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Berkshire Opera Festival Announces

“From Stage To Screen: The Show Must Go On(ine)” A Virtual Concert Experience Coming August 28

(Great Barrington, MA) — Berkshire Opera Festival (BOF) launches its first virtual concert comprised of musical selections from across the operatic spectrum and beyond. The concert will feature performances from the internationally-renowned cast of BOF’s (recently canceled) 2020 production of *Don Giovanni*.

This concert will feature **André Courville**, praised by *Opera News* for his "splendid, lush bass-baritone," bass **Erik Anstine**, soprano **Laura Wilde**, a 2019 Richard Tucker Foundation Career Grant recipient, tenor **Joshua Blue**, who sings frequently at Washington National Opera, soprano **Joanna Latini**, legendary bass and Berkshire resident **John Cheek**, soprano **Natalia Santaliz**, and baritone **Brian James Myer**.

Hosted by BOF's Co-Founders Brian Garman and Jonathon Loy, the hour-long concert will feature pieces filmed from homes near and far—some from the singers' homes, others from BOF's home base at St. James Place in Great Barrington, MA. Video production and editing for this virtual concert is provided by Pittsfield Community TV, with funding support from the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation.

BOF has approached this online concert with its usual spirit of resilience and optimism for the future, striving to maintain its high artistic standards for performances and programming in alternative ways that reduce health risks to the performers, staff, and audiences according to the public safety guidelines developed by the State of Massachusetts.

Tickets are \$20 per device and can be purchased at www.BerkshireOperaFestival.org/2020-Virtual-Concert. The concert will premiere on Vimeo on

Friday, August 28, 2020, at 7:30 pm, and will be available for on-demand viewing through Friday, September 4, 2020.

As a special thank you, Berkshire Opera Festival is offering free passes for this virtual concert to medical professionals in the Berkshires who worked tirelessly through the pandemic lock-down, including hospital, nursing home, and EMT employees. The entire staff at Berkshire Opera Festival hopes that this concert provides a respite for the remarkable health care givers who continue to provide for our community.

For further information, please contact us at info@berkshireoperafestival.org.

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Featured Artists

Bass-baritone André Courville

Bass Erik Anstine

Soprano Laura Wilde

Tenor Joshua Blue

Soprano Joanna Latini

Bass-baritone John Cheek

Soprano Natalia Santaliz

Baritone Brian James Myer

About Berkshire Opera Festival

Berkshire Opera Festival (BOF) is a fully-producing summer festival founded by Jonathon Loy and Brian Garman which presented its first season in 2016. The mission of Berkshire Opera Festival is to entertain and enrich the lives of people of all ages and backgrounds throughout the Berkshire region by providing accessible and affordable performances of a broad range of operas with the highest artistic standards. Each summer, BOF presents musically and dramatically compelling operatic productions, in addition to recitals and other related musical events. Recent productions include Puccini's *Madama Butterfly*, Stauss's *Ariadne auf Naxos*, Verdi's *Rigoletto*, and Donizetti's *Don Pasquale*.