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Minnesota Opera receives \$40,000 Art Works grant from National Endowment for the Arts

Minneapolis—National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Acting Chairman Joan Shigekawa announced December 10, 2013, that Minnesota Opera is one of 895 nonprofit organizations nationwide to receive an NEA Arts Works grant. Minnesota Opera is recommended for a \$40,000 grant to support its new production of Mozart's *The Magic Flute*.

Minnesota Opera will co-produce the North American premiere of a dynamic and engaging staging of Mozart's *The Magic Flute* with LA Opera. The original production at **KOMISCHE OPER BERLIN** in 2012 was created by the British theatre group 1927. Mozart's masterful comedy about love, truth and the pursuit of enlightenment is richly reimagined in this boundary-busting production, opening April 12, 2014, at Ordway.

"The National Endowment for the Arts is proud to support these exciting and diverse arts projects that will take place throughout the United States," said **ACTING CHAIRMAN SHIGEKAWA**. "Whether it is through a focus on education, engagement or innovation, these projects all contribute to vibrant communities and memorable experiences for the public to engage with the arts."

"We are delighted that Minnesota Opera will bring this exciting and innovative production of *The Magic Flute* to our audience members in the Twin Cities," said **PRESIDENT AND GENERAL DIRECTOR KEVIN RAMACH**. "It is gratifying that through a peer-review process Minnesota Opera was awarded this grant from the NEA. We believe people will love seeing this opera with the fresh perspective of this visually stunning production."

Art Works grants support the creation of art that meets the highest standards of excellence: public engagement with diverse and excellent art, lifelong learning in the arts and enhancing the livability of communities through the arts. The NEA received 1,528 eligible Art Works applications, requesting more than \$75 million in funding. Of those applications, 895 are recommended for grants for a total of \$23.4 million. For a complete listing of projects recommended for Art Works grant support, please visit arts.gov.

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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