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Pittsburgh Opera Announces: Clothing Drive To Benefit Three Rivers Youth Hub

When: Now through Sunday, April 5

What: Clothing Drive to benefit [Three Rivers Youth Hub](#)

Where: All performances of [La bohème](#) at the Benedum Center [March 28, 31, April 3 and 5] and Pittsburgh Opera administrative offices located at [2425 Liberty Avenue](#) in the Strip District [Mon-Fri from 9:00 AM-5:00 PM].

Who: Generous members of Pittsburgh area communities, Three Rivers Youth Hub and Pittsburgh Opera

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Pittsburgh, PA... [Pittsburgh Opera](#) is hosting a clothing drive during its production of Puccini's [La bohème](#), now through April 5. As part of its ongoing efforts to engage and enrich the community, Pittsburgh Opera is collecting gently-used or new adult-sized clothing donations for [Three Rivers Youth Hub](#), a non-profit organization located in the Strip District dedicated to assisting homeless young adults.

"We are delighted to be able to use our upcoming production of [La bohème](#) to spotlight an organization that impacts so many young people here in Pittsburgh," said [Christopher Hahn](#), General Director of Pittsburgh Opera. "Developing a greater connection with our community is a major focus for us, and we are very excited to have this opportunity to work with Three Rivers Youth on this project."

Pittsburgh Opera has recently stepped up its community enrichment efforts with support for a different local charity or service organization during each of the Opera's mainstage

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productions. During the production of [Samson & Dalila](#), the Opera teamed with Locks of Love to help provide hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children suffering from long-term medical hair loss. For [The Grapes of Wrath](#), the Opera hosted a canned food drive to benefit the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, collecting over 1600 pounds of food for the cause.

During [La bohème](#), whose story is based on the lives of poor young bohemians in 1830s Paris, Pittsburgh Opera has teamed with Three Rivers Youth to help support homeless young adults in the Pittsburgh area.

"We wanted to use this production as an opportunity to make an impact on the lives of young people who are struggling in our community. In these economic times, everyone can use a helping hand, especially our young people," said Hahn.

Three Rivers Youth Hub serves homeless young adults between the ages of 18 and 21, providing them with counseling, meals, laundry and showers in a converted warehouse loft space with a living area, dining room, kitchen and two offices. Located in Pittsburgh's Strip District, the Hub is accessible by public transportation within walking distance of Downtown bus and rail depots.

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Clothing donations can be dropped off at the Benedum Center during the March 28, 31, April 3 and 5 performances and between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM Monday through Friday at Pittsburgh Opera's administrative offices located at [2425 Liberty Avenue](#) in the Strip District. No socks or undergarments please.

For additional information, please call (412) 281-0912 or email info@pittsburghopera.org.

[Pittsburgh Opera](#), now celebrating its 70th season, is one of America's leading opera companies. It produces a range of programs, from mainstage productions to free community concerts to intimate cabarets. Pittsburgh Opera's internationally renowned resident artist program is among the country's top five training centers for rising opera stars. More than 20,000 students, families and educators participate in Pittsburgh Opera educational events annually. The company's newly designed administrative and rehearsal space is housed in a 140-year-old air brake factory in the city's Strip District.

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