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This tomorrow is what the Indianapolis Opera is building, a 21st century organization with the vision to be an artistic and cultural cornerstone by presenting both traditional and contemporary stories in intimate settings, showcasing the best national and regional talent, demonstrating the power of beautiful singing and captivating storytelling from around the world.

The Indianapolis Opera strives to focus on a great revival in the new classical music world which inspires all people. Over 122 years after this opera's first performance, *Tosca* delivers a powerful relevance for today's challenging themes of revolution, social classes, and the abuse of power. Even though this production will be performed in the period in which it originated, a modern message will still arise. The stories that we produce continue to surprise me, revealing how each generation struggles with the conflicts of life, while learning the genuine meaning of love, inclusion, and forgiveness.

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NOVEMBER 11, 12, and 13, 2022

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Angela Brown Floria Tosca

Gregory Turay Mario Cavaradossi Andrew Potter Baron Scarpia

Austin Siebert Cesare Angelotti

Rick Purvis Sacristan
Brandon Lockhart* Spoletta
Dalton Woody* Sciarrone

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Christine Boddicker* Shepherd Boy/Chorus
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Tosca Synopsis

Act I

Cesare Angelotti, an escaped political prisoner, seeks refuge in the Attavanti chapel. Mario Cavaradossi arrives to continue his painting of Mary Magdalene, which bears a striking resemblance to Angelotti's sister, the Marchesa Attavanti, who he has seen praying. Cavaradossi discovers Angelotti and quickly hides him as singer Floria Tosca, his lover, approaches. Tosca recognizes the Marchesa in Cavaradossi's painting and is overcome by jealousy, suspicious of her lover and the inspiration behind his artwork, but he assures her of his fidelity before she departs. While discussing their next move, Cavaradossi and Angelotti hear a cannon signaling that the police have uncovered his escape, so they rush to the painter's villa. Chief of police, Baron Scarpia, comes to the chapel in search of the political prisoner, and Tosca returns to speak with Cavaradossi. Scarpia shows Tosca the fan imprinted with the Attavanti family crest that he has found among the artist's belongings and cleverly convinces her of Cavaradossi's unfaithfulness. Tosca vows vengeance against her lover and leaves. Scarpia dispatches his men to follow her home, hoping she will lead them to Angelotti.

Act II

While Scarpia eats dinner in an upper apartment of the Farnese palace, his spy, Spoletta, arrives with Cavaradossi in custody. Scarpia interrogates Cavaradossi, as Tosca can be heard singing at the Gala downstairs. Scarpia sends for Tosca, who arrives just as Cavaradossi is taken away to be tortured. Scarpia turns his interrogation to Tosca, who, frightened by Scarpia and the torturous the screams of her lover, reveals Angelotti's hiding place. Furious and betrayed, Cavaradossi is taken to prison to await execution. Now alone, Scarpia offers to stage Cavaradossi's death and ensure his safe return in exchange for a night with Tosca. Tosca struggles to fight off his advances and calls on God for help. Suddenly, Spoletta rushes in with news that Angelotti has taken his own life to avoid capture. Faced with an impossible decision, Tosca reluctantly agrees to Scarpia's plan. Scarpia orders Spoletta to carry out the mock execution and writes a letter ensuring Tosca and Cavaradossi's safe passage out of the city. Scarpia advances on Tosca, who stabs the Baron and flees to her imprisoned lover, letter in hand.

Act III

Cavaradossi is overcome with despair as he awaits death. Tosca arrives at the prison and shares the plan with Cavaradossi. When the firing squad arrives to take him to his execution, Tosca urges her lover to convincingly fake his death. After the soldiers fire and depart, Tosca urges Cavaradossi to hurry, but he is unresponsive and motionless. She realizes Scarpia's betrayal as his men arrive to arrest her, forcing her to take fate into her own hands.

Director's Notes by James Marvel

Puccini's *Tosca* commands respect and announces its greatness from the opening chords of the opera. It is both dramatic and grandiose, as the audience is immediately immersed in the politically charged city of Rome in 1800. The Napoleonic wars are raging, and the entirety of the opera's action takes place in less than a single day, making it an urgent and intense theatrical experience. The score is filled with musical motifs that represent different characters, themes, or ideas throughout the story. Not a single word or note is wasted. Every word that is sung and every note that is played is essential. Everything is intentional, crucial, vital, and necessary. Nothing is left to chance. It is meticulously planned. And Puccini has no qualms or reservations about manipulating the audience's feelings and emotions in the most adept and skillful of ways.

I believe that Act 2 of Tosca is the most perfectly written, composed, and paced act in all of opera. It is therefore my favorite act in the entirety of the operatic cannon to direct. The psychological and emotional manipulation that the villain Scarpia enacts upon Tosca demonstrates the extent to which pure evil and cruelty can be wrapped up in refined manners and expertly tailored velvety coats and garments. For Scarpia, there is a libidinous sensuality to the game of breaking another human. Were Tosca simply to admit the secret she carries from the moment she enters, the point of the game would be lost. The cruelty is the point. Yet, Tosca is no victim. Quite the opposite, in fact. Even in the moments of most extreme violence, Tosca always believes that there is a way to be saved or to save herself. Perhaps she believes that God may save her. Or that Mario may save her. Or that her cries for help will be heard by someone. In the absence of this, Tosca takes action and fights back. She never surrenders. And while she does give up the secret she holds under extreme duress, she still believes that there will be a way to stop her own torture and that of her beloved Cavaradossi.

As a director, I need to be able to demonstrate the sensuality of the act convincingly. So, how do I achieve that from a technical standpoint in my use of stagecraft? To achieve this, I have played with the idea that Scarpia experiences an exhilaration from his five senses that goes far beyond what a normal human might experience. His sense of smell is acute. His sense of taste is refined almost beyond imagination. He experiences food and flavor on a level we cannot imagine. The temperature of his food must be perfect. He derives an exquisite pleasure from drinking his wine that courses throughout his entire body. The sensorial stimulation he derives from the feeling of the velvet on his coat is intoxicating. The works of art that adorn his room should stimulate and satiate his visual appetite for the human form and depictions of torture and suffering. When he hears Tosca's voice singing from offstage before her entrance, the vibrations of her sound resonate profoundly on a neurological level. He can smell Tosca enter the room before he sees her. And once she does enter, all of these extremes of emotion must be restrained momentarily with the semblance of grace, manners, formality, and a demeanor of respect.



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Soprano ANGELA BROWN's multi-genre career has been lauded on the front page of The New York Times, CNN, CBS, in Oprah Magazine and Reader's Digest. With classical and pops engagements spanning six continents, Angela has graced the leading opera and symphonic stages of the world including Lincoln Center, The Kennedy Center, National Opera of Paris, Vienna State Opera, Capetown (South Africa) Opera, Deutsche Oper Berlin, Edmonton

Opera, Calgary Philharmonic, Shanghai World Expo, Moscow Performing Arts Center, The Metropolitan Opera, Bilbao Opera, Teatro La Fenice, Hamburg Opera, Opera Philadelphia, Cincinnati Opera, Pittsburgh Opera, and more. She has performed in recital throughout the United States, Canada, Spain, New Zealand, and Africa. Angela's vocal artistry is featured on the two-time Grammy Award® winning recording "Ask Your Mama" and is the inspiration for multiple new works. American composer Richard Danielpour set the poetry of Dr. Maya Angelou to create the song cycle, "A Woman's Life," that Angela recorded for the Naxos label with Nashville Symphony Orchestra. The opera roles of Addie Parker in Daniel Schneider's Charlie Parker's Yardbird and Cilla in Richard Danielpour's Margaret Garner were both written for, premiered by, and reprised many times by Angela. Angela's most recent endeavor is the founding of Morning Brown, Inc., a nonprofit that brings culture to cultural deserts through live music programs, including her groundbreaking show Opera...from a Sistah's Point of View@1997. She co-hosts the award-winning podcast Melanated Moments in Classical Music and is featured in two PBS documentaries on the life of Marian Anderson: The Whole World in Her Hands from American Masters and Voice of Freedom from American Experience.



GREGORY TURAY is thrilled to be returning to Indianapolis Opera in the role of Cavaradossi in *Tosca*. This is his third appearance with the company. Mr. Turay has performed at leading opera houses throughout the world including The New National Theatre of Tokyo, English National Opera, Deutsche Oper Berlin, Netherlands Opera, Opera Wroclaw in Poland, Opera Bordeaux, San Francisco Opera, Boston Lyric, Palm Beach Opera, Lyric Opera of Chicago, Opera

Theatre of St. Louis, Seattle Opera, and at the Metropolitan Opera. He can be seen on DVD in *The Merry Widow* with San Francisco Opera and heard on CD in William Bolcom's *A View from the Bridge*, singing Rodolfo, the role he created. He has appeared in concert with St. Louis Symphony, Cleveland Symphony, San Francisco Symphony, Boston Symphony, Ravinia Festival, Edinburgh Festival, Spoletto, Salzburg and numerous others. He has sung with conductors James Levine, Seji Osawa and with John Williams at the

2006 Kennedy Center Awards in Washington D.C. He was awarded one of the industry's highest awards, being named the 2001 Richard Tucker Award recipient and has won numerous competitions and awards from The Young Concert Artists, The Metropolitan Opera National Council, the Catherine Pope Foundation, and the Richard Gaddes Award with St. Louis Opera.



ANDREW POTTER, bass, has garnered increasing demand across the country for his larger-than-life stage presence and voice to match. Of his recent performance in *L'elisir d'amore*, Opera Today hailed, "With his huge, all-encompassing bass voice and precise comic timing he nearly stole the show." This season includes several important house debuts: joining Seattle Opera as Abimelech in *Samson et Dalila*, as well as for their World

Premiere of A Thousand Splendid Suns, and Portland Opera as Vodnik in Rusalka. Potter will join Livermore Valley Opera as Belcore in L'elisir d'amore, perform Scarpia in Indianapolis Opera's Tosca, and return to both Opera Grand Rapids as The Pirate King in Pirates of Penzance and Pacific Opera Project for their unique take on Mozart's Die Zauberflöte: Superflute. Last season, Potter performed the roles of Simone in Gianni Schicchi for Tulsa Opera, Sarastro in The Magic Flute for Eugene Opera, Sparafucile in Rigoletto for Opera Orlando, Commendatore in Don Giovanni with Indianapolis Opera, and René in Iolanta with Pacific Opera Project. Concert engagements included Mozart's Mass in C Major for Mid-Ohio Civic Opera, and Verdi's Requiem for Michigan State University. During the pandemic, Andrew was one of the lucky ones to be able to continue to perform: in addition to a series of virtual concerts, he joined Opera Santa Barbara in the title role of Don Pasquale, Pacific Opera Project as Sam in Trouble in Tahiti, and Southern Illinois Festival for Covid fan Tutte.



Praised for his vibrant coloratura, warmth of tone, and versatility, Baritone AUSTIN SIEBERT brings a kinetic energy to both operatic stages and concert halls. Austin was most recently a Spotlight Artist for Austin Opera, where he covered Lt. Audebert and played a German Soldier (Kevin Puts' Silent Night), covered Marcello and played Customs House Officer (La Bohéme), and sang the role of Araldo (Otello). He was the Bass soloist for

Haydn's Stabat Mater with Chorus Austin and Handel's Messiah with Austin Symphony Orchestra. Austin has also sung Mr. Gobineau (The Medium) and Marco (Gianni Schicchi) with Merola Opera, Belcore (L'elisir d'amore) with Dallas Opera, Mustafá (L'Italiana in Algeri) with Seagle Music Colony, the title role of Sondheim's Sweeney Todd, and the villians in Offenbach's Les Contes d'Hoffmann. Austin holds an MM the University of North Texas and a BA from Northwestern University.



A native of Louisville, Kentucky, **BRANDON LOCKHART** began his musical studies at the young age of nine. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Music from Kentucky State University and a Master of Music in Vocal Performance from Florida State University. Beginning his vocal studies as a baritone, highlights of opera performances include Marco in *Gianni Schicchi*, Guglielmo in *Cosí fan tutte*, Le moine musicien in Massenet's rarely performed *Le*

jongleur de Notre Dame, Morales in Carmen and Dandini in La Cenerentola. Brandon's role credits as a tenor include Eisenstein in Die Fledermaus, El Remendado in Carmen, Tamino in The Magic Flute and Le Comte Barigoule in Viardot's Cendrillon, Parpignol in La Boheme and Rapunzel's Prince in Sondheim's Into the Woods.



DALTON WOODY, a baritone originally from Western North Carolina, received his undergraduate degree in Vocal Performance from Mars Hill University and his Master's degree in Opera Performance from the University of Houston. Dalton has appeared in supporting roles with the Asheville Lyric Opera as Action in Bernstein's West Side Story, Fiorello in Rossini's Il Barbiere di Siviglia, and The Speaker in Mozart's Die Zauberflöte. Dalton has

recently been engaged with Charlottesville Opera as an Emerging Artist in both 2021 and 2022, where he performed the roles of Alcindoro in Puccini's *La Bohème*, Franz the Butler in Rogers and Hammerstein's *The Sound of Music*, and Cascada in Franz Lehár's *The Merry Widow*.



A native of Anderson, Indiana, Bass RICK PURVIS has been singing in Central Indiana for more than 40 years. He is thrilled to be making his professional opera debut in IO's Tosca. Better late than never! Rick received his BM from Butler University and his MM in vocal performance from Indiana University. Roles performed at IU opera include Osmin, Sarastro, Emile de Becque, Don Alfonso, Pistola, and Arkel to name a few. Rick has studied with James

Mulholland, Dale Moore and Giorgio Tozzi. Following his studies at IU, Rick appeared in several seasons with the Chicago Lyric and Cincinnati Opera choruses. Locally, Rick sang nearly three decades with the Choir of Men & Boys at Christ Church Cathedral and is the current bass section leader at Geist Christian Church.



CHRISTINE BODDICKER, mezzo-soprano, a native of the Chicagoland area of Illinois is excited to return to the Midwest to join Indianapolis Opera as a Resident Artist. Christine's recent engagements include Mercédès (Carmen) and covering Rosina (Il barbiere di Siviglia) as a Young Artist at Brevard Music Festival. Favorite roles performed include Sesto (La clemenza di Tito) with Opera Steamboat, Charlotte (A Little Night Music), Sesto (Giulio

Cesare), Angelina (La Cenerentola), and Giacinta (La finta semplice) with the

Moores Opera Center. She has had competition success in Texas and in the Midwest. She holds degrees from University of Houston and Michigan State University.



Hailed as a "true Puccini lyric soprano" by *Opera News*, Italian-American soprano, **ANNA MANDINA**, is quickly making a name for herself in the opera world. Ms. Mandina recently performed the role of Mimì in Sarasota Opera's production of Puccini's *La bohème* to great acclaim. Anna made her mainstage debut at Sarasota Opera in 2019, singing 13 performances of Liù in *Turandot*. Besides the Puccini heroines, some of Anna's signature roles include

Countess Almaviva (*Le nozze di Figaro*), Micaëla (*Carmen*), and Susannah Polk (*Susannah*). Anna's training has included apprenticeships with Seagle Festival, Opera Company of Middlebury, Opera Maine, and Sarasota Opera.

Artistic Team



Internationally acclaimed stage director JAMES MARVEL was born and raised in New Orleans and made his Lincoln Center debut in 2008 for the Juilliard Opera Center. Since his professional directing debut in 1996, James has directed over 150 productions and was named *Classical Singer Magazine's* "2008 - Stage Director of the Year." Career highlights include groundbreaking new productions for the Kimmel Center in Philadelphia, Opera Carolina, Opera

Boston, Opera Santa Barbara, Syracuse Opera, Opera Grand Rapids, Austin Lyric Opera, San Antonio Opera, Kentucky Opera, Virginia Opera, North Carolina Opera, Toledo Opera, Sacramento Opera, Utah Festival Opera, Aspen Music Festival, Wolf Trap Opera, Santa Fe Opera, San Francisco Opera's Merola Program, Indiana University, and the University of Southern California. International credits include a new production of *Carmen* for Opera Africa in Johannesburg and *Die Zauberflote* for the Seoul International Opera in South Korea. Other international credits include work in Canada, Scotland, England, Poland, The Czech Republic, Slovakia, and Hungary. He serves as Director of Opera for the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.



Artistic Advisor & Principal Conductor of the Indianapolis Opera, ALFRED SAVIA served as Associate Conductor of the ISO and Artistic Director of Symphony on the Prairie from 1990 to 1996. In 2019-20, Maestro Savia celebrated his 31st and final season as Music Director of the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra. His American guest conducting appearances include the Orchestras of Saint Louis, Detroit, Phoenix, Columbus, Memphis, San Antonio, Louisville, New

Orleans, and Naples. Internationally, he has conducted orchestras extensively in Europe, Central and South America, and Asia. He recorded Russell Peck's The Thrill of the Orchestra with London's Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, and, with the Evansville Philharmonic, Respighi's Piano Concerto. Conducting

studies at the ASOL Institute of Orchestral Studies and the Tanglewood Music Center led to his first professional appointment as Assistant Conductor of The Omaha Symphony. He served as Resident Conductor of the Florida Philharmonic and New Orleans Symphony Orchestra, Associate Conductor of the Florida Symphony Orchestra, and Music Director of the Orlando Opera. Savia studied operatic conducting in Milan, Italy with Enrico Pessina, a conductor at La Scala, who was an assistant conductor under Arturo Toscanini, Pietro Mascagni, and Giacomo Puccini. Each summer he returns to lead the Indianapolis Symphony in their "Star Spangled Symphonies" concerts over the 4th of July weekend at Conner Prairie.



DR. JESSICA BURTON is excited to join Indianapolis Opera as Resident Assistant Opera Director. She has assistant directed at Austin Opera, Amarillo Opera, LOLA (Local Opera Local Artists), UT Austin, Spotlight on Opera, and FAVA France. Past directing credits include Little Women, At the Statue of Venus, Speed Dating Tonight, Das Lied von der Erde (UT Austin), Cendrillon, Pomme d'api (FAVA France), Angles in America, The Laramie Project and Bent (Avenue 10). She has

a Doctor of Musical Arts in Opera Direction from UT Texas at Austin, as well as a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance and a Bachelor of Science in Technical Theatre from West Texas A&M University. Jessica's passion is cultivating community engagement among the next generation of opera goers.



DR. CHARLES PRESTINARI is a member of the faculty of the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, teaching collaborative piano and serving as an opera coach. He was chorus master of the San Diego Opera from 2011-2016, where notable productions included Pizzetti's Assassinio nella Cattedrale, Jake Heggie's Moby Dick and Great Scott, Puccini's Turandot, Saint-Säens' Samson et Dalila, Verdi's Aida, Un Ballo in

Maschera, & Requiem, and John Adams' Nixon in China. Previously, Prestinari also worked with New York City Opera, as assistant chorus master then chorus master, on fifty different productions, including Cavalleria Rusticana/Pagliacci, Massenet's Cendrillon, Chabrier's L'Etoile, Samuel Barber's Antony and Cleopatra, Bernstein's A Quiet Place, and Giacomo Puccini's Madama Butterfly. He has also prepared choruses for Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra, Aspen Summer Music Festival, New York City Ballet, and Manhattan School of Music. Prestinari has also worked with the Israel Vocal Arts Institute' Summer Opera Program, the Carmel Bach Festival, the Brevard Summer Music Festival, Opera San Antonio, Opera New Jersey, the National Chorale, and the University of San Diego. He has also served as organist for churches throughout the United States and currently serves as Director of Music at First United Methodist Church, Bloomington.



DR. MIGEUN CHUNG, collaborative pianist/coach, has worked with Music on Site, Inc., Opera NUOVA, Opera in the Ozarks, Bayview Music Festival, Opera Lucca, AIMS, the CoOperative program, and Classic Lyric Arts in Italy. Past productions include Puccini's Suor Angelica, Handel's, Johann Strauss' Die Fledermaus, Rossini's Il Barbiere di Siviglia, Moore's The Ballad

of Baby Doe, Cinderella (a Pastiche of Rossini and Massenet), Bizet's Carmen, Mozart's Le Nozze di Figaro, Gréty's Zémire et Azor, Weill's Berlin to Broadway, Schwartz's Pippin, and Sheik's Spring Awakening. She holds a Doctorate and Master's degree in piano performance from University of North Texas and recently received a second Master's degree in collaborative piano from Carnegie Mellon. In the upcoming 2022 season at MOSI, Dr. Chung will return as a pianist-coach for Mozart's Così fan tutte.



CHRISTOPHER CARUSO-LYNCH is Canon and Director of Music at Christ Church Cathedral, and Adjunct Lecturer in Music at Indiana University. At Christ Church, Christopher oversees the Choir of Choristers and Adults and the Cathedral's wide-ranging liturgical and concert offerings. At Indiana, Christopher teaches courses in church music and is faculty advisor for the organ department's annual Choralfest concert. Previously, Christopher held Assistant Organist positions at Christ Church Cathedral

(New Zealand), Trinity Cathedral (Portland), St. Mark's Cathedral (Shreveport), and Trinity Church (Bloomington). He also was Organ Scholar at St. Paul's, K Street, in Washington, D.C. Christopher holds both bachelor's and master's degrees from Indiana, where he studied organ performance and early music, and is an Associate of the American Guild of Organists. He was a chorister at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, and in The American Boychoir, and in 2017, Christopher was named on the "20 under 30" list by Diapason Magazine.

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