

Make it yours.

2018-2019

SEASON
OVERVIEW



Opera
Columbus

A note from the desk of General and Artistic Director

Peggy Kriha Dye

Our mantra of “Make it yours” confronts any traditional expectations and preconceived ideas of opera. Dress up or dress down, visit the bourbon bar, and experience something new! This season offers everything from a classic to a world premiere to the off the wall!

Madama Butterfly, with its all-women creative team, will tell a classic story with a modern sensitivity.

The Flood, a new work co-produced and co-commissioned with ProMusica Chamber Orchestra, boldly dives into the history of Columbus through the emotional storytelling of Stephen Wadsworth and the composition of Korine Fujiwara.

Our final collaboration of the season is with Byron Stripling and the Columbus Jazz Orchestra, *Opera Swings Jazz*. This exciting presentation will be a fusion of genres: it’s not opera, it’s not jazz... it’s both at the same time. The art will be high and the fun will be infectious!!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peggy Kriha Dye', written in a cursive style.



The New Opera Columbus

Gone are the days of formality and unspoken rules. At Opera Columbus we're out to refresh – to breathe new life – into the way opera is performed and presented. The new logo is composed of two elements: the O and the C. The O is angled backward and shown in black to reference a musical whole note. The C is raspberry, to reflect the energy and vibrancy of Columbus. It illustrates what makes opera so special here: the inextricable link it has to the city, with its fresh, open and innovative attitude, and its diverse residents. To visually reinforce this connection, the two elements are linked together.

Madama Butterfly



A contemporary approach to the classic, heartbreaking tale of a woman abandoned by the man she loves. An all-women creative team brings a fresh vision to Puccini's *Madama Butterfly*, in a modern, tradition-breaking interpretation of this beloved work.

This is a first-time collaboration with the OSU Dance Department and features the Columbus Symphony Orchestra.

SOUTHERN THEATRE

SEP 28, 2018 at 7:30PM

SEP 30, 2018 at 2PM



The Flood



World premiere! Co-commissioned by Opera Columbus and ProMusica Chamber Orchestra, Composed by Korine Fujiwara with a libretto by Stephen Wadsworth, *The Flood* tells a story of human connection through loss and shared tragedy, centered around the devastation of Columbus' Franklinton neighborhood in the Great Flood of 1913.

The commissioning of Korine Fujiwara for *The Flood* received funding from OPERA America's Opera Grants for Female Composers program, supported by the Virginia B. Toulmin Foundation.

The production of *The Flood* received funding from OPERA America's Opera Fund.



THE COLUMBUS FOUNDATION
**COLUMBUS
PERFORMING
ARTS PRIZE**

THE NATIONAL OPERA CENTER
AMERICA

SOUTHERN THEATRE

FEB 8, 2019 at 7:30PM

FEB 9, 2019 at 7:30PM

FEB 10, 2019 at 2PM



Opera Swings Jazz

Building on its vision of innovation and creativity, Opera Columbus has created a unique and exciting mash-up of opera and jazz.

Not to be missed, this production is a concert in collaboration with the Jazz Arts Group, combining the incredible sounds of these two art forms. Opera Columbus hired an arranger to create one-of-a-kind music in a ground-breaking interpretation of your favorite jazz standards.

SOUTHERN THEATRE

APR 12, 2019 at 7:30PM

APR 14, 2019 at 2PM



Events Calendar

MADAMA BUTTERFLY

SEP 28, 2018 at 7:30PM + SEP 30, 2018 at 2PM | *SOUTHERN THEATRE*

THE FLOOD

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SOUTHERN THEATRE

OPERA SWINGS JAZZ

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OPERA GALA

MAR 7, 2019 | *VUE COLUMBUS*

THE COOPER-BING COMPETITION

MAY 5, 2019 at 2PM | *SOUTHERN THEATRE*

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