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### FORT WORTH OPERA PRESENTS *DELIGHTFUL:* A CONCERT FEATURING GRAMMY-NOMINATED MEZZO-SOPRANO EMILY FONS & FWOPERA ARTISTIC DIRECTOR JOE ILLICK

**WHAT:** Join Fort Worth Opera (FWOpera), the Apex Arts League, and the City of Southlake for an afternoon of opera arias, Broadway favorites, and celebrated classics from the Great American Songbook, featuring internationally renowned mezzo-soprano Emily Fons. Acclaimed by *Opera News* as one of opera's rising stars and praised for her Grammy-nominated role in Jennifer Higdon's world premiere opera, *Cold Mountain*, the Wisconsin native will be accompanied by FWOpera Artistic Director Joe Illick at the piano.

"I am looking forward to being part of Fort Worth Opera's first appearance in Southlake," said Fons. "I enjoy putting together a recital full of ear pleasing, diverse music that can transport an audience to a place of calm beauty. I also love the immediacy of presenting music and text to a smaller audience and inviting them to experience music up close and personal, in hopes that they leave feeling uplifted and refreshed!"

Southlake-based Apex Arts League sponsors a variety of performing and visual arts programs in the local area. For more information, visit [www.apexartsleague.com](http://www.apexartsleague.com).

**WHERE:** The Marq, 285 Shady Oaks Drive, Southlake TX 76092.

**WHEN:** Sunday, April 22, 2018 at 2 PM.

**COST:** Tickets a \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and Apex members, and \$10 for students, and can be purchased at [www.apexartsleague.com](http://www.apexartsleague.com) or please call 682-651-5026.

**ABOUT FORT WORTH OPERA:** Founded in 1946, Fort Worth Opera is the oldest continually performing opera company in Texas, and one of the 14 oldest opera companies in the United States. The organization has received national attention from critics and audiences alike for its artistic excellence.

FWOpera has taken a leadership role in engaging audiences beyond the operatic stage, while producing cutting-edge, contemporary operas. Beginning in 2017, FWOpera launched the second phase of its landmark, 10-year *Opera of the Americas* initiative with *Noches de Ópera (Nights of Opera)*, a groundbreaking campaign which introduces powerful operas, each reflecting the diverse cultures of American audiences.

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