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Pittsburgh Opera Hosts Annual *Rising Stars*

Free Resident Artist Performance in collaboration with RADical Days 2009

When: Saturday, September 12, 2009 at 7:00 PM

What: Pittsburgh Opera *Rising Stars*

Where: Pittsburgh Opera, [2425 Liberty Avenue](#), in the Strip District

Who: Resident Artists of Pittsburgh Opera, General Director Christopher Hahn
Music Director Antony Walker, Friends, Families and Pittsburghers of all ages

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Pittsburgh, PA... [Pittsburgh Opera](#) will host its annual *Rising Stars* on Saturday, September 12, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the Opera's headquarters ([2425 Liberty Avenue](#)) in the Strip District. *Rising Stars* is the community's first occasion to meet the incoming [Pittsburgh Opera Resident Artists](#) and provides a peek into the behind-the-scenes world of opera auditions. Held in the intimate setting of the Opera's performance space, it is the opening event of the [Allegheny Regional Asset District's RADical Days 2009](#). This performance is free and open to the public.

Rising Stars is an opportunity for friends, families and Pittsburghers of all ages to experience the opera audition process first-hand. Each Resident Artist will first perform a selection of his or her own choosing and then one chosen by [General Director Christopher Hahn](#) after consultation with [Music Director Antony Walker](#).

"This is a wonderful opportunity to experience fine opera singers in full audition mode, and to hear the new contingent of Resident Artist singers in the 2009-10 season for the first time," says Mr. Hahn. "If *American Idol* has caught the public's imagination like no other, this is our very own version of *American Opera Idol* – except that all these singers have already won by being chosen to participate in this prestigious program."

Rising Stars is more than just an opportunity to see the Resident Artists perform. Following the singing portion of the event, Mr. Hahn will interview each Resident Artist, providing the first opportunity to get to know the new artists and to reunite with the returning singers.



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Guests will also have an opportunity to meet Mr. Hahn, Maestro Walker and the Resident Artists after the performance.

This event is free and open to the public. Seating is limited and reservations are required. For more information about the event, visit www.pittsburghopera.org. To reserve a seat, call (412) 281-0912 ext. 216.

For more information about Allegheny Regional Asset District and RADical Days 2009, visit www.radworkshere.org.

***Pittsburgh Opera** celebrates its 71st season in 2009-10 with Eugene Onegin, Falstaff, The Rape of Lucretia, Carmen and The Marriage of Figaro. In addition to its mainstage productions, Pittsburgh Opera produces a range of programs to engage and enrich the community with more than 20,000 students, families and educators participating in its educational events annually. The internationally-renowned Pittsburgh Opera Resident Artist Program is among the country's top training programs for rising opera stars, and the company's newly-designed administrative and rehearsal space, housed in a 139-year-old Air Brake Factory in the city's Strip District, provides space for events ranging from free community Brown Bag concerts to concert and recitals by world-class opera singers.*

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Eugene Onegin September 26, 29; October 2, 4, 2009

Falstaff October 24, 27, 30, November 1, 2009

The Rape of Lucretia January 30; February 2, 5, 7, 2010

Carmen March 20, 23, 26, 28, 2010

The Marriage of Figaro April 24, 27, 30; May 2, 2010

Beginning August 24, 2009, single tickets for as little as \$10

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