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The 2016-2017 Season presented at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts
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As General Director and CEO, I am committed to bringing the best of the world of opera to Kansas City. This season, we bring you a reimagined fairy-tale, an iconic masterpiece, a thought-provoking tour de force, and a delightful romp at season’s end. It is a strong affirmation of the Lyric’s dedication to providing indelible opera experiences that are living, breathing and relevant expressions of humanity that will move and inspire.

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Season after season, Lyric Opera productions honor those operas that fans have come to cherish while also producing new and electrifying works, some never before seen in the Midwest. I am proud to announce the 2016-17 Lyric Opera Season.

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Deborah Sandler
General Director and CEO

The classic tale of Hansel and Gretel takes us back to childhood and a bedtime story complete with treats, a bit of terror and a witch who loves to bake.

Next, we welcome The Marriage of Figaro, ever a crowd pleaser, with clever schemes and skirt chasing antics that ultimately lead to true love.

As winter ends, we are proud to present the Kansas City debut of Dead Man Walking, the searing story of truth and redemption on death row.

We end on an “argghhhh” note with The Pirates of Penzance. The rousing songs and colorful sets will have you shopping for parrots and broadswords.

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SOME TREATS AREN’T SO SWEET
This opera, based on the classic Brothers Grimm fairy tale of a brother and sister, was actually written by a brother and sister. Humperdinck was persuaded to write the music by his sister, Adelheid, who wrote the libretto. The setting for this production has been reimagined as a fantasy carnival world delightfully enhanced by performers from Doug Varone & Dancers with set and costumes by Tony Award nominee David Zinn. Sprinkled with familiar melodies and topped with a happy ending, Hansel and Gretel promises to be a sweet start to the season.

Sung in German with English subtitles and suitable for children (and adults) who aren’t afraid of clowns.
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**Conductor:** John Keenan  
**Director:** Doug Varone

## FEATURED ARTISTS

**American mezzo-soprano, Megan Marino, (Hansel)** is a genre-adventurous musician and showman of “impressive clarity”, “warm, plumy tone” and “considerable range and confidence” (Washington Times). Whether on the opera or concert stage, she’s driven by the glory of the art form, a love of obscure forgotten gems and pure undiluted moxie. Her recent appearances include the Metropolitan Opera, Lyric Opera of Chicago, San Francisco Opera, Santa Fe Opera, Spoleto Festival USA and Caramoor Music Festival. This will be her Lyric Opera of Kansas City debut.

**Rachele Gilmore** (Gretel) is one of America’s most sought after coloratura sopranos, and continues to thrill audiences around the globe. She's graced the stages of many prestigious opera houses and symphonies including Teatro alla Scala, The Metropolitan Opera, Florida Grand Opera, Bayerische Staatsoper, Boston Lyric Opera, The Los Angeles Philharmonic, and the BBC Symphony Orchestra. This will be her Lyric Opera of Kansas City debut.

Making her Lyric Opera of Kansas City debut, **Marianne Cornetti** (The Witch/Mother) is recognized internationally as one of the leading Verdi mezzo-sopranos in the world. She has appeared in leading roles at theatres including the Teatro alla Scala, Royal Opera, Covent Garden, Metropolitan Opera, Teatro dell’Opera di Roma, Deutsche Oper Berlin, and many others. “…The range of colors and accents within a given range, including her magnificent chest tones, was marvelous to experience.” (TribLive)

American baritone **Troy Cook** (Peter, the Father) returns to Lyric Opera of Kansas City after his acclaimed performance in the 2010 production of *The Marriage of Figaro*. His voice has been praised as “a beautiful, robust, woolen baritone, the sort that flows effortlessly in its middle range, and gathers energy as it climbs higher, never showing the faintest hint of a blemish.” (The New Criterion) His experience includes significant roles at Royal Opera, Covent Garden, Opera Philadelphia, Boston Lyric Opera, Opera Theatre of St. Louis, and Washington National Opera.

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THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO

Music by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Libretto by Lorenzo Da Ponte

ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE

Few operas are as delightful as Mozart’s The Marriage of Figaro, considered by many to be the most perfect opera ever written. Picking up where The Barber of Seville left off, it’s now several years later and the bloom is off the rose. Count Almaviva has developed a wandering eye and has set his sights on Figaro’s bride-to-be, Susannah, neglecting his own wife. What follows is a rousing and poignant comedy of misplaced identities, misbegotten plans and general misbehaving. All ends well as love is restored, families are reunited and Figaro finally gets his bride.

Sung in Italian with English subtitles.
Suitable for children who have had their first crush.

The Marriage of Figaro is a new co-production with Opera Philadelphia and San Diego Opera and will premier at Lyric Opera of Kansas City.
Subscribers have more NEW season ticket package options.

Reprising her “impeccable, soulful performance” (*The Kansas City Star*) in the role of Countess Almaviva, Katie Van Kooten (Countess Almaviva) returns to Lyric Opera of Kansas City for her third production with the company. Her experience spans a variety of prestigious opera houses including The Metropolitan Opera, Houston Grand Opera, Covent Garden, and Oper Frankfurt. “Her singing has something of the same glow radiated by Te Kanawa or Freni, and her endearing charm and bright smile make her a winning stage personality.” (*The Daily Telegraph*)

Making his Lyric Opera of Kansas City debut, American bass, Adam Lau (Figaro), has been praised as a “bass of real quality, with sonorous low notes” (*Palm Beach Arts Paper*). A graduate of the Florida Grand Opera young artist residency, recent credits include Seattle Opera, Santa Fe Opera, Dallas Opera, Opera Naples, North Carolina Opera, Opera Theatre of St. Louis, and Seattle Opera. He has been recognized in several voice competitions, and most recently is a Top Prize winner of the 2015 George London Foundation Vocal Competition.

Reprised performance at Washington National Opera, the Washington Post hailed soprano Maureen McKay (Susanna) as the “undisputed star of the show,” and further exclaimed, “Armed with a silvery, precisely aimed voice, natural stage presence and the kind of beautifully detailed acting you don’t see often enough on the operatic stage.” Ms. McKay will make her Lyric Opera of Kansas City and Seattle Opera debuts this season. She has also sung with Portland Opera, The Atlanta Opera, The Metropolitan Opera, Komische Oper Berlin, and Opera Colorado.

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### FEATURED ARTISTS

Baritone Edward Parks (Count Almaviva) has been hailed by *Opera News* for his “warm, velvety baritone” and *The New York Times* for providing “precision, sensitivity and nuance in abundance” and a “robust, earthy voice.” A graduate of The Metropolitan Opera’s Lindemann Young Artists Development Program, Mr. Parks’ recent engagements include roles with The Metropolitan Opera, Chicago Opera Theater, Prague Proms International Music Festival and the Czech National Symphony Orchestra. This will be his Lyric Opera of Kansas City debut.

Conductor: Ryan McAdams  
Director: Stephen Lawless
DEAD MAN WALKING

Music by Jake Heggie
Libretto by Terrence McNally
Based on the novel by Sister Helen Prejean
This opera was commissioned by the San Francisco Opera

A JOURNEY OF FAITH

One of the most frequently performed contemporary operas in recent years, Dead Man Walking is the story of a profound spiritual journey taken by a nun and a convicted killer about to face the ultimate sentence. Based on the book by Sister Helen Prejean, the opera delves into the conflict between the act of murder, society’s demand for retribution and the Christian foundation of redemption and forgiveness. Dead Man Walking is an unforgettable experience and promises to leave you stunned and breathless.

Sung in English with English subtitles.
Parental advisory: opera will contain brief nudity, graphic violence and explicit language and is best suited for those age 18 and up.

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David Adam Moore [Joseph de Rocher] is a highly sought-after leading baritone by major opera houses and orchestras worldwide, including The Metropolitan Opera, Teatro alla Scala, Lyric Opera of Chicago, Salzburg Festival, and Carnegie Hall. “What ultimately distinguished Moore’s performance was his consistent delivery of beauty within the bluster, including some exquisitely floated tones above the staff... This was one of the most shattering evenings I have ever spent in a theater.” (Opera News) This will be his Lyric Opera of Kansas City debut.

Making her Lyric Opera of Kansas City debut, Maria Zifchak [Mrs. Patrick de Rocher] is a highly accomplished artist. Of her recent performance in Dead Man Walking, Daily Camera claimed, “Mezzo-soprano Maria Zifchak, as De Rocher’s mother, moves the audience to open weeping on several occasions.” She regularly performs with The Metropolitan Opera, and has also performed with Opera Theater of St. Louis, Central City Opera, Arizona Opera, Dallas Opera, Cincinnati Opera and Atlanta Opera.

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Conductor: Steven Osgood  Director: Kristine McIntyre

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FEATURED ARTISTS
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April 22-30, 2017

THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE

Music by Arthur Sullivan
Libretto by W. S. Gilbert

HIGH JINKS ON THE HIGH SEAS

Gilbert and Sullivan’s cheeky and charming operetta abounds with pirates, maidens and a Major General with the true gift of gab. Featuring hyperkinetic lyrics, madly colorful sets and a bevy of bungling bobbies, this production promises to be an evening of pure fun. Young Frederic, instantly smitten by the lovely Mabel but beholden to a Pirate King, and beleaguered by the Major General, must fulfill his sense of duty while staying true to his love. Sound complicated? That’s because only in The Pirates of Penzance will you hear the words “lot o’ news” rhymed with “hypotenuse.”

Sung in English with English subtitles and suitable for children who still pretend they’re pirates.

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Jonathan Johnson (Frederic) will be making his Lyric Opera of Kansas City debut. He recently completed a fellowship at the A.J. Fletcher Institute at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts. While an A.J. Fletcher Institute Fellow, Mr. Johnson performed the roles of Ruggero from Giacomo Puccini’s La Rondine, Lechmere from Benjamin Britten’s Owen Wingrave, Azrael in Debussy’s L’enfant prodigue, and Fenton from Otto von Nicolai’s Die lustigen Weiber von Windsor. He also made his Piedmont Opera debut in the role of Ezekiel Cheever in Robert Ward’s The Crucible.

Praised for her “thrilling vocal color” and “sweetly winning” presence, American soprano Anya Matanovic (Mabel) made her international opera debut with the New Israeli Opera as Musetta. Her recent performances have been praised as “dark-hued and dazzling” (The New York Times) “Luminous” (The Hub Review) and “Outstanding” (Opera News). Her current and upcoming seasons include performances with New Orleans Opera, The Cleveland Orchestra, Tucson Symphony, Seattle Opera, Boston Lyric Opera and her debut at Lyric Opera of Kansas City.

Kansas City audience favorite, Robert Gibby Brand (Major-General Stanley) has performed with the Quality Hill Playhouse, Actors’ Theatre of Kansas City, the New Theatre, the Unicorn Theater, and the Heart of America Shakespeare Festival. Broadway World recently claimed “Robert Gibby Brand is brilliant and powerful …[he] is without doubt one of the finest dramatic actors in the area.” This will be Mr. Brand’s 5th production with Lyric Opera of Kansas City. Previous productions include Die Fledermaus, The Mikado, The Daughter of the Regiment, and Silent Night.

American bass Kevin Burdette (The Pirate King) has impressed audiences with his mellifluous voice and strongly dramatic characterizations. The San Francisco Chronicle called his Leporello “a tour de force of vocal splendor and comic timing,” and The New York Times dubbed him “the Robin Williams of opera.” He has performed at nationally renowned opera houses including The Metropolitan Opera, San Diego Opera, Portland Opera, Santa Fe Opera, and Opera Philadelphia. He previously performed with Lyric Opera of Kansas City in the 2012 production of The Barber of Seville.

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**Conductor:** Hal France  
**Director:** Sean Curran

**FEATURED ARTISTS**

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