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Pittsburgh Opera Fashion Show “Roses & Thorns” set to impress on March 9th

PITTSBURGH, PA–

Pittsburgh Opera’s 2020 Fashion Show, called [“Roses & Thorns”](#), will delight fashionistas and arts-lovers alike on Monday, March 9th. The event takes place at Pittsburgh Opera’s headquarters at 2425 Liberty Avenue in Pittsburgh’s Strip District. Doors open at 6:30PM; the show starts at 7:30.

Inspired by the legendary opera [Carmen](#), which opens March 28th at the Benedum Center, “Roses & Thorns” will combine the best in couture with top-shelf operatic entertainment to create an experience unlike any other.

This marks the fourth consecutive year of the increasingly-popular fashion event. Each year, Pittsburgh Opera partners with a designer and/or local clothing retailer. The show combines outfits by these partners, which are worn by professional models with hair and makeup by [Studio Booth](#), with ‘opera couture’ from Pittsburgh Opera’s Costume Shop, worn by [Pittsburgh Opera’s Resident Artists](#). Live music performances by the Resident Artists are woven into the fabric of the show.

For “Roses & Thorns”, Pittsburgh Opera is partnering with designer [Lela Rose](#) and [Choices Pittsburgh](#), as well as [Studio Booth](#), Pittsburgh’s premier salon in East Liberty. Floral arrangements are by [Allison McGeary](#). Lela Rose is a New York City-based, American fashion designer widely regarded for her elegant aesthetic and fresh point of view, who continues to redefine a sophisticated, yet modern lifestyle with her expanded, designer ready-to-wear-offering. Formally trained as a painter and sculptor prior to pursuing fashion design, Rose employs a brilliant use of color, rich fabrications, sculptural silhouettes and handcrafted details. Her artistic background is evident in her work and adds unexpected dimension and breadth to each season’s collection.

The evening includes hors d’oeuvres from [Hungry for Time](#) such as crostini with fava bean puree, roasted mushrooms and balsamic glaze; prosciutto, gouda, apple, and pickled onion finger sandwiches; and endive with crab salad. Delectable desserts, also from Hungry for Time, will include sparkling blueberry bites, mini crème brûlée, and dark chocolate mousse. Wine is provided by the Strip District’s own [R Wine Cellar](#). The event’s signature cocktail is The Pierced Rose.

Hosted by [FRIENDS of Pittsburgh Opera](#), the evening’s schedule is:

- 6:30 - 7:30 Cocktails and hors d’oeuvres
- 7:30 - 8:00 Fashion Show
- 8:00 - 9:00 Cocktails and dessert reception

Tickets are available online at pittsburghopera.org/fashion, or in person the night of the event.

General Admission is \$45, which includes one Standing Room Ticket and a complimentary glass of wine. Members of Pittsburgh Opera’s [New Guard](#), a group for young professionals ages 21-40, receive an additional free drink ticket. VIP Admission, which includes one Runway Seat, a drink ticket, and a product gift bag, is \$175. In addition, sponsorship packages are available. For ticket or sponsorship information or questions, please contact Pittsburgh Opera Special Events Manager Rebekah Diaz at 412-281-0912 x225. All ticket proceeds benefit Pittsburgh Opera.

Pittsburgh Opera celebrates its 81st season in 2019-20. 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.