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Pittsburgh Opera Announces Annual Chorus Auditions

Pittsburgh, PA (April 22, 2008) . . .Pittsburgh Opera announces open chorus auditions by appointment only on Thursday, May 15 from 6:00-9:00 PM and Friday, May 16 from 7:30-9:00 PM in rehearsal room B of the Benedum Center. Classically trained singers in all voice categories who have completed at least one year of undergraduate study may schedule an audition appointment. Auditions are 5 minutes in duration, and an accompanist is provided. Applicants should enter the Benedum Center stage door at 719 Liberty Avenue and take the elevator to the 4th floor.

Requirements: one aria or art song sung in Italian, French, or German (should be memorized); sight-reading and vocalization. Singers should bring a one-page performance experience resume; headshot is optional. Applicants are required to prove that they are United States citizens, permanent residents, or have legal permission to work in the United States. To schedule an audition, e-mail Christopher M. Powell at cpowell@pittsburghopera.org or call 412-281-0912 x255.

Directed by Chorus Master Mark Trawka, the Pittsburgh Opera Chorus is a professional ensemble of approximately 85 part-time members. Open auditions are typically held in May of each year.

For more information, visit www.pittsburghopera.org

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