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**INDIANAPOLIS OPERA TO SHOWCASE OPERA'S RISING STARS
-Event to be Presented Jointly with Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra -**

FACT SHEET

WHAT: OPERA'S RISING STARS Concert, a co-production of Indianapolis Opera and the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra

WHO: OPERA'S RISING STARS

Finalists from the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions, Chorus & Orchestra. Performers slated to perform include:

- One of *Opera News 25 Rising Stars* in 2015 as well as a 2015 Metropolitan Opera National Council Audition winner, baritone Reginald Smith, Jr.
- 2014 Metropolitan Opera National Council Audition winner tenor Yi-Li
- 2012 Metropolitan Opera National Council Audition winner mezzo-soprano Margaret Mezzacappa
- 2013 Metropolitan Opera National Council Audition winner soprano Sydney Mancasola

WHEN: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, January 30 and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, January 31, 2016

WHERE: Schrott Center for the Arts on the campus of Butler University, Indianapolis.

WHY: To showcase the best young national and international operatic talent.

HOW: Tickets are available for the performance by calling 317-283-3531 or visiting IndyOpera.com

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 Resident Artist 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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