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## MINNESOTA OPERA TO OPEN 2024-2025 SEASON WITH FIRST-EVER GLAM JAM

### Unique benefit concert experience to be hosted by *RuPaul's Drag Race All Stars 4* winner Monét X Change

**MINNEAPOLIS (August 13, 2024)** – Minnesota Opera is excited to kick off the 2024-2025 season with Glam Jam – a first-of-its-kind benefit concert experience which will take place on Saturday, September 28 at the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Saint Paul. The evening will be hosted by *RuPaul's Drag Race All Stars 4* winner [Monét X Change](#) and will feature a star-studded cast of soprano and mezzo-soprano artists beloved by Twin Cities' audiences alongside the incoming cohort of [MN Opera Resident Artists](#), who will make their debuts on the Ordway stage., who will make their debuts on the Ordway stage.

"Glam Jam is a reimagining of our annual gala, which previously could only accommodate a few hundred people, into an exciting opportunity for an extraordinary night out in support of MN Opera's mission to expand the circle of musical storytelling." says MN Opera President and General Director Ryan Taylor. "Proceeds from this one-night-only event will continue to make our work on the stage and in the community possible, as well as ensure a thriving Resident Artist Program, which has trained artists as exhilarating performers and arts leaders for nearly 30 years."

Monét X Change, well-known to Twin Cities opera audiences after making her operatic debut as the Duchess of Krakenthorp in *The Daughter of the Regiment*, will host an accomplished lineup of performers: Jasmine Habersham (*Edward Tulane*), Symone Harcum (*La bohème*), Deborah Nansteel in her company debut, Karin Wolverson (*Silent Night*), and Adriana Zabala (*Doubt*). Glam Jam will also feature the full forces of the MN Opera Orchestra, performing onstage under the baton of Principal Conductor Christopher Franklin. The 2024 MN Opera Resident Artists – Kara Morgan, John Mburu, Ángel Vargas, David Wolfe, and Fumiyasu Kawase – will perform at a pre-concert reception.

The program will feature repertoire ranging from operatic classics to musical theater favorites and everything in between, including a few rarely performed arias that are sure to delight audiences. Immediately following the concert, guests will be invited to attend an after party featuring signature cocktails, light snacks, dancing, and live music.

The evening will also include the presentation of the inaugural [Forte Awards](#), recognizing individuals and corporations for their significant impact on MN Opera's mission and dedication to and support of Minnesota's arts community. The 2024 Forte Award recipients are **Gale Sharpe**, **William White**, and **Ascent Private Capital Management**. Whether through deep involvement with the company or by acting as ambassadors and champions season after season, these recipients have displayed steadfast commitment to bringing MN Opera's mission into focus.



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Audiences will have the opportunity to customize their evening with tiered ticket prices beginning at \$78. Tickets are available for purchase at [mnopera.org/glam-jam](https://mnopera.org/glam-jam).

**Quick facts:**

**What:** Glam Jam  
**Where:** Ordway Center for the Performing Arts, 345 Washington Street, Saint Paul, MN 55102  
**When:** Saturday, September 28, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

**Tickets:** \$78-\$403. Call Minnesota Opera Patron Services at 612-333-6669, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., or purchase online at [mnopera.org/glam-jam](https://mnopera.org/glam-jam).

**Run Time:** One hour, no intermission

**Creative Team**

Conductor | Christopher Franklin  
Director | John de los Santos  
Lighting Designer | Marcus Dilliard

**Cast**

Host | Monét X Change  
Adriana Zabala<sup>°</sup>  
Symone Harcum<sup>°†</sup>  
Karin Wolverton<sup>°</sup>  
Jasmine Habersham  
Deborah Nansteel  
John Mburu\*  
Ángel Vargas\*  
Kara Morgan\*  
David Wolfe\*

\* Resident Artist

<sup>°</sup> Resident Artist Alum

<sup>†</sup> Former Company Artist

To learn more about Glam Jam, please visit [mnopera.org/glam-jam](https://mnopera.org/glam-jam).

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by expanding the circle of musical storytelling.