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**CAPITOL CITY OPERA COMPANY ANNOUNCES 2017-2018 SEASON**

**ATLANTA** -- [Capitol City Opera](#) (CCOC), the only professional opera company in the Southeast that champions local singers and produces opera accessible to everyone, is pleased to announce its 2017–2018 season.

The season will launch on **Friday, November 17** and **Saturday, November 18** at **8 p.m.** with [Rising Stars](#), a new staged concert format designed to highlight more than a dozen of the Atlanta-area's most [promising young voices](#). All of the singers are based in Atlanta, and are exceptional talents pursuing a career in singing.

*Rising Stars* will include scenes from popular opera blockbusters such as *Don Giovanni*, *La traviata*, *Rigoletto*, *Carmen*, and *Porgy and Bess*, as well as lesser-known operas that have not been regularly seen on Atlanta stages such as *Lakmé*, *L'arlesiana*, *Cendrillon*, and *Granada*. The program also highlights a young director, **Daniel Weisman**, who will be staging the scenes. He will be fully-utilizing the intimate, theatre-in-the-round space at the [Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta](#) in which the audience surrounds the stage, and can see the performances from multiple angles.

Tickets are \$20 per person and can be purchased online at [ccityopera.org](#).

On **Sunday, December 17** at **7:30 p.m.**, Capitol City Opera's [Madrigals Singers](#) will present an evening of traditional a cappella Christmas and holiday carols and songs from the Renaissance and Baroque periods (plus a few contemporary surprises), all in period costume. Experience the joy of the season with music at [Highpoint Episcopal Community Church](#) in Sandy Springs. Tickets are \$10 per person and are available online at [ccityopera.org](#)

On **Friday, January 26, 2018** at **7:30 p.m.** at [Petite Violette](#) restaurant, Atlantans can look forward to an evening of opera fun and games at [Wine, Dine & Win](#). Audience members may bid during a lively auction to hear their favorite aria, be challenged to answer opera trivia questions, and become a [Capitol City Opera Outreach for Children](#) 'star' by supporting the company's children's program. Guests will also enjoy an evening of merriment that includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and wine. Tickets are \$40 and are available online at [ccityopera.org](#).

**March 23 to 25, 2018** at [Oglethorpe University](#)'s Conant Performing Arts Center, Capitol City Opera will present Verdi's *La traviata*. Based on the true romance of Alexander Dumas and Marie Duplessis, *La traviata* (the fallen woman) tells the story of Paris' most famous courtesan, Violetta Valéry, who leaves her destructive life to live with her first real love, Alfredo Germont. But social biases, and Violetta's failing health, turn love to tragedy and remorse. One of the most beloved operas in the repertoire, audiences will be swept up in the beautiful music, gorgeous costumes, and heart-breaking story. Tickets are \$30-40 and are available online at [ccityopera.org](#).

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Composer, conductor, author, and pianist Leonard Bernstein is one of America's most revered musicians. Celebrate his 100th birthday with us at the 26th Annual **On the Lightside** on **July 27 and 28, 2018**. This popular fundraiser at [Highpoint Episcopal Community Church](#) will include music from *Candide*, *Trouble in Tahiti*, *On the Town*, *West Side Story* and more. Doors open at 6:30 pm to browse the silent auction items and to enjoy a “bring-your-own” picnic dinner in the air-conditioned indoors. Performance begins at 8 p.m. General Admission is \$40.00 and tables for eight are \$300.00. Tickets can be purchased online at [ccityopera.org](#).

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## **Capitol City Opera’s 2017-18 Season Events and Performances**

### ***Rising Stars***

A new staged concert format designed to highlight the Atlanta-area's most promising young voices.  
Directed By **Daniel Weisman**

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta  
1911 Cliff Valley Way NE  
Atlanta GA 30329

### **Performance Dates and Times:**

Friday, November 17, 8 p.m.  
Saturday, November 18, 8 p.m.

### **Ticket Information:**

Adult General Admission: \$20  
Tickets are available [online](#) at [ccityopera.org](#).

### **Casting**

Andrea Green, soprano (Brookhaven)  
Reina Powell, soprano (Conyers)  
Julia Metry, soprano (Grant Park)  
Melanie Burbules, mezzo (North Druid Hills)  
Amanda Caban, mezzo (Midtown)  
Amanda Perera, mezzo (Buckhead/Midtown)  
Jose Caballero, tenor (Candler Park)  
Timothy Tolar, tenor (Norcross)  
Ramon Centeno, tenor (Fayetteville)  
Jarius Cliett, baritone (Mableton/Austell)  
Jadrian Tarver, baritone (Smyrna)  
Albert Clark, baritone (Vinings)

**Description:** Capitol City Opera will feature Atlanta's brightest up-and-coming singers in an evening of opera arias and scenes from popular opera blockbusters such as *Don Giovanni*, *La traviata*, *Rigoletto*, *Carmen*, and *Porgy and Bess*, as well as lesser-known operas that have not been regularly seen on Atlanta stages such as *Lakmé*, *L’arlesiana*, *Cendrillon*, and *Granada*. The in-the-round sanctuary of the [Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta](#) provides a unique opportunity to experience this performance up close. You will enjoy some of your favorite moments in opera, and be the first to discover opera’s next rising stars!

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## On the Light Side

A Musical "Indoor Picnic" Fundraiser Benefitting Capitol City Opera Company  
Featuring the Music of Leonard Bernstein

Friday, July 27, 2018

Saturday, July 28, 2018

6:30 pm auction, 8 pm concert

### [Highpoint Episcopal Community Church](#)

4945 High Point Rd NE

Atlanta, GA 30342

Tickets available online at [ccityopera.org](http://ccityopera.org).

General Admission	\$40.00
Table for eight	\$300.00

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## ***La traviata***

By Giuseppe Verdi

Libretto by Francesco Maria Piave

Directed by Michael Nutter

Music Direction by Catherine Giel

Conducted by Michael Giel

Conant Center for the Performing Arts

Oglethorpe University

4484 Peachtree Road NE

Atlanta, GA 30319

March 23, 2018 at 8 p.m.

March 24, 2018 at 8 p.m.

March 25, 2018 at 3 p.m.

### **Ticket Information:**

Adult General Admission: \$40

Seniors over 60, Students or Military with ID: \$30

Tickets are available online at [ccityopera.org](http://ccityopera.org).

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## **ABOUT CAPITOL CITY OPERA**

Capitol City Opera Company was formed in 1983 to provide Atlanta-area classically trained singers the opportunity to learn and perform complete opera roles, and to continue to develop their post-graduate vocal and acting skills on a professional level. Since its inception, the company has flourished as the only opera company in the Southeast that primarily helps local singers and artists establish their careers. It presents high quality, innovative, and exciting productions.

Capitol City Opera Company, a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization, has created many recurring programs and has toured throughout the United States, and also Italy. Currently, the company performs fully-staged productions, a monthly restaurant series (Dinner and a Diva), a recital series featuring opera highlights and art songs (Capitol City in Concert), a touring Madrigal singers group, a summer pops concert (On the Light Side), and an educational outreach program for children.

Capitol City Opera Company engages an average of 60 singers annually and reaches approximately 40,000 people through its various programs. The Company strives to make opera available to all segments of the population including the underserved and makes a concerted effort to help everyone understand and appreciate opera.

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