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Friends of the Opera

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Dear Opera Lover,

The Friends of the Opera (FOTO) was founded in 1974 and continues today providing access to opera, facilitating opera education, and supporting opera in West Michigan.

Last year, FOTO hosted or helped fund many initiatives including the following:

- Hosting **Mozart's Birthday Party** featuring Grand Valley opera students and OGR rehearsal pianist, Robert Byrens, as accompanist
- Underwriting the projected **English supertitles** at *Opera Grand Rapids* productions
- The return of FOTO **opera trips**...see the insert for some of this season's proposed trips.
- **Hospitality** and **accommodations** for guest artists
- **Scholarships** for vocal competition finalists and community music education programs
- **Cast Party** and **Artist Reception** for *Barber of Seville*
- **Cast Gifts** as a memento of artists' time in Grand Rapids
- Publishing **Operaphoria** – FOTO's educational newsletter for the Met Simulcast
- Free or discounted **student tickets** to Met Opera Simulcasts

This year, we plan to continue these events and hope to accomplish even more, including: more opera trips, bolstering our support of GVSU Opera Theatre, additional cast parties, and additional collaboration. However, we couldn't accomplish this without generous supporters of the arts like you!

I invite you to join FOTO for another successful year, helping to bring opera to West Michigan by **signing up for a membership today**. Below, you'll find a copy of our membership application form.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about the renewal process, please don't hesitate to contact me at info@fotogr.org or 616-258-9516.

Sincerely,

John T. Jones
President
Friends of the Opera

FRIENDS OF THE OPERA – Member Application 2017-18

Please complete and mail this form along with payment to: Friends of the Opera, 1320 East Fulton Street, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Name(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Membership Levels:

\$50 Individual \$100 Family \$75 Benefactor (*Individual*) \$500 Lifetime (*Individual*)

I would like to increase my support with an additional gift of \$ _____.

Enclosed is my check made payable to Friends of the Opera.

Charge my credit card: American Express Discover MasterCard Visa

Credit card number

Expiration date

CCV (Three digit on back of card)

Name as it appears on card

Cardholder's signature

Get Involved:

I would like to learn about volunteer opportunities (**circle**): Met Operas, Cast Parties, Event Planning, Other _____

I would be interested in joining the board