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OPERA COLUMBUS' "OPERA ON THE EDGE" REVIVES ABRIDGED, ENGLISH VERSION OF PUCCINI'S *LA BOHÈME*

Opera Columbus continues its innovative Opera on the Edge program in the 2016-17 season, presenting an hour-long, abridged, English-language adaptation of Giacomo Puccini's *La Bohème*. Opera on the Edge performances are designed to provide an introduction to opera for those who have no experience with the art form or who may not be inclined to attend a traditional opera performance in a theatre.

Opera Columbus' Opera on the Edge presents a modern take on one of the most popular operas of all time, Puccini's *La Bohème*. Experience the passionate and stormy relationship between the penniless Rodolfo and Mimi through the vision of librettist Joel Ivany, specially engaged by Opera Columbus for this intimate production. Directed by Shadowbox Live's Stev Guyer, cast with emerging artists and local performers, and performed in English, this modern and emotional production pushes the boundaries of opera and how it relates to our fast-paced world.

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

Saturday, October 15, 4pm
Sunday, October 16, 5pm
Saturday, October 22, 4pm
Sunday, October 23, 5pm
Saturday, October 29, 4pm
Sunday, October 30, 5pm
Saturday, November 5, 4pm
Sunday, November 6, 5pm
Saturday, November 12, 4pm
Sunday, November 13, 5pm

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

The Refectory Restaurant & Bistro (1092 Bethel Rd.)

Monday, October 17, 6pm
Friday, October 28, 6pm
Friday, November 4, 6pm

Monday, November 21, 6pm
Monday, December 5, 6pm

Refectory tickets are \$95 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 are required by calling 614.451.9774.

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About Opera Columbus

Under the vision of Artistic Director Peggy Kriha Dye, Opera Columbus is redefining the concept of regional opera with world-class, original productions that celebrate extraordinary young talent and artistic collaboration, engaging a new, diverse audience for this most magnificent of art forms. 2016-17 will mark the debut of a collaboration with the Artist Diploma for Opera Studies (ADOS) program at The Juilliard School, which will bring exceptional Juilliard ADOS artists to perform in Opera Columbus' mainstage productions. For more information, visit www.OperaColumbus.org.

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