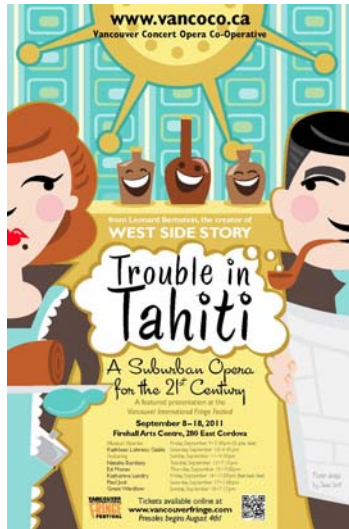


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Vancouver Concert Opera Co-Operative presents

A featured presentation at the
2011 Vancouver International Fringe Festival

From the creator of *WEST SIDE STORY*

Trouble in Tahiti

Suburban Opera for the 21st Century

Score and libretto by **Leonard Bernstein**
Musical Direction by **Kathleen Lohrenz Gable**

8 Performances from September 8 - 18, 2011

Media Opening: Friday, September 9th at 5:00pm

IN BRIEF: Vancouver Concert Opera Co-Operative presents *Trouble in Tahiti* by Leonard Bernstein ~ a featured presentation at the 2011 Vancouver International Fringe Festival. 8 performances at the Firehall Arts Centre (280 E. Cordova St.) between September 8 and 18th, 2011 (**MEDIA OPENING: Fri. September 9th at 5pm**). Advance tickets, and exact dates and times available beginning August 4th online at vancouverfringe.com. \$10 Weekday and Weekend Late Night / \$12 Weekends before 10pm.

VANCOUVER, B.C. — With past performances described as “***riveting, passionate, poignant and totally satisfying***” (Opera Canada 2011) this is a show not to be missed! A suburban opera for the 21 century. Join our hip Greek chorus (**Katherine Landry, Paul Just, Grant Wardlow**) as they observe a day in the life of Sam (**Ed Moran**) and Dinah (**Natalie Burdeny**), two Vancouverites who are desperately unhappy, lonely for love, and unable to communicate. Will they find a way to resolve their issues and live happily ever after? The jazz influenced score by Leonard Bernstein, creator of *West Side Story*, will leave you? Come and find out!

Vancouver Concert Opera Co-Operative (“VanCOCO”) is “***all about the music***”. We offer unique operatic experiences to our audiences, focussing solely on the beauty of the music. As a co-operative, we gather teams of creative minds, seasoned industry professionals, and top-notch vocalists to produce events that bring the highest standard of musical excellence to the concert and theatrical stages.

Musical Direction by **Kathleen Lohrenz Gable** | Featuring **Natalie Burdeny** (Contralto), **Ed Moran** (Baritone), **Katherine Landry** (Mezzo Soprano), **Paul Just** (Tenor), **Grant Wardlow** (Tenor) | Lighting Design **Philip Schulze** | Stage Manager **Anthony Wade-Cooper** | Assistant Stage Manager **Wayne Gilbert** | Videographer **Alan Maldonado** | Photographer **Vince Hemingson** | Graphic Design **Jana Curl**

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