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"Every performance at Lyric is a special occasion, so we hope you'll join us for a season of unforgettable music and exquisite theater in 2017/18. Don't miss the star power, the spectacular productions, and the opportunity to be astounded by this incredible art form. I'll see you at Lyric!"

- Sir Andrew Davis, Music Director

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Opera is an art form unlike any other—a fusion of the best of all of the performing arts—with the power to thrill and move you. I'm excited to share Lyric's 2017/18 season, filled with wonders that you can only experience in the opera house.

We open with a new production of *Orphée* et *Eurydice*, our first collaboration with The Joffrey Ballet. **A passionate melding of** music, drama, and dance, this beautiful work will unfold through glorious song and inspiring ballet. It's sure to be a much-anticipated high point of Chicago's cultural season.

Prepare for **the scale and spectacle that only opera can deliver** when a new production of *Die Walküre*, the second opera in our critically-acclaimed new *Ring* cycle, takes the stage.

Later in the season. Puccini's *Turandot* returns

for the first time in more than a decade in a grand, new-to-Chicago production.

You'll hear **singing that will astound you** with its strength, agility, and beauty.

Whether you join us for a journey to the exotic shores of Ceylon in *The Pearl Fishers* or the decadent court of Mantua in *Rigoletto*, **your time at Lyric is a chance to be transported** from your daily routine through the power of music and theater.

Please join us. We look forward to sharing our magnificent new season with you.

Anthony Freud General Director

### **NEW PRODUCTION**



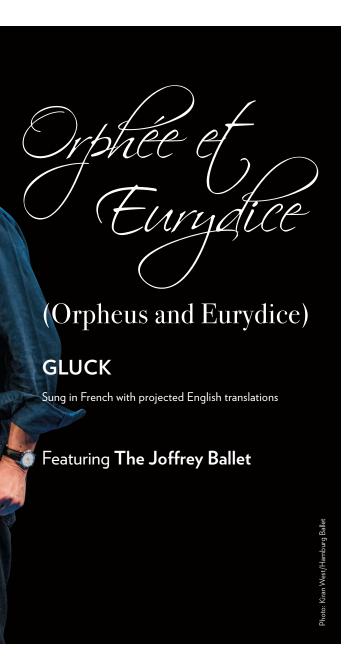
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One of opera's most beautiful masterpieces, Gluck's exquisite drama introduces us to Orpheus, the poet and musician whose every word and note communicate the most overwhelming love for his Eurydice. Refusing to accept her death, he courageously journeys to the Underworld to bring her back to life. The music reaches true heights of eloquence and emotion. Lyric presents Orphée et Eurydice in the Paris version, which contains thrilling ballet sequences that will come to vivid life under the direction and choreography of the legendary John Neumeier (pictured above). This highly-anticipated production marks Lyric's first collaboration with The Joffrey Ballet.

"To hear [Gluck's] songful art pour out uninterrupted...[is] to understand the overwhelming power of melody."

- The New York Times



A coproduction of Lyric Opera of Chicago, Los Angeles Opera, and Staatsoper Hamburg.







**CHUCHMAN** 



**SNOUFFER** 

### ORPHÉE

Dmitry Korchak\*

### **EURYDICE**

Andriana Chuchman†

### **AMOUR**

Lauren Snouffer

### CONDUCTOR

Harry Bicket

### **DIRECTOR &** CHOREOGRAPHER

John Neumeier\*

### SET, COSTUME, & LIGHTING DESIGNER

John Neumeier\*

### ASSOCIATE SET DESIGNER

Heinrich Tröger\*

### LIGHTING REALIZATION

Chris Maravich

### **CHORUS MASTER**

Michael Black

- \* Lyric Opera debut
- † Ryan Opera Center alumna

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There's no character in opera more powerfully dramatic than the court jester Rigoletto, whose acid tongue and all-consuming desire for revenge lead to catastrophe for himself and his sweet, love-struck daughter Gilda. Of all the great Verdi works, none boasts more unforgettable tunes than this one. You'll thrill to the licentious Duke of Mantua's "La donna è mobile" and Gilda's stunning "Caro nome," not to mention the most celebrated guartet in all opera. Dominating the story, though, is Rigoletto himself, one of Verdi's greatest characterizations—a complex and tragic figure, both pitiful and ferocious, with stupendous music to match.

"[It's] not just the size of his voice or the finish of his technique, although both are impressive. It's his heart. You hear the pain behind the anger...vulnerability is evident in every phrase."

- Opera News on Quinn Kelsey's Rigoletto



Production owned by San Francisco Opera.







**FEOLA** 



**POLENZANI** 

### RIGOLETTO

Quinn Kelsey†

### GILDA

Rosa Feola\*

### DUKE

Matthew Polenzani†

### **SPARAFUCILE**

Alexander Tsymbalyuk\*

### MADDALENA

Zanda Švēde\*

### CONDUCTOR

Marco Armiliato

### DIRECTOR

E. Loren Meeker

### **SET DESIGNER**

Michael Yeargan

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### **CHORUS MASTER**

Michael Black

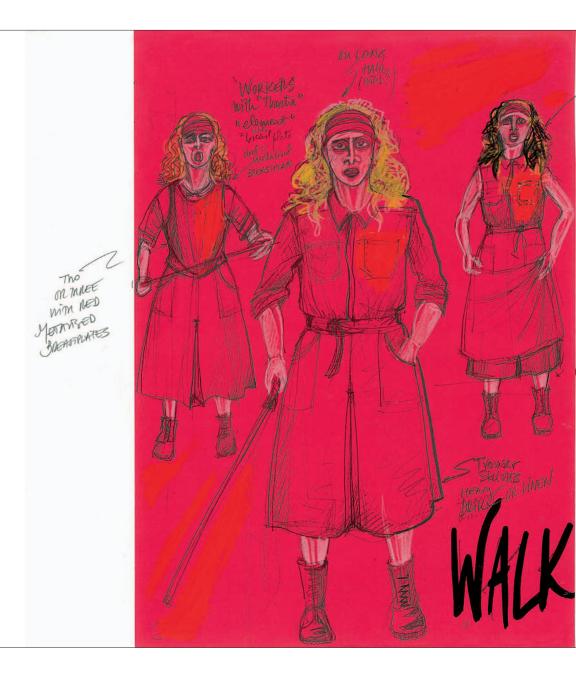
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After the triumph of *Das Rheingold* in 2016/17, Lyric continues the thrilling journey through Wagner's monumental *Ring* cycle with *Die Walküre*. This is the most deeply moving and romantic of all the *Ring* operas. Its riveting, devastating drama involves complex relationships between brother and sister, husband and wife, father and daughter. Every character is unforgettable—valiant Siegmund and Sieglinde, headstrong Brünnhilde and mighty, tortured Wotan, determined Fricka and vengeful Hunding. Wagner's music drama burns itself on our memories, exciting us with the emotional intensity of its lyrical outbursts and its incredible power and majesty.

"Nothing short of a triumph on all fronts, intelligently conceived by the creative team, brilliantly executed by a top-flight international cast." - Chicago Tribune on Das Rheingold, 2016





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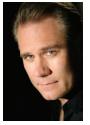
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### BRÜNNHILDE

Christine Goerke

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Elisabet Strid\*

### SIEGMUND

Brandon Jovanovich

### WOTAN

Eric Owens

### FRICKA

Tanja Ariane Baumgartner

### **HUNDING**

Ain Anger\*

### CONDUCTOR

Sir Andrew Davis

### DIRECTOR

David Pountney

### **ORIGINAL SET DESIGNER**

Johan Engels

### SET DESIGNER

Robert Innes Hopkins

### **COSTUME DESIGNER**

Marie-Jeanne Lecca

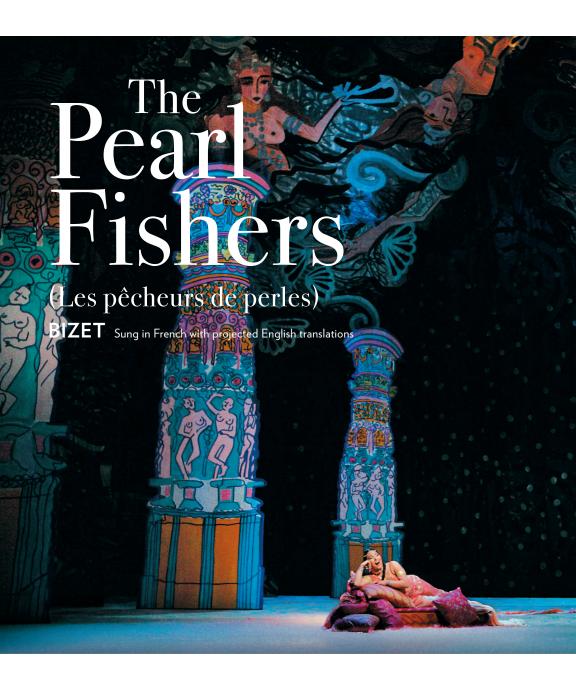
### LIGHTING DESIGNER

Fabrice Kebour

### CHOREOGRAPHER

Denni Sayers

\* Lyric Opera debut



For sheer exotic beauty, Bizet's The Pearl Fishers has few rivals in the entire repertoire. The opera's famed duet for tenor and baritone is a soaring melody that has turned countless opera newcomers into ecstatic fans. Bizet (who composed this work 12 years before Carmen) transports us to Ceylon, where two devoted friends find themselves in love with the same woman, an entrancingly beautiful priestess, Leïla. From its leading men and leading lady, The Pearl Fishers demands the ultimate in vocal beauty and elegance to do justice to this sweepingly romantic drama.

"Mr. Kwiecień is an ideal Zurga [and] Mr. Polenzani makes a poignantly believable Nadir. Their ardent, soaring performance... brought fresh urgency to the familiar music." - The New York Times



Production owned by San Diego Opera.



REBEKA



**POLENZANI** 







**SILVESTRELLI** 

### **LEÏLA** Marina Rebeka

### NADIR Matthew Polenzani†

### **ZURGA** Mariusz Kwiecień

### **NOURABAD** Andrea Silvestrelli

### Andrea Silvestrell

# **CONDUCTOR**Sir Andrew Davis

### **DIRECTOR**

### Andrew Sinclair

## **SET & COSTUME DESIGNER** Zandra Rhodes\*

### LIGHTING DESIGNER

Ron Vodicka\*

### **CHORUS MASTER**

Michael Black

- $^{\star}$  Lyric Opera debut
- † Ryan Opera Center alumnus

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Turandot, Puccini's final opera and one of the biggest blockbusters in the repertoire, transports us to an exotic fantasy of ancient China. There the regal, forbidding Princess Turandot poses three riddles to each prince who wishes to win her—but anyone who fails to answer correctly is executed. Prince Calaf does answer correctly, and he declares that he's willing to die if Turandot doesn't find out his name by dawn. The plot unfolds to music of extraordinary brilliance, including "Nessun dorma," the most popular of all Italian tenor arias!

"A Ryan Opera Center breakout star, [Amber Wagner] produced a gleaming, ample and effortless sound that also was warm and womanly when it needed to be." - Chicago Tribune



Production owned by Lyric Opera of Chicago, originally created by Bliss Hebert and Allen Charles Klein for Florida Grand Opera, Dallas Opera, and San Francisco Opera.



ROBERT S. AND SUSAN E. MORRISON



WAGNER



LA COLLA



AGRESTA



BRUGGER

### **TURANDOT**

Amber Wagner†

### CALAF

Stefano La Colla\*

### LIU

Maria Agresta\* (December) Janai Brugger\* (January)

### TIMUR

Andrea Silvestrelli

### PING

Zachary Nelson

### **PANG**

Rodell Rosel<sup>†</sup>

### PONG

Keith Jameson

### **CONDUCTOR**

Sir Andrew Davis (12/5 – 1/21) Robert Tweten (1/27)

### DIRECTOR

Rob Kearley\*

### **SET & COSTUME DESIGNER**

Allen Charles Klein\*

### LIGHTING DESIGNER

Chris Maravich

### CHORUS MASTER

Michael Black

- \* Lyric Opera debut
- † Ryan Opera Center alumni





Of all opera composers, none glorified the human voice more than Bellini. His final opera was I Puritani, in which a soprano, tenor, baritone, and bass can truly revel in some of the most thrilling vocal music ever written. Opera companies produce this work only when they can cast fabulous singers with masterful techniques and superb style. Bellini places them within a sweeping historical drama in 17th-century England, in which a passionate young couple find themselves caught up in a conflict between opposing political factions.

"Albina Shagimuratova [is] a dominant force, first among a cast of equals... she earned the thunderous ovation she got at its end." - The New York Times

"[Lawrence Brownlee's] sound has warmth and bloom...he soars up to ringing top notes, high Cs and even higher." - The New York Times



This production was originally directed by Sandro Sequi and premiered at The Metropolitan Opera. All scenery, properties, and costumes constructed by The Metropolitan Opera.







**BROWNLEE** 







SÂMPETREAN

### **ELVIRA**

Albina Shagimuratova

### **ARTURO**

Lawrence Brownlee

### RICCARDO

Anthony Clark Evans†

### **GIORGIO**

Adrian Sâmpetrean

### CONDUCTOR

Enrique Mazzola

### **DIRECTOR**

Eric Einhorn

### **SET DESIGNER**

Ming Cho Lee\*

### **COSTUME DESIGNER**

Peter J. Hall

### LIGHTING DESIGNER

Chris Maravich

### **CHORUS MASTER**

Michael Black

- \* Lyric Opera debut
- <sup>†</sup> Ryan Opera Center alumnus

### PRODUCTION SPONSORS







Subtitled "The School for Lovers," this beloved Mozart comedy is a probing look into romantic relationships. It starts out with a cynical philosopher's bet that two beautiful young women can't remain faithful to their fiancés for 24 hours. As the intrigue deepens, the young women's affections—and those of the young men—move into a new place that's risky and scary. The couples' feelings reveal themselves through the sheer genius of Mozart and his brilliant librettist, Da Ponte. *Così fan tutte* is the epitome of sophisticated, thought-provoking entertainment.

"Ana María Martínez's soprano harks back to the golden age... as impressive in its quiet moments as it is at full power." - Opera News



Così fan tutte is a joint production of Opéra de Monte-Carlo and San Francisco Opera.

### DIRECTOR

John Cox

### DESIGNER

Robert Perdziola

### LIGHTING DESIGNER

Chris Maravich

### CHORUS MASTER

Michael Black



MARTÍNEZ



**CREBASSA** 



POLI



HOPKINS



CORBELLI



**TSALLAGOVA** 

### FIORDILIGI

Ana María Martínez

### **DORABELLA**

Marianne Crebassa

### FERRANDO

Antonio Poli

### **GUGLIELMO**

Joshua Hopkins

### **DON ALFONSO**

Alessandro Corbelli

### **DESPINA**

Elena Tsallagova\*

### CONDUCTOR

James Gaffigan\*

\* Lyric Opera debut

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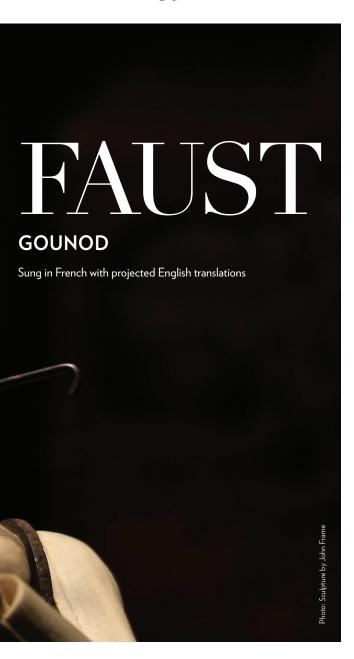
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Who doesn't long to be young again? It happens for the aging philosopher Faust—he sells his soul to the devil and, in exchange, is transformed into a dashing young man. He falls in love with the innocent Marguerite, with disastrous consequences. Gounod's masterpiece has been one of the world's most popular operas for more than 150 years. You'll know why when you hear the score, which simply bursts with memorable music. Marguerite's Jewel Song, the Soldiers' Chorus, the spectacular final trio—these and much more make Faust a sublime experience for young and old alike.

"Benjamin Bernheim was a revelation...flawless and pure, ranging from delicate pianissimo to heroic fortissimo as required. This was an astonishing performance." - Opera News



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WALL







PARKS

### FAUST

Benjamin Bernheim\*

### MARGUERITE

Erin Wall† (3/3-3/18) TBA (3/21)

### MÉPHISTOPHÉLÈS

Christian Van Horn†

### VALENTIN

Edward Parks\*

### **CONDUCTOR**

Emmanuel Villaume

### DIRECTOR

Kevin Newbury

### PRODUCTION DESIGNER

John Frame\*

### SET & COSTUME DESIGNER

Vita Tzykun\*

### **PROJECTION DESIGNER**

David Adam Moore\*

### LIGHTING DESIGNER

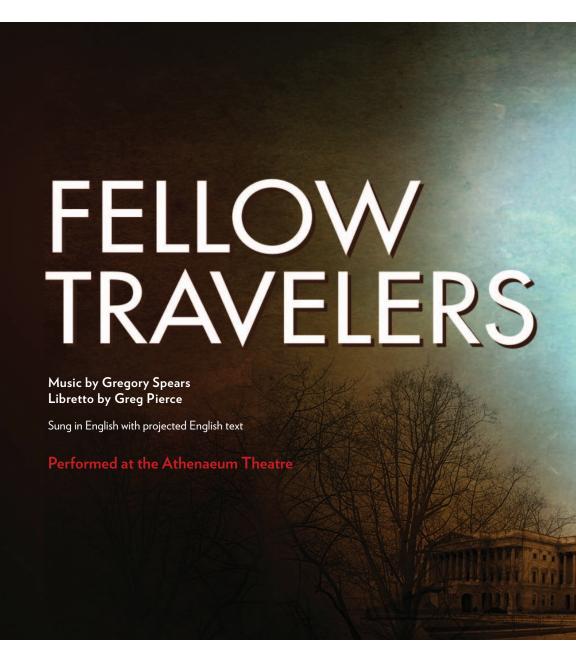
Duane Schuler

### CHORUS MASTER

Michael Black

- \* Lyric Opera debut
- † Ryan Opera Center alumni





At the height of the McCarthy era in 1950s Washington, D.C., recent college graduate Timothy Laughlin is eager to join the crusade against communism. A chance encounter with a handsome State Department official, Hawkins Fuller, leads to Tim's first job—and his first relationship with a man. Drawn into a maelstrom of deceit, Tim struggles to reconcile his political convictions and his forbidden love for Fuller—an entanglement that will end in a stunning act of betrayal.



### DIRECTOR

Kevin Newbury

### **SET DESIGNER**

Vita Tzykun

### **COSTUME DESIGNER**

Paul Carey\*

### LIGHTING DESIGNER

Thomas Hase\*

\* Lyric Opera debut

### **FELLOW TRAVELERS**

An opera by Gregory Spears
Libretto by Greg Pierce
Based on the novel Fellow Travelers
by Thomas Mallon
Developed and co-commissioned by
G. Sterling Zinsmeyer and Cincinnati Opera

### Athenaeum Theatre

2936 N. Southport Avenue, Chicago

Lyric Opera is proud to present the Chicago premiere of this work, which was praised as "a near-perfect example of fast-flowing musical drama" by *The New York Times* in its 2016 world premiere. *The Wall Street Journal* raved, "Mr. Spears's subtle, lyrical music is beautiful without being obvious or sentimental...Kevin Newbury's directing, particularly of the love scenes, was as honest and touching as the opera." This chamber work will be presented in just four performances at the Athenaeum Theatre.



One of the greatest stories ever told comes to life in the groundbreaking, iconic rock opera that reinvented musical theater for the modern age. With music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics by Tim Rice, this global blockbuster tells the story of the final weeks in the life of Jesus Christ, from the perspective of Judas Iscariot. As Christ's followers grow more fervent, Judas must make his fateful choice between faith and betrayal. Filled with an exciting mix of musical styles that draw upon 1970s rock, gospel, folk, and funk themes, this contemporary imagining of the biblical tale features high-energy dance and powerful storytelling. A must-see Broadway hit of the new season!



### DIRECTOR

Timothy Sheader\*

### **CHOREOGRAPHER**

Drew McOnie\*

### **SET & COSTUME DESIGNER**

Tom Scutt\*

### LIGHTING DESIGNER

Lee Curran\*

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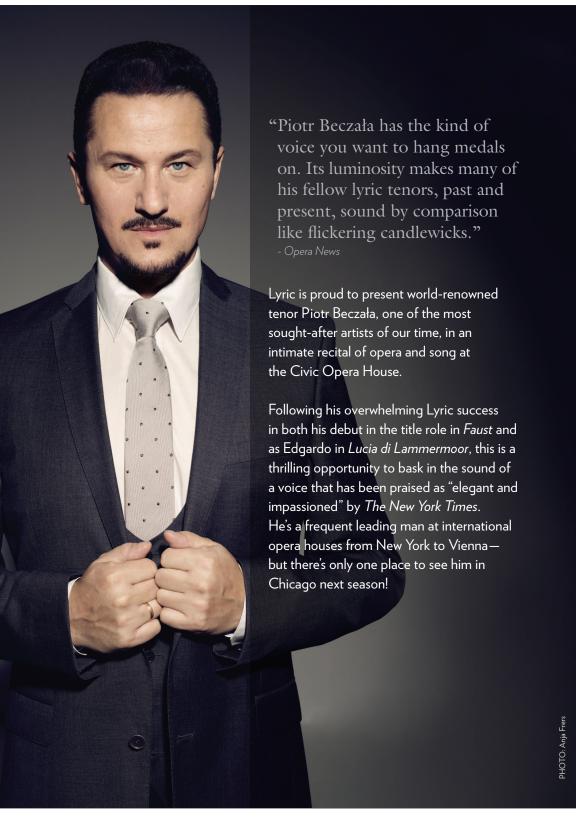
### **JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR**

Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber Lyrics by Tim Rice In Association with The Really Useful Group Limited Production by The Regent's Park Theatre London



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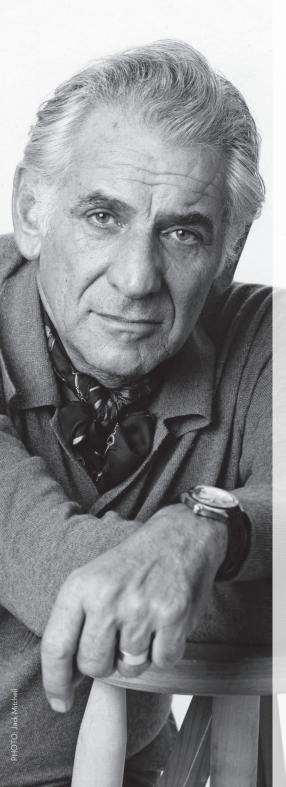


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CIVIC OPERA HOUSE



His larger-than-life musical genius brought us countless treasures that built a bridge between musical theater, song, and classical music, and personified an era of American music. In 2018, the world celebrates the 100th birthday of the great Leonard Bernstein, a luminary artist whose musical legacy is as richly layered and eclectic as his viscerally exciting orchestrations.

Join the Lyric Opera Orchestra under the baton of the acclaimed Broadway conductor David Chase as Lyric pays tribute to Bernstein with a thrilling night of music. The performance will include his rarely performed, one-act opera *Trouble in Tahiti*, both funny and poignant, followed by a selection of beloved gems from the Bernstein vocal catalog, brought to life on Lyric's stage by a trio of renowned singers. Don't miss this monumental celebration of an American icon.

"I can't live one day without hearing music, studying it, playing it, or thinking about it."

- Leonard Bernstein



Each September, Chicago's music lovers come out to experience the Stars of Lyric Opera at Millennium Park, a free concert under the stars. Pack your picnic basket and bring your friends to enjoy a performance featuring acclaimed Lyric star voices with the Lyric Opera Orchestra. The Millennium Park concert is sure to whet your appetite for the much-anticipated season opening.







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October 10 Die Walküre

October 31 The Pearl Fishers

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January 23 I Puritani

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February 13 Faust

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If you'd like to continue your celebration at the opera house, the Pedersen Room and Florian Bistro will remain open for ticketholders who wish to book reservations. Reservations start September 5.

For those interested in purchasing tickets for the Opera Ball, bring your appetite and your dancing shoes, because a thrilling party awaits at the Hilton Chicago Grand Ballroom following the performance. Opera Ball tickets and premium packages are available by calling the Women's Board Office at 312-827-5682.

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Rigoletto OCT 30 MON Walküre

NOV 14 TUE 5:30

Pearl Fishers
DEC 4 MON
Turandot

Puritani FEB 13 TUE

Così fan tutte FEB 26 MON

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Orphée SEP 27 WED

Rigoletto OCT 19 THU Walküre

NOV 1 WED 5:30
Pearl Fishers

NOV 29 WED

Turandot

DEC 5 TUE

Puritani FEB 7 WED

Così fan tutte FEB 21 WED

Faust MAR 15 THU C MOSTLY FRIDAYS

**Orphée** OCT 6 FRI

**Rigoletto** NOV 3 FRI

Walküre NOV 30 THU **5:30** 

Pearl Fishers
DEC 7 THU
Turandot

JAN 10 WED

Puritani

FFB 16 FRI

Faust MAR 9 FRI

Così fan tutte MAR 16 FRI ALL SATURDAYS

Rigoletto OCT7 Walküre

NOV 18 5:30

Pearl Fishers

Turandot

NOV 25

Puritani FEB 10

Così fan tutte

Faust MAR 3

Your Series has one YOU CHOOSE YOUR DATE+

Orphée
We recommend
SEP 23 SAT 6:30PM
OPENING NIGHT\*\*

MA
ALL SUNDAY
MATINEES

Orphée OCT 1

Rigoletto OCT 22

Walküre NOV 5 1PM

Pearl Fishers NOV 19

Turandot
DEC 17
Puritani

FEB 4

Così fan tutte

MAR 4

Faust MAR 18 Value (V)‡

MIXED DAYS

**Orphée** SEP 27 WED

**Rigoletto** OCT 14 SAT

**Walküre** NOV 1 WED **5:30** 

Pearl Fishers
NOV 25 SAT
Turandot

DEC 11 MON

Puritani

FFB 7 WED

Così fan tutte FEB 21 WED

Faust MAR 6 TUE

WHAT ARE "YOU CHOOSE" DATES?

Because of scheduling issues, your regular subscription seats are not available to you for these titles. We will work to provide comparable seating for the date of your choice.

### **4-OPERA SERIES**

A2
MOSTLY TUESDAYS

Walküre NOV 14 TUE 5:30

Turandot DEC 11 MON

**Puritani** FEB 13 TUE

Così fan tutte MAR 13 TUE A3\*

ALL MONDAYS
Rigoletto

OCT 30

Turandot DFC 11

Così fan tutte

Faust

MAR 12

B2

WEEKDAYS
Rigoletto

OCT 19 THU

Pearl Fishers
NOV 29 WED

Puritani EER 7 WED

Faust MAR 6 TUE B3\*

ALL WEDNESDAYS

**Orphée** SEP 27

Walküre NOV 1 5:30

**Turandot** JAN 10

Così fan tutte

C3\*

FRIDAYS/SATURDAY

Orphée SEP 23 SAT

SEP 23 SAT **6:30PM**OPENING NIGHT\*\*

**Walküre** NOV 10 FRI **5:30** 

Turandot DEC 8 FRI

Puritani FEB 16 FRI D1

ALL SATURDAYS

Rigoletto OCT 7

**Pearl Fishers** NOV 25

**Turandot** JAN 13

Così fan tutte

FEB 17

<sup>+</sup> You choose your date at time of order. Comparable seat locations assigned when possible.

<sup>\*</sup>Seats assigned after 8-opera series subscribers.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Your subscription seats may not be available on Opening Night. Comparable seating will be assigned when possible.

 $<sup>\</sup>pm$  Seat locations may vary by opera and are seated after 8-opera fixed-date subscriptions. Limited availability.

### THESE FIXED-SEAT SERIES OFFER:

- The same seating for each show
- Seats that you may renew from year to year
- Attendance on the same day of the week or a range of days that are set in advance
- Priority seating—our fixed-seat subscribers are seated first

### 5-OPERA SERIES

A1 ALL MONDAYS

Orphée OCT 9

Rigoletto
OCT 30
Pearl Fishers

DEC 4

Così fan tutte FEB 26

Faust MAR 12

R1

MOSTLY WEDNESDAYS

**Orphée** SEP 27 WED

Walküre NOV 1 WED 5:30

Turandot
DEC 5 TUE

Così fan tutte

FEB 21 WED

MAR 15 THU

D2

ALL SATURDAYS

Orphée

SEP 23 **6:30PM** OPENING NIGHT\*\*

Rigoletto OCT 14

Walküre
NOV 18 5:30

**Turandot** JAN 27

Puritani FFB 24

### Worried about date conflicts?

No problem, subscribers have free exchanges as long as they are completed five days before your performance date. For those with fewer than 8 operas in your series, you may also trade one show that is in your series for one that is not through **TRADEONE**™.

Don't see something that fits your schedule or taste?

See our

CREATE YOUR OWN SERIES

options on the next page.

### 4 or 5-OPERA MATINEE SERIES

MB ALL WEDNESDAYS

NOW 5 WEDNESDAYS

Rigoletto OCT 11

Pearl Fishers NOV 22

**Turandot** JAN 17

Puritani FEB 28

Faust MAR 21 MC ALL SUNDAYS

Orphée OCT 15

**Walküre** NOV 26 1PM

Pearl Fishers

DEC 10

Turandot JAN 21 MG

ALL THURSDAYS

Orphée OCT 12

Rigoletto OCT 26

**Turandot** DEC 14

**Così fan tutte** MAR 8

### **6-OPERA SERIES**

F

MIXED DAYS

Rigoletto OCT 14 SAT

Walküre NOV 10 FRI **5:30** 

Turandot DEC 8 FRI **Puritani** FEB 24 SAT

Faust
MAR 6 TUF

Così fan tutte

F1 FRIDAYS/SATURDAYS

Walküre NOV 10 FRI **5:30** 

Turandot DEC 8 FRI

**Puritani** FEB 10 SAT

Faust MAR 3 SAT



Opera evening performances are at 7:30pm except *Walküre* at 5:30pm and Opening Night of *Orphée* at 6:30pm. Opera matinee performances are at 2pm except *Walküre* at 1pm.

Casts and programs are subject to change without notice but specified in good faith at time of printing.

# SERIES PRICING

When you choose from any of the **more than 20 custom series** on the previous pages, you not only have the ease of pre-selected dates and renewable seats of your own, you have the choice of series dates on weekdays or weekends, matinees or evenings, from 4-8 operas.

### The earlier you buy, the more you save!

Lyric Opera's pricing is based on demand, so the sooner you buy, the less you'll pay for the same great performance. Consider this example from *Les Troyens* in 2016:

Main Floor seat purchased on subscription:

\$110

Same seat **purchased** as an individual show **in July:** 

\$166

Same seat **purchased ten days prior** to the show:

\$299

				Main Flo	or			
		FIRST 22 ROWS		00 55	CENTER GG-MM	CENTER NN-TT	BALANCE GG-TT	
SERIES	Number		BALANCE	BB-FF				
	of Operas	PRIME	MF1	MF2	MF3	MF4	MF5	
A, B	8	1576	920	920				
С	8	1626	920	920	706	487	388	
D	8	1904	1400	1400				
MA	8	1904	1400	1400	1016	712	440	
VALUE SERI SAVINGS UP TO			812	737	616	536	446	
F	6	1284	810	810				
A1, B1	5				435	295	230	
D2 INCLUDES OPENI	ING NIGHT! 5				635	445	275	
A2, B2	4				348	236	184	
D1 NOW 4 EVE	NTS 4				508	356	220	
F1	4				388	266	193	
C3 INCLUDES OPENI	NG NIGHT! 4	872	594	594	516	351	268	
A3, B3	4	840	568	568				
MB INCREASED TO 9	5 OPERAS RICING! 5	755	560	560	485	325	205	
MC NOW SUND	AYS 4	788	592	592	512	364	256	
MG	4	672	496	496	432	288	184	

Pricing shown above includes discounts. Prices are subject to change. Subscriptions are not available in the blank areas above.

All prices shown are per subscription. All orders incur an additional \$6 per order handling fee and a \$2.50 per individual ticket Historic Building Fee.

<sup>§</sup> Value Series subscribers may only exchange into the first three dates (excluding Sundays) of any 2017/18 opera production, otherwise upgrade fees will apply.



Вох	First Balcony				Upper Balcony	
	DRESS CIRCLE			I		
	A-E	F-J	K-O	P-T	A-H	J-R
	FB1	FB2	FB3	FB4	UB1	UB2
1576	1096				416	160
1626	1146	785	579	328	426	160
1904	1432				520	232
1904	1432	1072	776	504	520	304
894	705	546	412	306	339	174
1284	926				342	172
		450	315	205		
		670	485	315		
		360	252	164		
		536	388	252		
		404	286	186		
	688	540	395	237	254	110
840	656				244	100
755	620	505	370	225	235	110
788	672	536	384	228	236	128
672	552	448	328	200	208	100

Contribution level, as well as the date on which we receive your order, is taken into account when seats are assigned. Gifts of \$500 and more are acknowledged in the season program.

# CREATE YOUR OWN SERIES

ANY title. ANY date. ANY price zone.
YOU decide what suits your taste and schedule!

### **CREATE YOUR OWN (CYO) SERIES PRICING**

Main Floor							
	FIRST 22 ROWS BALANCE		ROWS BB-FF	CENTER GG-MM	CENTER NN-TT	BALANCE GG-TT	
	PRIME	MF1	MF2	MF3	MF4	MF5	
A Pricing	199	169	152	127	110	84	
B Pricing	211	185	170	143	125	107	
C Pricing	239	204	190	161	142	142	

Pricing shown here already includes your CYO discount. Pricing subject to change.

All prices shown are per seat. All orders incur an additional \$6 per order handling fee and a \$2.50 per individual ticket Historic Building Fee.

Seat locations will vary by opera and are seated after fixed-date subscriptions.

The ultimate in flexibility,

# CREATE YOUR OWN SERIES

allow you to choose your operas and your dates. You can even mix and match sections of the house, because your seats vary from show to show. (Don't worry —you still get free exchanges as long as they are done 5 days before the performance!)



# RACHEL loves classic titles, so she chooses:

2 tickets in the first balcony to take friends along to *Rigoletto*, *The Pearl Fishers*, and *Faust*.

2 Main Floor Prime seats to *Turandot* to take her mom for a special evening together.

And adds on an extra 2 tickets at her 10% subscriber discount for *Rigoletto* and looks forward to making it a group outing!

EXAMPLES OF CREATE YOUR OWN SERIES

KATE loves romantic opera "date nights" with her husband, so she chooses:

A combination of Friday and Saturday evening dates for Orphée et Eurydice, The Pearl Fishers, Turandot, I Puritani, Così fan tutte, and Faust. She writes the dates on both of their calendars so that they can plan around them and enjoy special evenings together.



# HOW TO CREATE YOUR OWN SERIES FOR 2017/18 IN THREE SIMPLE STEPS:

- **1** Choose from 4 to 8 operas and dates you'd like to attend from the calendar on pages 38-39.
- **2** Choose the seating area you'd like for each performance. You can mix and match your dates and seating zones as you wish. (*Prices shown below are per opera.*)

### **3 ATTEND AND ENJOY!**

Вох	First Balcony				Upper Balcony		
	DRESS CIRCLE						
	A-E	F-J	K-O	P-T	A-H	J-R	
	FB1	FB2	FB3	FB4	UB1	UB2	
199	145	114	84	59	68	30	
211	162	125	98	71	77	41	
239	185	151	109	94	94	66	



# ROB likes rarely-performed works that he hasn't seen before, so he chooses:

1 ticket on the Main Floor to *Orphée et Eurydice* and *Die Walküre*, which he's been eager to see. 1 ticket in the First Balcony for *Turandot* to enjoy a more expansive view of the stage.

And he decides to sample *The Pearl Fishers* and *I Puritani* with with one ticket for each in the Upper Balcony.

# JACK loves taking clients to the opera all season long, so he chooses

Sunday matinees for every title in the season, choosing 4 box seats for each date.

There are limitless ways to Create Your Own series. You save over single ticket prices, and you commit to giving yourself great music and theater throughout the year.

# Want help creating your series?

Our Audience Services representatives are standing by at 312-827-5600 to help you build a series that matches your schedule and musical tastes!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SEPT 2017						23 <b>6:30PM ORPHÉE</b> C3 D2
	25	26	27 <b>7:30PM ORPHÉE</b> B B1 B3 V	28	29	30
OCT 1 ORPHÉE 2PM MA	2	3	4	5	6 7:30PM ORPHÉE C	7 <b>7:30PM</b> RIGOLETTO D D1
8	9 <b>7:30PM ORPHÉE</b> A A1	10	11 2PM RIGOLETTO MB	12 2PM ORPHÉE MG	13	14 <b>7:30PM RIGOLETTO</b> F D2 V
15 <b>2PM ORPHÉE</b> MC	16	17	18	19 <b>7:30PM</b> RIGOLETTO B B2	20	21
22 2PM RIGOLETTO MA	23	24	25	26 <b>2PM RIGOLETTO</b> MG	27	28
29	30 <b>7:30PM</b> RIGOLETTO A A1 A3	31				
NOV 2017			1 <b>5:30PM WALKÜRE</b> B B1 B3 V	2	3 7:30PM RIGOLETTO C	4
5 1PM WALKÜRE MA	6	7	8	9	10 <b>5:30PM WALKÜRE</b> F F1 C3	11
12	13	14 <b>5:30PM WALKÜRE</b> A A2	15	16	17	18 <b>5:30PM WALKÜRE</b> D D2
19 2PM PEARL FISHERS MA	20	21	22 2PM PEARL FISHERS MB	23 THANKSGIVING	24	25 <b>7:30PM</b> PEARL FISHERS D D1 V
26 1PM WALKÜRE MC	27	28	29 <b>7:30PM</b> PEARL FISHERS B B2	30 <b>5:30PM WALKÜRE</b> C		
DEC 2017	4 7:30PM PEARL FISHERS A A1	5 7:30PM TURANDOT B B1	6	7 7:30PM PEARL FISHERS C	8 7:30PM TURANDOT F F1 C3	9
10 2PM PEARL FISHERS MC	11 <b>7:30PM TURANDOT</b> A A2 A3 V	12	13	14 2PM TURANDOT MG	15	16
17 <b>2PM</b> TURANDOT MA	18	19	20	21	22	23
JAN 2018	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 <b>7:30PM TURANDOT</b> C B3	11	12	13 <b>7:30PM TURANDOT</b> D D1
14	15	16	17 2PM TURANDOT MB	18	19	20
21 <b>2PM TURANDOT</b> MC	22	23	24	25	26	27 <b>7:30PM TURANDOT</b> D2

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FEB 2018				1	2	3
4 2PM PURITANI MA	5	6	7 <b>7:30PM PURITANI</b> B B2 V	8	9	10 <b>7:30PM PURITANI</b> D F1
11	12	13 <b>7:30PM PURITANI</b> A A2	14	15	16 <b>7:30PM PURITANI</b> C C3	17 <b>7:30PM COSÌ</b> D D1
18	19	20	21 <b>7:30PM COSÌ</b> B B1 B3 V	22	23	24 <b>7:30PM PURITANI</b> F D2
25 3PM BECZAŁA RECITAL	26 <b>7:30PM COSÌ</b> A A1 A3	27	28 <b>2PM PURITANI</b> MB			
MAR 2018				1	2	3 7:30PM FAUST D F1
4 2PM COSÌ MA	5	6 <b>7:30PM FAUST</b> F B2 V	7	8 2PM COSÌ MG	9 <b>7:30PM FAUST</b> C	10 7:30PM BERNSTEIN CONCERT
11	12 <b>7:30PM FAUST</b> A A1 A3	13 <b>7:30PM COSÌ</b> F A2	14	15 <b>7:30PM FAUST</b> B B1	16 <b>7:30PM COSÌ</b> C	17 7:30PM FELLOW TRAVELERS*
18 2PM FAUST MA	19	20	21 2PM 7:30PM FELLOW TRAVELERS*	22	23 <b>7:30PM</b> FELLOW TRAVELERS*	24
25 2PM FELLOW TRAVELERS*	26	27	28	29	30	31
APR 2018	2	3	4	5	6	7 11AM - 3PM FAMILY DAY
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 WINE AUCTION
22	23	24	25	26	27 7PM  JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR	JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR
29 1:30PM  JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR	30					
MAY 2018		1	2 1:30PM  JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR	3 7PM  JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR	4 7PM JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR	5 1:30PM & 7PM  JESUS CHRIST  SUPERSTAR
6 1:30PM  JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR	7	8 7PM  JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR	9 1:30PM  JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR	10 1:30PM & 7PM  JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR	JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR	12 1:30PM & 7PM  JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR
13 1:30PM MOTHER'S DAY JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR	14	JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR	JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR	17 1:30PM & 7PM  JESUS CHRIST  SUPERSTAR	JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR	19 1:30PM & 7PM  JESUS CHRIST  SUPERSTAR
20 1:30PM  JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR	CREATE YOU  A Price Dates	R OWN SERIES  B Price Date			OTHER EVENTS  Special Events	

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