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An unforgettable afternoon of great singing –
Lawrence Brownlee and Eric Owens in Recital
in collaboration with pianist Craig Terry
performing operatic favorites, spirituals, and
classic popular fare

Sunday, April 9 at 3pm at Lyric's Civic Opera House
Tickets start at just \$20 for Lyric subscribers,
\$35 for general public

CHICAGO (3/2/17) – Lyric Opera is excited to present an afternoon of glorious music with **Lawrence Brownlee and Eric Owens in Recital** on Sunday, April 9 at 3pm. Tenor **Lawrence Brownlee** and bass-baritone **Eric Owens**, who have both earned critical and audience praise internationally and in Lyric productions, will share their talents, artistry, and exciting range of repertoire. The single performance will take place at the Civic Opera House, and will feature these outstanding singers in collaboration with the brilliant pianist **Craig Terry**, music director for Lyric's Patrick G. and Shirley W. Ryan Opera Center.

Both singers have appeared at nearly every major opera house and performed with leading orchestras around the world. Hailed by the

Associated Press as "one of the world's leading bel canto tenors," Brownlee debuted at Lyric to great acclaim last season in *Cinderella/La Cenerentola* and returns this March for the Chicago premiere of *Charlie Parker's YARDBIRD*. Owens, who stars as Wotan in Lyric's new *Ring* cycle, was praised by the *Chicago Tribune* for singing with "nobility, depth, lyricism and surpassing tonal beauty." He previously starred in Lyric productions of *Porgy and Bess*, *Rusalka*, *Hercules*, and *Doctor Atomic*.

The program will encompass a range of exciting works from opera, spirituals, and popular song that will be familiar to music fans of all genres.

Lyric subscribers enjoy special pricing for this event starting at \$20, and tickets for the general public start at just \$35.

For more information and ticket reservations, go to lyricopera.org/recital or call 312.827.5600.

About Lyric Opera of Chicago

Lyric Opera of Chicago's mission is to express and promote the life-changing, transformational, revelatory power of great opera. Lyric exists to provide a broad, deep, and relevant cultural service to Chicago and the nation, and to advance the development of the art form.

Founded in 1954, Lyric is dedicated to producing and performing consistently thrilling, entertaining, and thought-provoking opera with a balanced repertoire of core classics, lesser-known masterpieces, and new works; to creating an innovative and wide-ranging program of community engagement and educational activities; and to developing exceptional emerging operatic talent.

Under the leadership of General Director, President & CEO Anthony Freud, Music Director Sir Andrew Davis, and Creative Consultant Renée Fleming, Lyric strives to become The Great North American Opera Company for the 21st century: a globally significant arts organization embodying the core values of excellence, relevance, and fiscal responsibility.

To learn more about Lyric's current season, go to lyricopera.org. You can also join the conversation with @LyricOpera on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook. #Lyric1617 #LongLivePassion



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