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Red Wing Community Residency

Three-week intergenerational residency will culminate in two public concerts at the historic Sheldon Theatre Oct. 25-26

Minneapolis—Next Monday, Minnesota Opera will embark on a three-week, intergenerational community residency in Red Wing, Minnesota. From October 7–26, 2013, Minnesota Opera Teaching Artist Bergen Baker will work with Red Wing High School students, teaching them about the art form of opera through interactive lessons, individual coachings and masterclasses. The students will also study and prepare opera choruses to perform alongside adult community members and Minnesota Opera Artists in two “Opera’s Greatest Hits” concerts that culminate the residency.

The public performances, Friday, October 25 at 7pm and Saturday, October 26 at 2pm at Red Wing’s historic Sheldon Theatre, celebrate the 25th anniversary of theater’s renovation and are collaborations with the Cannon Valley Regional Orchestra, the Red Wing Singers, the Red Wing High School Chorus and the Shattuck-St. Mary’s School Chorus (Faribault). Selections will include favorite opera overtures, arias and ensembles from Mozart to Verdi and Bizet to Bernstein. Minnesota Opera and its community partners are preparing to deliver an operatic experience of the highest artistic quality, while at the same time providing a deeply engaging opera education experience that supports the musical development of high school participants.

To follow the Red Wing Residency online, visit mnop.co/red-wing-residency. Tickets are available for “Opera’s Greatest Hits” (\$14 adult/\$9.50 student) are available by calling the Sheldon Theatre at 651-388-8700 or for purchase online at sheldonthatre.org.

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