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Indianapolis Opera Announces Resident Artist Program Musical Education Program at Tindley Genesis

Indianapolis – Indianapolis Opera announces its Fall 2015 Resident Artist Program started its musical education program at Tindley Genesis, located at 25th Street and Capital Avenue.

Over the course of the multi-week afterschool program, 20 students of Tindley Genesis will work with the Resident Artists on vocal production, expression, and general theatrical conventions of character development and storytelling. Culminating in a performance for the entire Tindley Genesis student body, Resident Artists and Tindley Genesis students will perform side-by-side in an operatic adaption of Carlo Collodi's *The Adventures of Pinocchio*.

The children's opera *Pinocchio* by John Davies, showcases music from the operas of W.A. Mozart, G. Donizetti, J. Offenbach, and G.B. Pergolesi. Participating students will perform the roles of Doctor Dulcamara's puppet chorus and townspeople singing music from *Abduction from the Seraglio* by W.A. Mozart and *Orpheus in the Underworld* by J. Offenbach.

"The work that our scholars get to do with the Indianapolis Opera is Phenomenal. Seeing professionals in the field working alongside our young students is incredible. I am thrilled at the work that is being done and excited to see all of the amazing things our scholars will accomplish through work with IO," said Todd Hawks, Principal of Tindley Genesis.

"As the original multi-media art form, opera is a total immersion experience relaying stories that define and shape our humanity. While the stage is a world forum for engagement and communication, the classroom is an intimate setting nurturing the development of 21st century learning skills of critical thinking and problem solving; communication; collaboration; and creativity and innovation," said Carol Baker, Indianapolis Opera's Director of Community Engagement.

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. The Indianapolis Opera Ensemble program reaches 30,000 children and adults statewide each year, with additional performances in Michigan, Illinois and Kentucky. In 2014, the company embraced an intensive organizational assessment process to examine its business operations, gather audience feedback and understand community needs in a changing environment. One of several outcomes includes the hiring of Kevin Patterson in February 2015 as Indianapolis Opera's General Director.
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Tindley Genesis Academy is an outgrowth of the Charles A. Tindley Accelerated School—The Tindley School—Indiana's first ever accelerated school. Tindley Genesis is Indiana's first accelerated elementary with a focused concentration on music and the arts. Serving grades K-3, Tindley Genesis uses music as the vehicle to increase student achievement and engagement.