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"POP-UP" OPERA WITH CHARLOTTE SYMPHONY & ORATORIO SINGERS OF CHARLOTTE FEATURING SOPRANO JILL GARDNER & TENOR YEGHISHE MANUCHARYAN WAGNER, VERDI, AND MASCAGNI—VALENTINE'S WEEKEND



JANUARY 14, 2013 | CHARLOTTE, NC – A revue of operatic classics from Wagner, Verdi, and Mascagni will adopt an element from the best of modern music videos at the Charlotte Symphony's innovative KnightSounds concert "*Pop-Up*" Opera.

The "pop-up" aspect of "*Pop-Up*" Opera was inspired by the VH1 television show "Pop-up Video," wherein music videos are accompanied by pop-up bubbles containing fun-facts, witticisms, and insights on the respective artist and song.

Mirroring this television trait, the Charlotte Symphony and the Oratorio Singers of Charlotte will present the "Triumphal March" from Verdi's grand opera *Aida*, "Sempre Libera" ("The Drinking Song") from *La Traviata*, several selections from Wagner's *Tannhäuser*, and pieces from Mascagni's *Cavalleria Rusticana*, all featuring their own VH1-style pop-ups. These pop-ups will function like program notes in action, clueing the audience in to operatic plot lines and including musicological trivia and behind-the-scenes information.

Don't miss your chance to experience the masters meeting the modern: join the Symphony for "*Pop-Up*" Opera at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, February 15 at the Knight Theater.

If you're looking to impress your Valentine with an elegant yet fun evening out, "*Pop-Up*" Opera is your answer: each ticket includes a free drink and you can even capture the occasion in the opera-inspired "Pop-Up" photo booth, complete with props!

Finally, like all KnightSounds concerts, a pre-concert reception in the Knight Lobby will kick-off the evening at 6:30 p.m. Patrons are also invited to the post-concert event during which the Symphony will celebrate Wagner and Verdi's bi-centennial and Mascagni's 150th with birthday cake and all!

Tickets are \$39 and are available by calling the 704-972-2000 or visiting charlottesymphony.org.

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