

Opera in the Park 2018 Press Release

Harrisburg 's professional, regional opera company is launching their comeback by reviving it's **Opera in the Park** annual concert event **on Sunday, August 19th at 4 PM at Italian Lake**. A past favorite for Harrisburgers, this concert is free to the public and offers an accessible, fun perspective for opera novices and aficionados alike. Donations, however, are gratefully appreciated to help us raise money for our mainstage production!

This year's theme, *Looking Forward*, will feature classical opera, contemporary opera, musical theater, cabaret and folk works that look toward the future in a positive way and will include a sneak peak at HOA's next mainstage production! This also marks the first time original compositions will be featured at this event. Local artists include Michael Gamon, Director of the Center for the Creative Arts at the Harrisburg Academy, as narrator, Hannah Shea, mezzo soprano and Greg Strohman, accompanist. Regional artists include Timothy Lafontaine, baritone, native Harrisburger Tami Swartz - artistic director and soprano, and Metropolitan Opera tenor Adam Klein.

HOA representatives will be on hand at the concert to answer any questions or receive donations. See you there!

When: Sunday August 19th, 2018 at 4 PM

Where: Italian Lake, Harrisburg, PA

Attire: Casual Picnic, Hawaiian Luau or whatever floats your boat on a beautiful summer afternoon!

What to Bring: There will be bench seating for 80 audience members on a first come first serve basis, but there are also nice grassy areas to sit, as well. Picnic blankets, picnic food and lawn chairs are most welcome.

Websites:

Harrisburg Opera Association: <http://harrisburg-opera.org/>

About HOA's Opera in the Park and Archive: <http://harrisburgopera.org/operainthepark.html>

Harrisburg Opera Association's Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/harrisburgoperassociation/>

Harrisburg Opera Association's Instagram: <http://www.instagram.com/harrisburgopera>

Michael Gamon: <https://suzukiassociation.org/people/michael-gamon/>,
<https://www.harrisburgacademy.org/about/schoolleadership/facultydirectory/michael-gamon>

Adam Klein: <http://adamcklein.us/lilytenor.html>

Timothy Lafontaine: <https://www.timothylafontaine.com/>

Hannah Shea: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/hannah-shea-mezzo-soprano/>

Greg Strohman: <https://www.gregstrohman.com/>

Tami Swartz: <http://tamiswartz.com/>