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OPERA COLUMBUS ANNOUNCES 2014-15 SEASON

Subscriptions go on sale today

Opera Columbus today announced the lineup for its 2014-15 season, premiering the first season in Opera Columbus history to present all locally produced productions. Opera Columbus opens the season with a never-been-done-before collaboration with BalletMet and the Columbus Symphony and Chorus to present the world premiere of *Twisted*, an all-original work written and directed by Crystal Manich, featuring dancers, singers, and musicians from all three organizations on stage together for the first time.

The 2014-15 season also boasts the Columbus premiere of soprano superstar Elizabeth Futral in her role debut as Elle in *La Voix Humaine*, as well as performing the role of Nedda in *Pagliacci*.

The 2014-15 Opera Columbus subscription includes:

Opera Columbus, BalletMet, and the Columbus Symphony present *TWISTED* WORLD PREMIERE

Written and directed by Crystal Manich
Thursday, September 25, 7:30pm
Friday, September 26, 8pm
Saturday, September 27, 8pm
Sunday, September 28, 1pm
Ohio Theatre (39 E. State St.)

In an unprecedented collaboration, more than 200 artists from Opera Columbus, BalletMet, and the Columbus Symphony and Chorus join forces in the must-see arts event of the season. A brilliant integration of singers, dancers, musicians, and a guest narrator will come together on stage to reveal one man's twisted life story through dance premieres from five of today's hottest choreographers set to a feast of classical music from beloved operas including *La Bohème*, *The Magic Flute*, *Il Trovatore*, *Don Giovanni*, *Carmen*, and more.

Mozart's *THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO*

Wednesday, March 4, 2015, 7:30pm (preview)
Friday, March 6, 2015, 8pm
Sunday, March 8, 2015, 2 pm
Southern Theatre (21 E. Main St.)

A carnally minded count, his neglected wife, their wily servants, and a young page that falls in love with every woman he sees, Mozart's greatest comedy contains a cornucopia of wonderfully flawed and human characters that will amuse and delight. Performed in English with the Columbus Symphony.

***LA VOIX HUMAINE* and *PAGLIACCI* with soprano Elizabeth Futral**

Wednesday, June 3, 2015, 7:30pm (preview)

Friday, June 5, 2015, 8pm

Sunday, June 7, 2015, 2pm

Southern Theatre (21 E. Main St.)

In Poulenc's *La Voix Humaine*, a desperate woman is shunned by her lover over the phone and stumbles through a minefield of emotions towards an uncertain fate. This captivating, 40-minute monodrama is performed in French with English SURTITLES.

In the powerful and gut-wrenching *Pagliacci*, Canio and Nedda are members of a traveling troupe of players and also husband and wife, but Nedda yearns to escape with her secret lover. Canio knows the show must go on and achingly laments his wife's infidelity in the famous aria "Vesti la giubba" ("Put on the Costume") while painting on the smiling clown face of his character, Pagliaccio. In the end, Canio creates his own tragic ending to the troupe's performance. Sung in Italian with English SURTITLES, this production is a collaboration with The Ohio State University and performed with the Columbus Symphony.

Elizabeth Futral has established herself as one of the major coloratura sopranos in the world today with her stunning vocalism and vast dramatic range. She will make her role debut of Elle in *La Voix Humaine* and will also perform the role of Nedda in *Pagliacci*.

Subscriptions range from \$76-\$224 per person and go on sale today. They can be purchased at the CAPA Ticket Center (39 E. State St.) or by phone at (614) 469-0939.

In addition, Opera Columbus will continue Opera on the Edge, its successful, innovative collaboration with Shadowbox Live, transforming another classic opera into an immersive, interactive, and highly accessible experience in a casual environment. Featuring local artists in an abridged, English-language adaptation, this collaboration has expanded in the 2014-15 season to include two performances at The Refectory.

Opera Columbus and Shadowbox Live present *PAGLIACCI*

Shadowbox Live's Backstage Bistro (503 S. Front St.)

October 12-November 2, 2014

Saturdays at 4pm & Sundays at 5pm

The Refectory Restaurant & Bistro (1092 Bethel Rd.)

October 16 & 17, 2014, 6pm

Experience Opera Columbus' presentation of *Pagliacci* as an hour-long, abridged, English-version performance in one of Columbus' best casual and comfortable environments. "Crazed clown murders wife in front of live audience!" Find out what the headlines are all about, then immerse yourself in the fully staged, Italian language version the following summer.

Tickets to Shadowbox performances are \$10 and can be purchased by calling Shadowbox at 614.416.7625.

Refectory tickets are \$90 and include a four-course dinner with a pre-set menu (beverages, tax, and gratuity not included). Held in the Choir Loft. Seating is limited to the first 36 guests. Reservations required by calling 614.451.9774.

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About Opera Columbus

Established in 1981, Opera Columbus enriches central Ohio by educating, enlightening, and entertaining people of all ages and backgrounds through the live music theatre experience, employing a diverse repertoire of creative talent, ideas, and artistic energies. For more information, visit www.OperaColumbus.org.

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