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Opera Columbus presents Nina West
Columbus' dynamic performer makes her debut at the Southern Theatre
Presenting Sponsor: Cardinal Health
Tickets go on sale Nov. 25

Columbus, Ohio—Opera Columbus rolls out the red carpet at the Southern Theatre on June 13, 2020 for ***Opera Columbus presents Nina West***, featuring a brand-new show where drag meets opera. This is the first time Nina West will perform at the Southern Theatre. **Tickets will go on sale to the general public on Nov. 25 at 12 p.m.**

Tickets for *Opera Columbus presents Nina West* are priced \$25-\$55, and special packages are available for \$110 and \$135.

- **VIP Package**, \$110, includes premium seat, champagne reception and meet and greet
- **SuperFan Package**, \$135, includes premium seat, champagne reception, meet and greet and photo opportunity with Nina West

Tickets can be purchased at the CAPA Ticket Office, (614) 469-0939, 39 East State St., and www.ticketmaster.com.

Cardinal Health is the Presenting Sponsor of *Opera Columbus presents Nina West*. Jessie Cannon, Vice President of Community Relations at Cardinal Health, said, "At Cardinal Health, we are committed to diversity and inclusion, and to creating a place where all employees can bring 100 percent of themselves to work every day to foster creativity and new ideas. We're proud to support this new event showcasing the talents of Nina West, a great LGBTQ advocate and supporter of LGBTQ organizations."

About Nina West:

Nina West is an American drag queen, actor, and singer based in Columbus, Ohio, portrayed by Andrew Levitt. She rose to national prominence with her appearance on *RuPaul's Drag Race* Season 11, where she placed sixth and won Miss Congeniality. She made history at the 71st

Primetime Emmy Awards in September 2019 when she became the first-ever person to walk the carpet in full drag, while her season of *RuPaul's Drag Race* won five Primetime Emmy Awards, including Best Reality Competition Show. In June 2019, *New York* magazine named West one of the top 100 Most Powerful Drag Queens in America. On November 8, she released her first Christmas EP, *The West Christmas Ever*, featuring Disney legend Jim Cummings. She has produced over 35 mainstage production shows. West hosts the annual "Heels of Horror" show at Axis Nightclub, and has also hosted the competition "So You Think You Can Drag?" In 2008, she won the Entertainer of the Year award, and was included in *Columbus Business First's* "40 Under 40" list in 2018. Nina is an LGBTQ advocate, and has raised over \$2 million for charitable causes in the last decade alone with her charitable foundation, The Nina West Foundation.

About Opera Columbus

Under the vision of General + Artistic Director Peggy Kriha Dye, Opera Columbus is redefining the concept of regional opera with world-class productions that celebrate extraordinary talent and artistic partnerships, engaging a new, diverse audience for this most magnificent of artforms. From groundbreaking collaborations to innovative and breathtaking productions, Opera Columbus is passionate about creating artistic moments for each and every patron. Opera Columbus' slogan, "Make It Yours," demonstrates the company's commitment to inclusivity, and invites everyone in the community to join with us. For more information, visit www.OperaColumbus.org, Facebook: www.facebook.com/OperaColumbus, Instagram: [Opera.Columbus](https://www.instagram.com/OperaColumbus) or Twitter: [@OperaColumbus](https://twitter.com/OperaColumbus).

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