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Crane Directing Fellowship

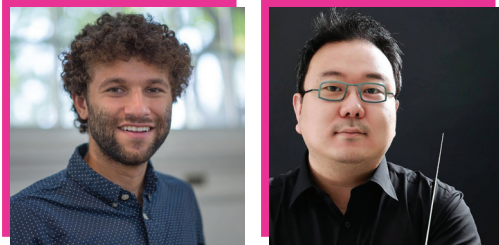


SARAH DAHNKE
2022-23 Crane
Directing Fellow

JULIA ROSA SOSA
2022-23 Crane
Directing
Observership Fellow

**BRANDON SHAW
McKNIGHT**
2023-24 Crane
Directing Fellow

Opera Columbus + Ohio State University Conducting Fellowship



MALIK KHALFANI
2022-23 Assistant
Conducting Fellow

JAE-HYEONG PARK
2022-23 Conducting
Observership Fellow

Cooper-Bing Competition



GABRIELLE BETEAG
2023 Cooper-Bing Competition
First Place Winner

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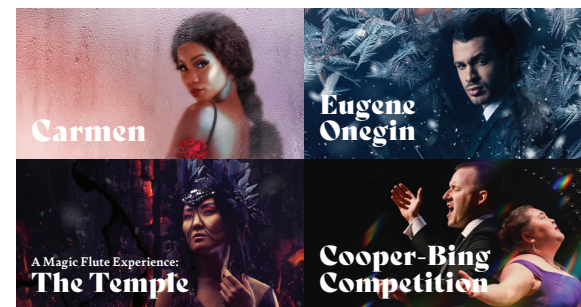
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Up Next

Her Story, Her Vision

We're thrilled our 2023-24 season highlights the different aspects of the struggles that women face: in love, in fighting prejudice, and in making women's voices heard. Beyond the stage, all three mainstage productions will be directed by women. We believe that opera is for everyone, and we are proud to showcase the power and perspectives of women on and off the stage through our upcoming season with *Carmen*; *Eugene Onegin*; and *A Magic Flute Experience: The Temple*.

PS. Make Next Season Yours!



Season subscriptions are on sale
at operacolumbus.org

Make Your Impact Today

- \$100** With a gift of **\$100**, you provide community activities for the youngest opera fans to engage in when they visit our productions.
- \$250** Your gift of **\$250** guarantees that Opera Columbus can continue to reach all members of the community through diverse productions and programming.
- \$500** Your gift of **\$500** provides one classroom with the chance to explore the art of opera with emerging artists.
- \$750** With your gift of **\$750**, you support the journey of opera's future stars on the stage.
- \$1000** With your gift of **\$1000**, you support incredible costumes so our characters look their best on stage.
- \$2500** Your gift of **\$2500** helps underwrite an amazing performer in a lead or supporting role.

Help Us Hit a High Note by Donating Today



Your gift today sets the stage for **Opera Columbus**





A Groundbreaking Season to Remember!

2022-23 OPERA STATS

Because of Your Generosity...

Dear OC Fans + Friends

The applause this time of year is for you! Because of **your GENEROSITY** this season, we provided Columbus with a groundbreaking season of opera performances and meaningful partnerships, and elevated artists and our community. With production costs rising 20% this season, help us set the stage for Opera Columbus with a donation today.

The applause this time of year is for the **more than 750 ARTISTS** Opera Columbus employed this season. We employed vocalists, instrumentalists, costume designers, directors, stagehands, accountants, graphic designers, and interns (to name just a few!) from across the city and across the country. This translates into a huge economic impact for Columbus while making incredible ART for everyone, from the opera-curious to the longtime opera lover.

The applause this time of year is for **the KIDS!** This season Opera Columbus welcomed hundreds of children to our mainstage performances and to our community programming at COSI, the Columbus Metropolitan Library, and local schools. The students and families we met this year were excited to learn and engage with the world around them. Thank YOU for making it possible.

The applause this time of year is for our **ROCKSTAR community partners.** When Opera Columbus partners with our fellow local

organizations, we create new friends and new programming. Our favorite part about our partnerships is finding ways to elevate what our partners do day-in and day-out.

The applause this time of year is for our **patrons, like YOU**, who were a part of our unique opera moments this season. We created a first-class opera that was accessible to families (*Cinderella*), produced the first-ever opera in Columbus performed in Spanish (*Maria de Buenos Aires*), and welcomed grand-scale opera back to the Ohio Theatre (*Rigoletto*, in collaboration with the Columbus Symphony). This season was a labor of love, and we appreciate all the love we received in return.

The applause this time of year is for the **FUTURE of Opera Columbus.** Thank you for being a part of this memorable season! We celebrate you and we look forward to seeing you again soon.

Sincerely,

Femi Adeyanju

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Board Chair

Julia Noulin-Mérat

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General Director + CEO



“Thank you, [Opera Columbus], for providing a home for new opera and emerging opera artists.”

JACQUELINE GOLDFINGER
Librettist of *Alice Tierney*

Community Impact

- 2 Sold-out SALON events
- 3 Careers in the Arts videos
- 2 OperaTalk segments released
- 17 Opera-isms podcasts launched
- 60 Attendees to the sold-out Fashion and Design Showcase
- 300+ Students reached in the Opera Collective CML partnership

Meaningful Partnerships

- 2 Co-productions
- 56 Local business partnerships
- 1 Co-production on a national level, designed in Columbus

New Audiences

- 39% Cinderella
- 28% Rigoletto
- 21% Maria de Buenos Aires

Economic Development

- 750+ Artists, crew, and stagehands hired
- 250+ Instrumentalists hired
- 9 Interns / High School Student Observers

Partners with:

- CAPA
- columbus symphony
- IATSE Local 12
- KAISER CONSULTING
- ProMusica CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
- Residence INN BY MARRIOTT COLUMBUS DOWNTOWN