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Indianapolis Opera Honors Yvonne Shaheen with Kathryn Taurel Woman of the Arts Award

Indianapolis...More than 300 guests attended the Indianapolis Opera Ball on November 16 to celebrate 40 years of Opera in Indianapolis and to provide support for the Opera's educational outreach program, which reaches more than 30,000 students annually in Central Indiana and throughout the state.

Community leader and arts patron Yvonne Shaheen received the newly-renamed Kathryn Taurel Woman of the Awards Award, given for her outstanding involvement with the Central Indiana arts community.

"I was excited to be honored by [Indianapolis Opera]," Mrs. Shaheen said. "I love and support the Arts so deeply and simply feel it has the power to elicit great passion and emotion through the creative telling and retelling of the many stories of our lives."

Event proceeds will support the Opera's young artist development program, the Indianapolis Opera Ensemble, which delivers operatic experiences to audiences in schools, community centers, libraries, and other venues throughout the state. These young artists also rehearse and study with guest artists and professional mentors, helping them to prepare for successful careers.

The Opera Ball's Gold Level Sponsors included Brooke Knoll Village, The Scott A. Jones Foundation, REI Real Estate Services, 21st Amendment, J Wallace Creative, Monarch Beverage and American Harvest Vodka. Silver Level Sponsors for the event were Buckingham Foundation, Chase Bank, Ice Miller, Katrina Basile, Realtor, KPMG, J Wallace Creative, Inc., Telamon Foundation, The National Bank of Indianapolis, USA Funds and Wells Capital Management.

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Editor's Note: Photo of Yvonne Shaheen attached.