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Pittsburgh Opera Announces The Henry J. and Mary Louise Gailliot Fund for Classical Opera

PITTSBURGH, PA–

Pittsburgh Opera is pleased to announce the creation of The Henry J. and Mary Louise Gailliot Fund for Classical Opera.

The Fund, which is being seeded by a \$3 million gift from Henry and Mary Louise Gailliot, will support the production, performance, and staging of operas composed before 1950.

“This gift will help ensure that seminal works of the opera canon continue to delight future generations of Pittsburghers,” says Pittsburgh Opera General Director Christopher Hahn. “Music by composers such as Mozart, Verdi, and Puccini stand the test of time for a reason, and we deeply appreciate the Gailliot’s support of them. This will help us propel the art form into the future by continuing to appreciate its past.”

“We are delighted to make this gift to Pittsburgh Opera”, said Henry Gailliot. “Pittsburgh Opera is a vital contributor to the region’s vibrant cultural life and we are proud to support classical opera through the creation of this Fund.”

The Fund is part of Pittsburgh Opera’s \$50MM Comprehensive Campaign. The campaign, co-chaired by Michele Atkins, Dr. Lisa Cibik, Michele Fabrizi, and Diana Reid, is called [Forever](#). *Forever* has already raised over half its \$50MM goal. Its objectives are to:

- Promote Pittsburgh Opera’s cornerstones of Art, Community, and Resilience
- Make Pittsburgh Opera a model of entrepreneurship and inclusion
- Secure Pittsburgh Opera’s place as a cultural treasure for future generations

People can contribute to *Forever* through:

- New and increased yearly giving to Pittsburgh Opera’s Annual Fund, which can be made online at pittsburghopera.org/forever
- Planned Giving through Pittsburgh Opera’s [Monteverdi Society](#), for legacy building estate gifts and bequest commitments
- Special Gifts – exceptional philanthropic gifts custom-tailored to the donor’s individual preferences; please contact Pittsburgh Opera at 412-281-0912, ext. 259

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Pittsburgh Opera celebrates its 83rd season in 2021-22. Established by five intrepid women in 1939, Pittsburgh Opera is viewed as one of the most vibrant opera organizations in the U.S., with a rich artistic tradition, outstanding educational programs, an acclaimed artist training program, and a progressive outlook toward the future. Its green initiative culminated in LEED® Silver certification for its Strip District headquarters, and its capacity as a true community partner has increased significantly under General Director Christopher Hahn’s leadership.