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**KELLI O'HARA BRINGS HER LUMINOUS VOICE TO  
SCOTTSDALE CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS**



Kelli O'Hara

**Mark Cortale Presents Broadway @ Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts  
Kelli O'Hara  
Featuring Seth Rudetsky as pianist and host  
Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018  
8 p.m.**

SCOTTSDALE, Arizona — Kelli O'Hara's "gleaming" (*The New York Times*) and "dulcet" (*Financial Times*) voice brings renewed energy to classics of the Broadway stage on Jan. 27, 2018, when she and pianist/commentator Seth Rudetsky perform songs from the great musicals at Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts.

Their appearance is part of the series "Mark Cortale's Broadway @ Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts" at the Center's Virginia G. Piper Theater. The series features cabaret-style concerts by Broadway stars, accompanied by Rudetsky and mixed with candid showbiz stories.

O'Hara, who shot to stardom in 2005 as Clara in the Tony® Award-winning musical *Light in the Piazza*, won the Tony for Best Lead Actress in a Musical for her portrayal of Anna Leonowens in *The King and I* in the 2015 revival at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts. Her other roles have included Nellie in the Lincoln Center revival of *South Pacific* (2008) and the female lead in the musical version of *The Bridges of Madison County* (2014). Beyond Broadway, O'Hara made her New York Metropolitan Opera debut in 2014 in the operetta *The Merry Widow*, and continued the operatic side of her career as Dido in a New York production of Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas* in 2016.

On television, O'Hara has been seen in NBC's *Peter Pan Live!* and in guest appearances in the series *Masters of Sex* and *13 Reasons Why*. Critics have consistently lavished praise on the Oklahoma native. When she appeared earlier this year (2017) in the *Encores!* production of Lerner and Loewe's *Brigadoon*, Jeremy Gerard of *Deadline Hollywood* wrote: "O'Hara is impossibly beautiful, vocally and in conveying Fiona's romantic determination and heartbreak."

Seth Rudetsky was born in the town of North Woodmere on Long Island, New York, and graduated in piano performance from Oberlin College in 1988. He then launched a career as pit pianist for such shows as *Ragtime*, *Les Miserables* and *Phantom of the Opera*. He found a knack for commentary, and expanded his career to include arts broadcast journalism, with two shows on Sirius XM that feature interviews with major Broadway stars, and deconstructions of major musicals: *Seth's Big Fat Broadway* and *Seth Speaks*. He also writes the *Onstage & Backstage* column for *Playbill* magazine, and is a composer, with the score for the musical, *Disaster!*, to his credit. For the Jan. 27 performance at the Center, Rudetsky will accompany O'Hara in numbers from classic musicals and will add his distinctive observations on the songs, the shows and the songwriters.

Tickets: \$89 (M \$81) / \$69 / \$59

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## SCOTTSDALE ARTS

Through its partnership with the City of Scottsdale, the nonprofit Scottsdale Arts (formerly known as Scottsdale Cultural Council) creates diverse, inspired arts experiences and educational opportunities that foster active, lifelong community engagement with the arts. Since its founding in 1987, Scottsdale Arts has grown into a regionally and nationally significant, multi-disciplinary arts organization offering an exceptional variety of programs through three acclaimed divisions – Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts, Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art (SMoCA) and Scottsdale Public Art – serving more than 400,000 participants annually.

## SCOTTSDALE CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Since 1975, Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts has provided a stage for a wide range of artists and genres, creating shared, inspiring experiences for the community that celebrate artistic excellence and cultural awareness. Today one of the premier performing-arts halls in the western United States, the Center presents a diverse season of music, dance, theater, comedy and film from around the world.

## LOCATION AND PARKING

Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts is located at 7380 E. Second St. in downtown Scottsdale. Free parking is available in the public parking garage located to the west of Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts on Wells Fargo Avenue. Additional free parking is available at the Old Town Parking Corral at East Second Street and Brown Avenue and at the Civic Center Library parking garage located on Drinkwater Boulevard at East Second Street.

## ACCESSIBILITY

Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts offers performance accommodations to enhance audience members' experience, including: American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation or live audio description with two weeks advance notice. Assistive-listening devices and wheelchair seating are also available. Visit [www.ScottsdalePerformingArts.org/visit/accessibility/](http://www.ScottsdalePerformingArts.org/visit/accessibility/) or contact the Member and Patron Services Box Office at 480-499-TKTS (8587) [TDD: 480-874-4694] for further details. Please inquire about services when ordering tickets.

#### TICKET DISCOUNTS

Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts offers a variety of ticket discounts for Scottsdale Arts members at the Friends level and above, groups of 10 or more and those purchasing packages to four or more events in one order. The Center provides free tickets to selected events for eligible students, teachers and active-duty military and veterans, and 50-percent off tickets to selected events for patrons 29 and under. Visit [www.ScottsdalePerformingArts.org/visit/tickets-discounts/](http://www.ScottsdalePerformingArts.org/visit/tickets-discounts/) or call 480-499-TKTS (8587) for more information.

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