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FAMILIAR FACES RETURN FOR A HOLIDAY SPECIAL—LIVE!

Former members of the Resident Artist and Project Opera programs return for a unique holiday concert.

MINNEAPOLIS (December 1, 2020) – As the final installment of its 2020 Fall Season, Minnesota Opera presents *A Holiday Special—Live!* on Sunday, December 13, broadcasting from the Ordway Concert Hall at 7 p.m. and available online through Sunday, December 27. The program will include treasured holiday classics and other festive musical selections.

A Holiday Special—Live! will feature Liv Redpath (soprano), Zoie Reams (mezzo-soprano), Daniel Montenegro (tenor), Thomas Glass (baritone) and Joseph Li (piano). Both Redpath and Reams are former members of Project Opera, Minnesota Opera's youth training program, while Montenegro and Glass are alumni of the Resident Artist Program.

"This opportunity to return to the Ordway stage means more to me than I can articulate," Glass said. "I feel incredibly fortunate for the opportunities Minnesota Opera has given me and how they've supported the alumni of their training programs over the years."

Each performer featured in this program has launched a noteworthy and promising career, resulting in a strong cast: In recent years, Montenegro has performed roles such as Pinkerton in *Madama Butterfly* with Opera Columbus and Alfredo in *La traviata* with Arizona Opera; Redpath has performed the role of Marguerite de Valois in the debut of *Les Huguenots* at Deutsche Oper Berlin and covered the role of Sophie in *Der Rosenkavalier* at the Metropolitan Opera; and Reams has performed as Maddalena in *Rigoletto* at Houston Grand Opera and Georgia Davenport in the world premiere of *Freedom Ride* at Chicago Opera Theater.

Glass, meanwhile, has also established himself as a young talent on the rise. In addition to recent roles including Marcello in *La bohème* and Alvaro in *Florencia en el Amazonas* for Houston Grand Opera, he was also named a grand prize winner at the 2019 Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions.

The program will feature musical selections by Richard Rodgers, Irving Berlin, Joni Mitchell, Jeremy Messersmith, Miguel Bernal Jiménez and more, spanning holiday celebrations and traditions of all kinds.

"I love the range of selections for this concert," Reams said. "I get to perform Christmas favorites as well as songs I've never even heard of, which is fun for me. This program really sets itself apart, and it's exciting to get to learn new songs and have a new interpretation of music that's fit for a holiday concert."

What: [A Holiday Special—Live!
Full Concert Program](#)



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- Where:** Live streamed from the Ordway Concert Hall followed by on-demand streaming at mnopera.org.
- When:** Live on Sunday, December 13 at 7 p.m. On-demand streaming available from Sunday, December 13 through Sunday, December 27.
- Tickets:** Tickets start at \$15. Call Patron Services at 612-333-6669 Monday–Thursday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m., or purchase at mnopera.org/holiday-special.
- Media:** Press information and digital assets are available at our [Online Press Room](#).

Creative Team

Stage Director | Emily Bishai

Cast

Soprano | Liv Redpath*

Mezzo-Soprano | Zoie Reams*

Tenor | Daniel Montenegro*

Baritone | Thomas Glass*

Piano | Joseph Li

*Past Resident Artist Program participant

*Past Project Opera participant

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