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“SHARE THE PASSION” HOSTED BY JAYDEN GOLDBERG: 18-YEAR-OLD SOPRANO TO PERFORM BENEFIT CONCERT FOR FORT WORTH OPERA’S STUDENT NIGHT AT THE OPERA & OUTREACH PROGRAMS

FORT WORTH, TX – Fort Worth Opera (FWOpera) is honored to announce today that soprano Jayden Goldberg, high school senior at the Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts, has organized a benefit concert, **Share the Passion**, to provide underprivileged children a chance to participate in FWOpera’s Student Night at the Opera as her Senior Capstone Project. Typically, such a project would consist of a presentation about a specific idea or belief that the senior is passionate about, and Miss Goldberg wants to share her love for classical music with the community and inspire young minds to dream big, through this benefit concert at her high school. The Share the Passion Benefit Concert will be held on **Sunday May 20th, 2018 at 3pm** at the **Mary D. & F. Howard Walsh Fine Arts Center Theater At Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts, 3901 S. Hulen St., Fort Worth, Texas 76109.**

100% of all ticket sales and donations will be used by FWOpera’s Student Night At The Opera outreach program to purchase tickets for students without the resources to attend a final dress rehearsal of a full orchestral production during Fort Worth Opera’s upcoming seasons. Additionally, if needed, the funds raised will pay for transportation costs to be coordinated through the respective schools attending. Miss Goldberg has organized a group of fellow performing arts students to join her in the benefit concert, singing selections from Broadway shows, operatic arias, and classical art songs. With funding of the fine arts programs being cut in schools across the country, it is more important than ever to Jayden that she help to bring the classical music experience to children to enrich their lives, and spark their own creativity and artistic expression.

Jayden is coordinating the entire Benefit Concert, while gaining invaluable experience of the behind-the-scenes process of such an event, as part of her goal to become a professional opera singer. All performers and concert support staff are volunteering their time and talents for this worthy cause. The concert will last approximately one hour and is open to the public. Miss Goldberg is passionate about Fort Worth Opera’s programs and we are infinitely grateful for her generous spirit as we look to expand our Children’s Opera Theatre and community outreach efforts.

To purchase a ticket to the Share The Passion Benefit Concert go to <https://fwopera.org/events/public-performances> or visit www.ShareThePassion.org. Listed below are the ticket options.

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Ultimate Donor Package - \$100/each

- Early Access to the Concert
- One Priority Seating Ticket
- Access to Exclusive Pre-Concert Reception Donated by Bugatti Ristorante
- Name Recognition in Concert Program
- One Limited-Edition Share The Passion T-shirt
- Access to Post-Concert Dessert Reception Donated by Bugatti Ristorante

Premium Donor Package - \$50/each

- Name Recognition in Program
- One Limited-Edition Share The Passion T-shirt
- One General Admission Ticket
- Access to Post-Concert Dessert Reception Donated by Bugatti Ristorante

General Admission Tickets - \$5/each

- One General Admission Ticket
- Access to Post-Concert Dessert Reception Donated by Bugatti Ristorante

Custom Donation Amount – A donation of any dollar amount can be added to a ticket purchase or made as a stand-alone donation.

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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