

Bear Valley Music Festival
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**BEAR VALLEY MUSIC FESTIVAL
ISSUES CASTING CALL – FOR A DONKEY**

The Bear Valley Music Festival, one of California's premiere musical events, is looking for a very special donkey who has always dreamed of being in an opera.

As one of its stellar presentations, the festival is staging Gaetano Donizetti's hilarious comic opera "The Elixir of Love." A central figure in the plot is Dr. Dulcamara, described as a picturesque and loquacious quack who peddles his wonderful remedy guaranteed to cure all ills. When asked if he also sells a love potion the charlatan quickly says yes and the die is cast.

To hawk his wares, Dr. Dulcamara employs a loveable donkey to pull his cart of miracles. Hence, the casting call.

"We know that somewhere in this equine paradise there is just the right animal to play this role," states the festival's Executive Director Caroline Schirato. "We promise he or she will be well treated as are all of our performers."

The opera will be presented Saturday evening August 8 in the festival's acoustically designed temporary building nestled in the cool mountains of Bear Valley.

Any interested donkey should have his or her agent contact Schirato at 753-2574. The festival is an equal opportunity employer.

The Bear Valley Music Festival will be staged July 25 though August 9 amid the majestic beauty of the Sierras off California State Highway 4 just beyond the Calaveras County border.

Tickets are now on sale and may be ordered by visiting the festival website at www.bearvalleymusic.org or by calling toll free (800) 458-1618.

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