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## "Winter is Ending" - Pittsburgh Opera fashion show A Song of Thrones to blend the modern and medieval in unforgettable evening

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Winter is ending a day early this year, as Pittsburgh Opera Headquarters in the Strip District hosts <u>A</u> <u>Song of Thrones</u>, a Pittsburgh Opera fashion event, on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

Based on the popular medieval fantasy epic "Game of Thrones," *A Song of Thrones* captures the drama of the immensely popular television show, while spotlighting costuming and music from Pittsburgh Opera, as well as high-end fashions by designer <u>Diana Misetic</u> of Shadyside fashion studio & boutique Little Black Dress, who is known for having an unparalleled eye for texture and silhouette.

The fashion show will feature a clash between simple, neutral pieces and colorful, dramatic ensembles to illustrate the everyday struggle between fantasy and reality. For a dramatic finishing touch, hair and makeup stylings will be created by <u>Studio BOOTH</u>.

Misetic is custom-making cutting edge couture for the event, which will be worn by professional models. Her pieces will be paired with opera wardrobe from Pittsburgh Opera's costume vault reminiscent of King's Landing, Winterfell, and beyond, which will be modeled by Pittsburgh Opera's <u>Resident Artists</u>.

Michele Fabrizi, Chair of Pittsburgh Opera's Board of Directors and President/CEO of <u>MARC USA</u>, is chairing the event. "Last year's fashion show, *Operatically Emphatic*, was a resounding success", said Fabrizi. "*A Song of Thrones* looks to build on that foundation and deliver another jaw-dropping evening of couture and music."

Studio BOOTH has partnered with jewelry artists Deborah Phillips and Murial Spitz to provide unique pieces for *A Song of Thrones*. These pieces, mostly composed of metal, large stones and eye-catching raw materials, will be available for purchase for guests looking to take a piece of the show home with them. In addition, Studio Booth stylist Deanna Machi, who is a Kevin Murphy Educator of the Year, will be demoing Kevin Murphy styling products to show guests how to replicate the *A Song of Thrones* looks. These products will also be available for purchase. In both cases, 15% of the proceeds will go to Pittsburgh Opera.

Hosted by <u>FRIENDS of Pittsburgh Opera</u>, the fashion show starts at 7:30 on Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. The evening also features a cocktail reception from 6:30 – 7:30, including hors d'oeuvres from <u>Black Radish</u> <u>Kitchen</u> such as spinach and ricotta fritters with lemon aioli, baguettes with sliced flank steak and garlic aioli, and seared tuna on gluten-free corn tortilla with salsa verde. Guests can mingle and pose for pictures with the costumed Resident Artists after the show.

Tickets are <u>available online</u>. General Admission is \$55, which includes one Standing Room Ticket. VIP Admission, which includes one Runway Seat plus one drink ticket, is \$150. Members of <u>Pittsburgh</u> <u>Opera's New Guard</u>, a group for young professionals ages 21-40, receive a free drink ticket. In addition,

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