4	5.5	\$3,770,000
6187 Artisan Way	4	4.5	\$3,480,000
13696 Old El Camino Real	6	4.5	\$3,250,000
3959 Arroyo Sorrento Road	3	3	\$3,100,000
5337 Aurora Summit Trail	5	5.5	\$2,874,500
13259 Winstanley Way	5	4	\$2,850,000
12822 Seabreeze Farms Drive	4	3.5	\$2,715,000

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desserts like baklava sundaes and Greek-specialty coffee; Michael Pavlidis with Boukali Wines will be offering classes and tastings of Greek imported wines.

A marketplace will mimic a traditional bazaar featuring Greek imports, pottery, fine jewelry, artwork and an array of other treasures. A Kids Fun Zone will feature games and a raffle will offer up the chance to win \$20,000 cash and two Padres season tickets.

Father Sitaras will also host tours of the church to enlighten guests about the mosaics, iconography and Byzantine architecture.

"What many visitors don't realize is that our gold dome is just as magnificent on the inside as it is on the outside," Sitaras said. "I love that moment of stunned wonderment when guests first see the intricacy of the Byzantine artwork."

Tickets (\$3 admission and children under 12, active military, police, and firefighters with ID are free) can be purchased at the festival and at cardiffgreekfestival@gmail.com. Saints Constantine and Helen is located at 3459 Manchester Avenue. Free parking is available at the adjacent Mira Costa College. For more information, visit cardiffgreekfest.com.