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Flanigan to lead Schwartz's 'Seance'

New opera runs Sept. 26 - Oct. 4

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Opera star [Lauren Flanigan](#) will topline the world preem of the new opera by [Stephen Schwartz](#) ("Wicked"), "[Seance on a Wet Afternoon](#)," in a production helmed by the composer's son, [Scott Schwartz](#) ("Golda's Balcony").

Show, produced by Opera Santa Barbara and exec produced by Michael Jackowitz, is based on the 1961 novel and its 1964 screen adaptation. Flanigan, who appeared in a City Opera showcase of the developing opera in May, will play a psychic who becomes entangled in a kidnapping.

Also in the cast are Kim Josephson, Hila Plitman, John Kimberling and Craig Hart, among others.

"[Seance](#)" runs Sept. 26-Oct. 4 at the Grenada Theater in Santa Barbara.