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## **Opera Columbus and Capital University Announce Partnership, One of a Kind Resident Artist Program**

**Opera Columbus Capital University Resident Artist Program offers four singers and one coach/pianist a nine-month residency in Columbus beginning in the fall of 2019**

**(Columbus, OH)** – Opera Columbus and Capital University have announced a new partnership with the launch of the Opera Columbus Capital University Resident Artist Program. The Columbus residency will span from the fall of 2019 through spring 2020.

During the residency, artists will join Opera Columbus to perform roles in mainstage productions, educational tours, and be part of community engagement opportunities. They will also teach with the voice area faculty, perform recitals, and expand their repertoire at Capital University.

“Through this partnership with Capital University, we are able to mentor and promote the next generation of great artists, which is vital to the Opera Columbus mission,” stated Opera Columbus General and Artistic Director Peggy Kriha Dye. “The Resident Artist Program will be a unique opportunity for young artists to refine their skills and enhance their resumes.”

“For generations, Capital’s Conservatory of Music has been a dynamic partner, enhancing the cultural life of the Columbus Community and our students,” said Lynn Roseberry, Capital’s Acting Dean of the Conservatory. “We believe this new partnership with Opera Columbus will continue this long tradition. By expanding our co-curricular and community offerings through this exciting collaboration, we hope to enrich the artistic life of our city; afford our students new opportunities to refine their talents; and offer meaningful experiences that will inspire meaningful lives and careers.”

The program is expected to boost local and national interest and recognition for Opera Columbus, Capital University and the City of Columbus. Opera Columbus aims to see an increase in local support from the community and expects Columbus to be a destination for young talent, benefiting local arts organizations and drawing in audiences outside of Ohio.

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Selected artists will be able to experience an ample amount of opportunities through the program. With Opera Columbus, artists will perform for more than 13,000 students throughout Central Ohio as part of its “Opera Goes to School” program and perform and cover mainstage roles. In addition to serving as voice teachers at Capital University, artists will stand as mentors to the undergraduate students in the music program and perform a recital and scenes from opera/musical theater as needed to expand repertoire and student mentorship.

Opera Columbus will post the online application on [YAPTracker.com](http://YAPTracker.com) – an online resource universally used for young artists. Eligible artists should have completed a master’s degree or have comparable professional experience and must demonstrate a desire for teaching as well as performing.

Auditions for applicants will take place on April 13 at Capital University’s Huntington Recital Hall, and April 25-26 at Opera America’s National Opera Center in New York, NY. Competitive payment will be provided for each artist throughout the duration of the nine-month contract. Housing accommodations will also be made available for artists through Capital University.

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#### **About Opera Columbus**

Under the vision of General and 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. Opera Columbus’ Opera Goes to School program reaches more than 13,000 students each year, and its community engagement programs serve the community each season with multiple productions infusing local artists. In addition, Opera Columbus’ annual Cooper-Bing Competition draws top vocalists from around the world to Columbus to compete for a grand prize of \$10,000. For more information, visit [www.OperaColumbus.org](http://www.OperaColumbus.org), Facebook: [www.facebook.com/OperaColumbus](http://www.facebook.com/OperaColumbus), or Twitter: @OperaColumbus.

#### **About Capital University**

Located in Columbus, Ohio, Capital University is a comprehensive, private university centered in contemporary Lutheran values offering undergraduate, graduate and continuing education programs in the liberal arts, sciences and professions. Its expansive Conservatory of Music offers a range of bachelor’s and master’s studies including composition, jazz, music education, music technology, performance, and more. Since its founding in 1830 and charter as a university in 1850, Capital has been an agent in shaping engaged citizens and purposeful leaders who improve their industries, communities and society. For more information, visit [www.capital.edu](http://www.capital.edu).