

Actress and comedy writer, Eileen Stefan plans to debut her dramatic talents on Monday, April 11th. with an original dramatic scene at Joe Behar's Community Drama Workshop at Sam's Town at 8 p.m. and it's Free. Then on Friday evening, April 15th. she will M.C. and perform at the original Comedy Corner at the Mt. Charleston Hotel at 9 p.m. and there is no cover or minimum. If you are interested in joining Community Drama Workshop or Comedy Corner, please call Joe Behar at 458-0069.

Nevada Opera Theatre
Presents "Il Trovatore"



Pamela Kucenic, Soprano

Nevada Opera Theatre presents "Il Trovatore," Saturday, April 16 at 8:00 p.m. at the Artemus Ham Concert Hall. Maestro Henry Holt will conduct the Nevada Opera Theatre Orchestra and The Nevada Opera Theatre Chorus joined by the Southern Nevada Musical Arts Chorus.

Hans Ashbaker, internationally acclaimed opera star, will perform the role of Manrico. Ashbaker performed with the Nevada Opera Theatre in the premiere season. His performances included Tufolgo in "La Boheme," and Alfred in "Die Fledermaus." Other performances include tenor soloist in Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Requiem" at the Metropolitan Opera House, Don Jose in "Carmen" for Arizona Opera and the High Priest in "Idomenco" with the Opera

Theatre of St. Louis.

The performance of "Il Trovatore" will also star Pamela Kucenic who will perform the role of Leonora

In 1982, Kucenic made her official European debut at the Arena di Verona singing Musetta in "La Boheme." In September, 1987, she was responsible for the title role in "Turandot" with the New York City Opera and this summer she will return to New York City Opera in the role of Santuzza in "Cavalleria Rusticana."

Other appearances have included the Opera Company of Boston and Opera New England under Sarah Caldwell, Lake George Opera Festival and in January, Kucenic traveled to Taipei to sing performances of the title role in "Aida."

The April 16 performance of "Il Trovatore" will be concert format. Maestro Henry Holt, music advisor for Nevada Opera Theatre for the 1987-88 season was music director and conductor of the Seattle Opera for 18 years and guest conductor for 15 major opera companies in the United States. According to Time Magazine, "Holt's conducting has warmth, coherence, and authority."

A pre-opera lecture will be presented one hour prior to the performance in the lobby of the Artemus Ham Concert Hall. The opera will include a cast and chorus of 100. Mark Rucker from New York will perform the Count di Luna; Edna Garabanian as Azucena from San Francisco; Suzanne Farace as Inez, Richard de Franco as Ruiz and Francesco Sorianello as Ferrando. Farace and de Franco are Las Vegas artists and Sorianello resides in Los Angeles where he is an active artist with the Los Angeles Opera Company and the Palm Springs Opera.

Tickets are now on sale at Bullocks Customer Service, Burk Gal'ry in Boulder City and the Nevada Opera Theatre Office located at 3430 East Flamingo Road, Suite 220. Tickets are priced at \$7.50 for students, senior citizens, military and handicapped; \$10, \$14.50, \$25.00. For information and reservations, call 451-6331

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