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Lyric Opera of Chicago presents

***Piotr Beczala in Recital***

The world-renowned tenor will perform an intimate recital

with pianist Martin Katz at the Lyric Opera House

Sunday, February 25, 2018 at 3pm

**CHICAGO** (1/25/18) – Lyric Opera is proud to present tenor **Piotr Beczala**, one of the most sought-after artists of our time, in an intimate recital at the **Lyric Opera House on Sunday, February 25 at 3pm**. He will be joined by renowned pianist **Martin Katz**. Tickets for ***Piotr Beczala in Recital*** start at \$35 and are on sale now at [lyricopera.org/beczala](http://lyricopera.org/beczala) or by calling 312-827-5600.

The program will feature **Beczala** singing crowd-pleasing Italian art songs, as well as beloved music from his native Poland. He will perform works by Italian composers Ottorino Respighi, Stefano Donaudy, Ermanno Wolf-Ferrari, and Francesco Paolo Tosti, as well as Polish composers Stanisław Moniuszko, Karol Szymanowski, and Mieczysław Karłowicz.

**Beczala** triumphed in both his Lyric debut in the title role of *Faust* (2009/10) and as Edgardo in *Lucia di Lammermoor* (2016/17). He was called “warm-voiced” by the *Chicago Sun Times*, with the *Chicago Tribune* declaring, “Beczala defines the meaning of bel canto — beautiful singing.”

In addition to mainstage roles in some of the world’s leading opera houses, he has thrilled audiences across the country with his recital performances, which were described by *The San Diego Union-Tribune* as “an unqualified success...there was no stopping the free flow of glory notes.” The *New York Times* called his voice “rich, virile, with appealingly dark undertow” and the *Washington Classical Review* said the audience “called loudly for encores.”

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**A limited number of VIP Mezzanine Box Seats, with an exclusive on-stage Champagne Reception with Piotr and Martin to immediately follow, are available.**

To purchase, please contact Karolina Śledź Reynolds at [kreynolds@lyricopera.org](mailto:kreynolds@lyricopera.org) or (312) 827-5689

#### About Lyric Opera of Chicago

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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 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.

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