

## **Pittsburgh Opera NEWS RELEASE**

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### **PITTSBURGH OPERA ANNOUNCES NATIONAL SEARCH**

Pittsburgh, PA --Pittsburgh Opera announced today that a national search will be conducted to identify a new Company leader to succeed General Director Mark Weinstein, who is leaving on February 1 to join Washington National Opera as Executive Director.

According to Michele Fabrizi, Chair of Pittsburgh Opera's Board of Directors, "Pittsburgh Opera has never been stronger financially and artistically. Mark's prestigious new appointment is testimony to the excellence of Pittsburgh Opera and our standing in the opera community. Given the company's excellent reputation, we are certain to attract an exciting slate of candidates. Mark will continue in his current position through January and provide consultation and support to the board through the transition."

Board member Tom Mulroy has been appointed by the Executive Committee to chair the Search Committee, whose membership includes present officers of the Board and former Board presidents who have active leadership roles with the Company. Mulroy will have the discretion to appoint a limited number of additional members if specific areas of expertise are needed.

In addition, beginning February 1 and until the leadership position is filled, Dr. Joseph Marasco, former Board president, will serve as the liaison between the Board and staff.

"This is truly an auspicious time for Pittsburgh Opera," Fabrizi added. The company is moving into a spectacular new home soon and our team of artistic leaders, Artistic Director Christopher Hahn and Music Director Antony Walker, bring international stature to the company. With our deeply committed board, staff, and audience, Pittsburgh Opera looks forward to great things ahead."

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