

Indianapolis Opera: Presenting The Best Of Opera

Soprano Emily Birsan and Tenor Gregory Turay to Star in "La Traviata"

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 7, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- Indianapolis Opera (www.indyopera.org) opens its "Season of Delights" with one of the most beloved operas of all time, "La Traviata." No art form can surpass opera's ability to present the passion and drama found in universal stories and "La Traviata" is a superb example of this. Verdi's tale of desire, love, and redemption comes to the intimate Tarkington Theatre at the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel November 17, 18, & 19. "We are pleased and proud to welcome Indianapolis Opera back to the Tarkington," said Jeffrey C. McDermott, President/CEO of the Center for the Performing Arts. "Given our shared mission of bringing world-class performances to central Indiana audiences, this partnership is very important to us."

Indianapolis Opera's artistic vision is to present both traditional and contemporary operas that feature some of the best national and regional talent. Soprano Emily Birsan, Rising Star with Lyric Opera of Chicago and critically acclaimed for her many prominent interpretations of concert and operatic repertoire, will appear as the lead, Violetta. Indy Opera also welcomes tenor Gregory Turay, Metropolitan Opera Veteran, who appears as Alfredo. Mr. Turay has sung leading tenor at the Metropolitan Opera's productions of "Don Giovanni" and "Falstaff," and with Lyric Opera of Chicago as Rodolpho in the world premiere of "A View from the Bridge."

"We are excited to have artists of this high caliber collaborating with our company," said David Craig Starkey, Indianapolis Opera's new General Director. "Audiences will be moved by this production as they experience one of Verdi's finest masterpieces in the intimate environment of the theatre."

No opera expresses the transformative power of love more than "La Traviata." Violetta, a Parisian courtesan, transcends the haze of riches and excess by sacrificing herself to her true love. But it's just not that easy, as the audience will witness. This particular opera is great for someone who has never been to opera and, of course, it will bring back memories and enjoyment for opera lovers who have seen it many times.

All performances will be sung in Italian, with English supertitles to enhance the audience's experience.

Tickets are on sale through www.thecenterfortheperformingarts.org.

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La Traviata Rehearsal Video:

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About Indianapolis Opera: Since 1975, Indianapolis Opera has delivered the passion, excitement and art of opera throughout Indiana with compelling educational, cultural and community activities. Its mission is to educate, inspire and entertain through the creation and presentation of musical storytelling for the Hoosier community.

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