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Project Opera to perform Winter Concert

The Minnesota Opera's youth choirs present a concert of
winter favorites on January 17

- WHAT:** Project Opera Winter Concert
- WHERE:** Hoversten Chapel, Augsburg College, 2211 Riverside Ave S,
Minneapolis, MN 55454
- WHEN:** Sunday, January 17, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.
- TICKETS:** No tickets required; free and open to the public. Free-will donations will be accepted.

Minneapolis, MN—Project Opera, The Minnesota Opera's co-ed youth opera training program, will be performing a winter concert on January 17, 2010, in Augsburg College's Hoversten Chapel. Both the Ragazzi (grades 4-7) and Giovani (grades 8-12) ensembles will join forces for this exciting seasonal presentation, which will feature selections from Handel's *Messiah*, "Evening Prayer Duet" from *Hansel and Gretel*, *Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain* by Carolyn Jennings, *Night of Silence* by Daniel Kantor, operatic choral excerpts from *Nabucco*, *Dido and Aeneas* and *Don Pasquale*, as well as many other pieces. The concert is free and open to the public, and free-will donations will be accepted.

ABOUT PROJECT OPERA

Project Opera is Minnesota Opera's training program for students in grades four through twelve. Led by Music Director Dale Kruse, participants come from around the metro area. Project Opera encourages young people in the discovery of their individual voices in a healthy and supportive environment through high quality choral programs and stage experiences and with access to America's most exciting opera company. Over the course of the year, students in Ragazzi (grades 4-7) and Giovani (grades 8-12) learn healthy vocal technique and fundamentals of acting and perform repertoire in the major operatic languages. For more information contact Education Director Jamie Andrews at 612.342.9573 or visit the Education page at mnopera.org/learn.

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