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MINNESOTA OPERA VISITS ALEXANDRIA, MINNESOTA FOR A WEEK-LONG RESIDENCY

MINNEAPOLIS (January 10, 2019) - Minnesota Opera will embark on a week-long, intergenerational community residency February 5-10 in Alexandria, Minnesota. The residency culminates with a concert presentation of Act 1 of *Verdi's La Traviata* and other opera favorites on Sunday, February 10 at 2 p.m.

Minnesota Opera Teaching Artist Pablo Siqueiros will bring the award-winning coOPERATION! residency program to all eight Alexandria public schools, teaching them about the art form of opera through interactive lessons, group rehearsals and master classes. Additional education activities open to the entire community will include a series of "Opera 101" lessons focusing on history, drama, movement and musical performance. The residency is supported, in part, by the Lakes Region Arts Council.

The concluding concert is a collaboration with the Central Lakes Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Brad Lambrecht, the Alexandria Area High School Carolers and the Minnesota Opera Resident Artists. Minnesota Opera and its community partners are preparing to deliver an operatic experience of the highest quality, while at the same time providing a deeply engaging opera education experience that supports the musical development of students in rural Minnesota.

Tickets are available for this special community performance at select locations, at the door or by calling Alexandria Community Education Office at 320-762-3310.

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