



# City of Palo Alto

## City Council Staff Report

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**Report Type: Special Orders of the Day Meeting Date: 2/1/2016**

**Summary Title: Partnership Presentation: West Bay Opera**

**Title: Community Partner Presentation: West Bay Opera at the Lucie Stern Community Theater**

**From: City Manager**

**Lead Department: Community Services**

José Luis Moskovich, General Director of West Bay Opera, will make a presentation with video and production images, outlining the Opera's current Season and their history in successfully staging great performances at the Lucie Stern Theatre.

West Bay Opera was founded by Henry Holt in 1955. Originally called the Little Opera Guild, the company began presenting fully staged operatic performances. Under the leadership of Mr. Holt, who was succeeded by his wife, Maria Holt, and then by the present director, Jose Luis Moscovich, West Bay Opera has grown steadily. In 1974, the West Bay Orchestra was established. In 1982, the company acquired space for rehearsals, offices, a costume shop and storage on Lambert Avenue in Palo Alto.

Since that time, in partnership with the City, West Bay Opera (WBO) annually presents three fully staged productions at the Lucie Stern Theatre. WBO is one of the City's three theatre partners, along with Theatre Works and Palo Alto Players. These partnerships provide high quality performing arts programs for the community and the City provides the facilities at no cost.