

Become a Friend of Laila Starr and join MN Opera in bringing this groundbreaking story to life.

Based on the acclaimed graphic novel by Ram V and Filipe Andrade, *The Many Deaths of Laila Starr* follows the avatar of Death, cast down into the bustling streets of Mumbai, as she navigates mortality, love, and the shifting balance between gods and humankind. With music by Kamala Sankaram and libretto by Minita Gandhi, this world premiere will be the first adaptation of a graphic novel for the opera stage, and the first major mainstage U.S. opera created by two South Asian women artists. Join us as we share this bold new story with the world.

As a **Friend** you'll receive **exclusive, cumulative benefits** that bring you closer to this evocative production.

CHAIWALLAH \$30

The opera opens with the cries of a chaiwallah—a street tea vendor, and an iconic part of South Asian culture. A cup of chai costs 30 rupees.

- Webpage recognition
- Commemorative pin

PRANAH: THE LIFE FORCE \$88

Laila begins to discover that death is part of a larger cosmic cycle. In Hindu symbolism, 8 represents balance and the cycle of life and death.

- Digital recognition at the Ordway (inclusion deadline October 28)
- Show poster

THE CROW \$330

Ka, the crow, is a messenger between gods and mortals and watches over Laila on Earth. There are 33 species of crows worldwide.

- Recognition in the program book (inclusion deadline September 14)
- Tote bag

THE SPARK \$501

In the opera, human inspiration ignites an idea that could lead to immortality. The five senses + the spark.

- Two passes to champagne intermission reception (ticket purchase required)

THE GODS ABOVE \$1,555

Brahma is the Hindu god of creation and member of the trinity with Vishnu and Shiva. One year in the life of Brahma equals 1.555 trillion human years.

- Recognition in supertitles before the show
- Four tickets to dress rehearsal on October 27 (deadline October 16)

THE DANCER \$3,501

The score of *The Many Deaths of Laila Starr* cleverly incorporates elements of Goa's electronic music, which centers its energy at 3500 HZ.

- Invitation to a festive gathering with creative team around the production.

SEA OF SOULS \$5,555♦

In *The Many Deaths of Laila Starr*, the opera's chorus embodies lost souls whose voices rise from the sea. The number five symbolizes transition and the in-between.

- Framed first page of the full score signed by the creative team
- Four tickets to any performance of *The Many Deaths of Laila Starr* (Oct 31*, Nov 5, Nov 7, Nov 8)

IMMORTALITY \$12,012❖

The graphic novel has been published in 12 countries.

- Four additional tickets (total of 8) to any performance of *The Many Deaths of Laila Starr* (Oct 31*, Nov 5, Nov 7, Nov 8)
- All previous level benefits



Based upon the BOOM! Studios graphic novel, *The Many Deaths of Laila Starr* by Ram V. and Filipe Andrade. Adapted through special arrangement with BOOM! Studios. *The Many Deaths of Laila Starr* is™ & © 2022 Ram V.

**The Many Deaths of Laila Starr* opens Saturday, Oct 31 with MN Opera's World Premiere Gala + Forte Awards. More info at mnopera.org.

- ♦ Tangible goods and services valued at \$600.
- ❖ Tangible goods and services valued at \$1,200.

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