

The Magic Flute

Cerritos Center

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- Luz del Alba as Queen of the Night

When [Whitney Houston](#) (pre-crack) sang “Queen of the Night” for her hit film *The Bodyguard* in a metallic outfit, you thought you’d heard all you needed to determine she was the supreme monarch of after-hours rock. But don’t go handing over the tiara quite yet —the original diva supreme, *Astrofiammante*, is clinging to her crown with a vengeance. She’s [Mozart](#)’s famed character and the original **Queen of the Night from the 1791 masterpiece *The Magic Flute*** . **And this time she’s being played by [Luz del Alba Rubio](#), a talented **soprano** with a vocal range that makes Ms. Houston’s look like a child humming nursery rhymes. Need proof? Go watch the opera classic being performed live at the [Cerritos Center](#) this Sunday. You’ll hear the true queen sing “*Der Hölle Rache*,” one of the most complex and spectacular pieces of music ever created and also get the bonus of ogling elaborate costumes, witnessing a timeless tale of love and experiencing a bit of old world entertainment transformed to suit these modern times.**

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