VANCOUVER OPERA ANNOUNCES NEW 2025/2026 SEASON SPONSORSHIP WITH MONTECRISTO JEWELLERS

Two Iconic Vancouver Institutions Join Forces to Celebrate and Elevate the Arts

OCTOBER 6, 2025, VANCOUVER, B.C./ / Traditional territory of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm, Sḵwx̱wú7mesh, and səlilwətaɬ Nations – Vancouver Opera is proud to announce a landmark partnership with **Montecristo Jewellers,** who will be the official sponsor for the 2025–2026 season. This collaboration marks the first season sponsorship for Vancouver Opera since 2018–2019–a significant milestone as the company enters its 66th season delivering exceptional opera to audiences across the region.

“This is a deeply meaningful partnership for Vancouver Opera,” said Tom Wright, General Director of Vancouver Opera. “Montecristo Jewellers shares our passion for excellence, artistry, and community. Their commitment to supporting the arts and fostering cultural vitality makes them an ideal partner for this exciting season. We’re honoured to welcome them as our season sponsor and look forward to expanding the reach and impact of opera in our city.”

Pasquale Cusano, founder of Montecristo Jewellers, reflected on the personal significance of this sponsorship, “My late wife, Carmelina, and I have been proud supporters of the arts in Vancouver for many years. Opera in particular has always held a special place in our hearts and even more so after our son sang in the Vancouver Opera chorus as a young boy. This community has given so much to our family, and we’re proud to give back by supporting the arts and helping preserve a legacy of excellence. It’s a true honour to be the Season Sponsor of Vancouver Opera.”

The 2025–2026 Vancouver Opera season opens on October 25th with Verdi’s *Rigoletto* and continues into 2026 with *Cosi fan Tutte* and *La Boheme*. With the generous support of Montecristo Jewellers, Vancouver Opera will continue to bring powerful stories, unforgettable music, and outstanding artistry to the stage— captivating audiences and enriching the city’s cultural landscape.

ABOUT VANCOUVER OPERA

Vancouver Opera creates extraordinary experiences that engage, inspire and entertain through voice, music, and theatre. Vancouver Opera is the second-largest professional opera company in Canada and is regarded worldwide for its fine mainstage productions, country-leading education programs, and innovative community programs. Learn more at www.vancouveropera.ca.

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