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Indianapolis Opera Opens Season with *La Bohème* and Return of Crowd Favorite Metropolitan Opera Tenor Gregory Turay

Production conducted by Craig Kier and directed by Benjamin Smith.

INDIANAPOLIS, IN (August 20, 2018) –Giacomo Puccini’s beloved opera, *La Bohème*, makes its return the Indianapolis Opera stage with an exciting new production, providing an intimate, classic setting with contemporary influences, emphasizing under the baton of Craig Kier and direction of Benjamin Smith, both making their Indianapolis Opera debut. Puccini’s heartbreaking tragedy will have three performances at The Tarkington at the Center for the Performing Arts, September 14, 15, 16, 2018. The production will be sung in Italian with projected English supertitles.

After astounding audiences with his dynamic performance as Alfredo in IO’s production of *La Traviata* this past year, world-renowned Metropolitan Opera tenor Gregory Turay returns to the Indianapolis Opera stage in the iconic leading role of Rodolfo. Opposite Turay will be newcomer to Indianapolis Opera, Cristina Bakhoun Sanchez, as the leading soprano, Mimì. Baritone Daniel Narducci will sing the role of Marcello, while Musetta will be sung by soprano Donata Cucinotta.

Set in the Latin Quarter of mid-nineteenth century Paris, *La Bohème* follows a group of young artists during the height of the Bohémian movement. Focusing on the relationships and daily struggles of Rodolfo, the idealistic young poet, Mimì, the young seamstress, and their friends, Puccini’s adaptation of the classic Henri Murger novel *Scènes de la vie de bohème* beautifully displays the romantic idealism and the tragic circumstances that shaped the Bohémian lifestyle. The stunning score brings to life the love and passion the characters experience while enduring the daily struggles that make such love seem all together impossible.

Tickets:

Season subscription packages are available now and can be purchased online at indyopera.org, by calling 317.283.3531, by mail, and in person at the Basile Opera Center, 4011 N. Pennsylvania St. Season subscription packages range from \$62 to \$154.80.

Single tickets can be purchased at The Tarkington at the Center for the Performing Arts, online at indyopera.org, at by calling 317-843-3800 and range from \$35 to \$86. Groups of 10 or more save 10% of single ticket prices, call 317-283-3531 ext. 1003.

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