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Vancouver Opera to cancel remaining performances of 2019-2020 season due to COVID-19

March 13, 2020, VANCOUVER, B.C. – At this time Vancouver Opera performances and programming will be cancelled for the remainder of the 2019/2020 season. On March 12, B.C. Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry gave a directive to Canadians to not gather in groups of more than 250 persons due to COVID-19.

Vancouver Opera works in conjunction with Vancouver Civic Theatres (VCT) and has been reviewing their related messaging which includes the cancellation of events taking place over the next few weeks.

"Based on the current recommendations, we have made the responsible decision to cancel the remaining performances of our season including the upcoming production *Another Brick in the Wall: The Opera* and the Vancouver Opera Festival and we are postponing VOX and *Flight of the Hummingbird*," said Tom Wright, Interim General Director Vancouver Opera.

Ticket holders will receive a gift certificate which can be used for future events. Alternatively, patrons can donate their ticket(s) to the Vancouver Opera and receive a charitable tax receipt. These donations will continue to support the organization and Vancouver Opera artists.

Patrons are requested to not contact the Vancouver Opera box office by phone and instead are advised to submit information through the online form at www.vancouveropera.ca.

Vancouver Opera will continue to be guided by information published by Vancouver Coastal Health, the BC Centre for Disease Control and the Public Health Agency of Canada.

During these unprecedented times we would like to acknowledge the hard work and care of the medical professionals. To learn more, visit the vch.ca.

Thank you for your continued support of Vancouver Opera.

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Founded in 1959, Vancouver Opera's mission is to create extraordinary experiences that engage, inspire and entertain the community though voice, music and theatre. It is regarded worldwide for its fine mainstage productions; for its country-leading education programs, which have reached more than 1.6 million children and their families; for its innovative and award-winning community programs; and for forging ground-breaking cross-cultural creative partnerships that have brought opera to new generations of Canadians. The 2020—2021 season will be the 60th season of Vancouver Opera. Instagram: VancouverOpera, Twitter: VancouverOpera, Facebook: vancouveropera