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MiraCosta College Symphony Orchestra: “Carmina Burana”

7:30 p.m. Saturday; 3 p.m. Sunday at MiraCosta College Concert Hall, 1 Barnard Drive, [Oceanside](#). miracosta.edu/buytix

Thanks to movie trailers, TV commercials and the Internet, Carl Orff’s “Carmina Burana” cantata might be one of the most-familiar but least-known works in the concert repertoire. Conductor Branden Muresan hopes to shed a little more light on the masterpiece this weekend with two performances at MiraCosta College in Oceanside. “Carmina Burana” is best-known for its three-minute finale “O Fortuna,” a cacophonous mix of chanting choirs, pounding drums, clashing cymbals and cascading trumpets that’s been used repeatedly — and often amusingly — in films with battle, supernatural and religious themes. *PAM KRAGEN*