

Notes December 10 – 11

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Saturday Night at the Opera: "Fernando," (1732) by G.F. Handel (1685 – 1759) It's a story of misplaced love, rebellion, treachery and rivalry and strife within families. Fernando, re di Castiglia was never completed, and therefore doesn't appear in the traditional lists of Handel's operas. Originally set in medieval Portugal, Handel went on to rework the music in this political thriller, and renamed it Sosarme, changing the setting, names of characters, and some of the music.

Sacred Concert: Advent: Mary, Mother of Jesus Christ Sacred Concert is underwritten by [Dominion Propeller Corporation](#) providing Aircraft Propeller sales, repair, and service

The Metropolitan Opera: the imminent return of [The Metropolitan Opera](#) on KLEF on Sunday, December 11th at 2 pm!

The Met returns in its full glory with the network broadcast premiere of "The Hours" by Kevin Puts. Starring Renée Fleming, Kelli O'Hara, and Joyce DiDonato in the Met's world-premiere staging of the opera, conducted by Met Music Director Yannick Nézet-Séguin. Inspired by Virginia Woolf's Mrs. Dalloway and made into an Oscar-winning 2002 film version starring Meryl Streep, Julianne Moore, and Nicole Kidman, the powerful story concerns three women from different eras who each grapple with their inner demons and their roles in society. The exciting premiere radiates with star power, with Kelli O'Hara and mezzo-soprano Joyce DiDonato joining Fleming, in her highly anticipated return to The Met, as the opera's trio of heroines. Make sure you keep your radio tuned to 98.1 FM KLEF Anchorage, so you don't miss it!

From the Top: On this program, hosted by pianist, Peter Dugan, we meet a teen violinist who performed at the White House for Michelle Obama, a young percussionist who discovered a new-found appreciation for his Mexican American heritage through a youth orchestra experience and a violist with beautiful things to say about music's power to take us out of our everyday lives. Performers: Emily Hwang, 16, viola, from Palo Alto, CA; Yvette Kraft, 18, violin, from San Francisco, CA; Kevin Reyes, 16, percussion (marimba), from Chicago, IL; Maxwell Fairman, 17, violin, from Cincinnati, OH; Ryan Schuering, 15, piano, from Louisville, KY

Classics for Kids: Carnival of the Animals - The Camille Saint-Saens classic played to perfection by the London Philharmonic Orchestra, with verses written by Ogden Nash, narrated by Yadu. Thrill to this delightful and fanciful confection of whimsy and wonder as we take a tour through the animal kingdom, meeting some ferocious beasts, amazing avians, and curious wonders. Sponsored by [Alaska Junior Theater | \(akit.org\)](#)