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Pittsburgh Opera to broadcast world premiere opera “In a Grove” free on YouTube May 15th



*Ambrose Raines (Andrew Turner), Leona Raines (Madeline Ehlinger), and The Outlaw Luther Harlow (Yazid Gray).
Photo by David Bachman Photography.*

Pittsburgh Opera will broadcast a video recording of its world premiere of Christopher Cerrone and Stephanie Fleischmann’s [In a Grove](#) in its entirety, for free, on YouTube Sunday, May 15th at 7:00pm.

The opera, based on [the short story](#) by [Ryūnosuke Akutagawa](#), had its world premiere at Pittsburgh Opera’s headquarters the Bitz Opera Factory February 19th through March 3rd, 2022.

On one level a murder mystery, on another level a searing investigation into the nature of truth and limits of perception, *In a Grove*’s story revolves around trying to determine who killed a young husband in the woods of the Pacific Northwest.

Audiences and critics raved about the sold-out performances:

Pittsburgh Opera celebrates its 83rd season in 2021-22. Established by five intrepid women in 1939, Pittsburgh Opera is viewed as one of the most vibrant opera organizations in the U.S., with a rich artistic tradition, outstanding educational programs, an acclaimed artist training program, and a progressive outlook toward the future. Its green initiative culminated in LEED® Silver certification for its Strip District headquarters, and its capacity as a true community partner has increased significantly under General Director Christopher Hahn’s leadership.

- “Rarely does a new opera emerge so perfectly formed, let alone presented in a production as musically and visually stunning” – [Classical Voice North America](#)
- “A Revelation of Sound and Sight” – [Pittsburgh Quarterly](#)
- “Alluringly and Dramatically Hypnotic” – [The Wall Street Journal](#)
- “*In a Grove* is Outstanding” – [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- “Epic...an opera that will linger long in my memory” – Opera News (May 2022 print edition)
- “The only thing that counts is the question of whether I would recommend *In a Grove* to adventurous opera lovers, and the answer would be ‘yes’.” – [onStage Pittsburgh](#)

“Countless people, both those who attended the performances and those who were unable to, have pleaded with us to release *In a Grove* on video”, said Pittsburgh Opera General Director Christopher Hahn. “Our generous funders enabled us to record the performances, and we are delighted to make this amazing opera available to a much wider audience.”

[A trailer](#) is available for viewing on [Pittsburgh Opera’s YouTube channel](#).

People can [register online](#) to receive email reminders and a link to the Premiere. The video will remain available for viewing throughout the summer.