

## MEDIA ALERT

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### “Opera under the Stars” *La bohème* June 14–16

Mobile site launched for Minnesota Opera’s free outdoor  
concert performances in Saint Paul, Minneapolis and Faribault

Participants in Minnesota Opera’s Summer Camps featured in weekend concerts

- What:** “Opera under the Stars”  
An outdoor concert performance of *La bohème* by composer Giacomo Puccini
- When/Where:** Friday, June 14, 7pm Harriet Island Target Stage, Saint Paul  
Saturday, June 15, 7:30pm Lake Harriet Bandshell, Minneapolis  
Sunday, June 16, 7pm Shattuck-St. Mary’s School, Faribault
- Admission:** Free and open to the public. No tickets are required.  
Visit [mnoopera.org/opera-under-the-stars](http://mnoopera.org/opera-under-the-stars) for more information.
- Media:** Contact Marketing and Communications Director, Lani Willis, if you intend to  
dispatch reporters or reviewers to any of these performances.

(*Minneapolis/St. Paul*) Minnesota Opera is pleased to announce the launch of its first mobile site, featuring English translations, a digital program and more for “Opera under the Stars” on June 14–16. Event attendees can visit [mno.co/operafan](http://mno.co/operafan) for this enhancement of their concert-going experience.

Minnesota Opera presents these free outdoor concert performances of Puccini’s *La bohème* as encores to its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary season and in appreciation for five decades of generous community support. These family-friendly events feature the Minnesota Opera Orchestra and Chorus and a cast of opera’s most beloved characters performing the heartwarming love story that inspired the Broadway musical, *Rent*.

The *La bohème* children’s chorus and selected members of the adult chorus are participants of Minnesota Opera’s Summer Opera Camp and Children’s Chorus Summer Camp, intensive performance-based experiences for students in grades 3–12. Held this year June 4–6 at the Minnesota Opera Center in Minneapolis and June 9–14 at Shattuck-St. Mary’s School in Faribault, students participated in classes of movement, drama and vocal technique as well as professional rehearsals for the “Opera under the Stars” concerts. On Friday, June 14 at 1pm, a final performance at the Camp can be viewed live at

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[mnop.co/summercamlivestream](http://mnop.co/summercamlivestream). For more information on Minnesota Opera's educational opportunities, visit [mnopera.org/forkids](http://mnopera.org/forkids).

Tenor **HAROLD MEERS** makes his company debut as the poet Rodolfo opposite soprano **KARIN WOLVERTON**, last heard in the Pulitzer Prize Award-winning *Silent Night*, as the seamstress Mimì. **ANDREW WILKOWSKE** (*Silent Night* 2011) and **RODOLFO NIETO** (*Hamlet* 2013) sing the roles of Rodolfo's friends, the painter Marcello and the philosopher Colline. **CHRISTIE HAGEMAN** (*Turandot* 2013) is Musetta, **BRAD BENOIT** (*Turandot* 2013) is Parpignol, **BEN CRICKENBERGER** (*La bohème* 2010) is Benoit/Alcindoro and **JOHN ALLEN NELSON** (*Turandot* 2013) is Shaunard. **LEONARDO VORDONI** (*Lucia di Lammermoor* 2012) returns to conduct the Minnesota Opera Orchestra and Chorus.

"Opera under the Stars" is presented in part by Target. The June 14 performance is made possible with funding from the Saint Paul Cultural STAR Program. The June 15 performance is a part of the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board's 2013 Music In The Parks series. The June 16 performance, hosted by Shattuck-St. Mary's School, culminates the Faribault Heritage Celebration and is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board, thanks to legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund. Minnesota Opera appreciates its generous media sponsors – Classical Minnesota Public Radio and MinnPost.

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