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## Pittsburgh Opera announces 'Pittsburgh Opera@Home' radio shows on WQED-FM, and continues daily 'Intermezzo' videos during Coronavirus pandemic

## PITTSBURGH, PA

Beginning this Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, <u>Pittsburgh Opera</u> fans will be able to enjoy 'Pittsburgh Opera@Home' on Classical WQED 89.3FM.

WQED-FM, the Voice of the Arts in Western Pennsylvania, will broadcast 30-minute 'Pittsburgh Opera@Home' segments from 12:30-1:00PM on four consecutive Saturdays – April 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>, and May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Each of the four unique episodes will feature different audio performance clips spanning a variety of Pittsburgh Opera performances, specially curated by Pittsburgh Opera and WQED.

"Since our patrons are unable to come to us, we wanted to find ways to come to them" says Pittsburgh Opera General Director Christopher Hahn. "We are fortunate to have a strong partnership with WQED, as well as extensive archival recordings, to make 'Pittsburgh Opera@Home' possible."

In addition, on March 25<sup>th</sup> Pittsburgh Opera launched the 'Intermezzo' video series. 'Intermezzo' is a daily dose of operatic escape during the Coronavirus pandemic delivered virtually instead of in-person. Intermezzo features daily videos from past Pittsburgh Opera performances, as well as serenades by Pittsburgh Opera Resident Artists, who send virtual greetings from their homes.

Each afternoon Pittsburgh Opera posts that day's video three places:

- A special webpage, pittsburghopera.org/intermezzo
- The Intermezzo playlist on Pittsburgh Opera's YouTube Channel
- Pittsburgh Opera's Facebook page

Each location houses all the past Intermezzo videos too, so viewers can watch them all at their convenience.

"Perhaps now more than ever we believe in the power of music and the human voice to heal, to uplift, and to unite," says Hahn. "We eagerly await the day when we can perform live on-stage again. Until then, we hope these radio shows and daily videos can bring smiles to people's days during this difficult time."