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Minnesota Opera receives \$100,000 grant from William Randolph Hearst Foundation

Funding from the Hearst Foundations will benefit the company's education and outreach programs

Minneapolis—Minnesota Opera was awarded a \$100,000 grant from the William Randolph Hearst Foundation to help fund its education and outreach programs. “The members of our Board of Directors are pleased to support Minnesota Opera’s comprehensive education and outreach programs that serve young and older opera lovers alike in highly innovative ways,” said **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HEARST FOUNDATIONS PAUL “DINO” DINOVIKZ**.

Hearst Foundation grants are highly competitive and only fund cultural institutions that offer “meaningful programs in the arts.” Minnesota Opera’s wide-ranging Community Education Programs serve more than 20,000 youth and adults each season. Along with maintaining ten youth education programs, four adult education initiatives and one of the most highly regarded young artist training programs in the nation, Minnesota Opera will launch the **SENIOR OUTREACH INITIATIVE**, a pilot program in creative aging for seniors 62+ and their caregivers.

“Minnesota Opera is extremely grateful for to the Hearst Foundations for this extraordinary gift,” said **MINNESOTA OPERA PRESIDENT AND GENERAL DIRECTOR KEVIN RAMACH**. “We are proud of our education programs and are committed to engage with all ages in communities across Minnesota. This grant is a national recognition for our efforts.”

About the Hearst Foundations

The Hearst Foundations are national philanthropic resources for organizations working in the fields of culture, education, health and social services. The Hearst Foundations identify and fund outstanding nonprofits to ensure that people of all backgrounds in the United States have the opportunity to build healthy, productive and inspiring lives.

Minnesota Opera combines a culture of creativity and fiscal responsibility to produce opera and opera education programs that expand the art form, nurture artists, enrich audiences and contribute to the vitality of the community.

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