

Guildford Opera Company Presents

GEORGES BIZET



The Pearl Fishers



The Holy Trinity Church, High Street, Guildford

7pm Wed 18, Fri 20, 6pm Sat 21 June 2025

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Sometime during the 20th century in Bahrain, a village community flourishes between the burning sands and the harsh waves of the Gulf. Their chief, Nourabad, has just been succeeded in a democratic vote by Zurga, a wealthy hunter recently returned from his travels. Reunited with his former close friend, Nadir, their bond is strained by mutual love for the beautiful priestess, Leïla. The scene is set for a clash of competing worlds, a compromised friendship and a love triangle.

The celebrated Pearl Fishers Duet, 'Au fond du temple saint', is one of the favourites of the operatic repertoire; it is matched throughout by Bizet's exquisite melodies and feel for musical drama.

Sung in English with subtitles, and fully staged with a chamber orchestra in Guildford's atmospheric Holy Trinity Church, this is a rare opportunity to see a bold re-interpretation of a classic work.



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