

In the Spotlight...



Our Mission – The mission of Berkshire Opera Festival (BOF) is to entertain and enrich the lives of people of all ages and backgrounds throughout the Berkshire region by providing accessible and affordable performances of a broad range of operas with the highest artistic standards.

Our Background – Co-founded by Brian Garman and Jonathon Loy, Berkshire Opera Festival presented its first season in 2016, to great critical and popular acclaim, restoring fully-produced opera to the Berkshire region. Each summer, BOF presents musically and dramatically compelling operatic productions, in addition to recitals and other related musical events. Productions have included Puccini's *Madama Butterfly*, Strauss's *Ariadne auf Naxos*, Donizetti's *Don Pasquale* and Verdi's *Falstaff*.

Our 2022 Season:

Main Stage: *Don Giovanni*. W. A. Mozart and librettist Lorenzo da Ponte blend comedy, tragedy, and the supernatural to thrilling effect in this opera, one of the greatest ever composed, at Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, Great Barrington, MA. \$20-\$120, Saturday, August 20 at 1 p.m., Tuesday, August 23 at 7:30 p.m. & Friday, August 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Second Stage: *Three Decembers*. An intimate family drama with a nod to Broadway from composer Jake Heggie and librettist Gene Scheer, based on a play by Terrence McNally, at PS21/Performance Spaces for the 21st Century, Chatham, NY. \$20-\$60, Thursday, July 21 7:30 p.m. & Saturday, July 23, 1 p.m.

Annual free concert: *High On The Ramparts: A Spotlight on Music of Black Composers*. An evening of arias and art songs by Black composers, BOF is proud to celebrate this rich history of music from two centuries ago to the present day, at Berkshire Museum, Pittsfield, MA. Free, Wednesday, August 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Our Blueprint for Success – Our family of BOF donors and patrons are passionate about promoting opera in the greater Berkshire region, and we could not provide performances of this caliber without your support. Our heartfelt thanks go to our many loyal supporters. For anyone looking for ways to support BOF, we have options! From volunteering at events, to in-kind donations and free advertising, joining a committee or financial donations, your gifts will make a tangible difference in bringing the programming you love to the Berkshires.

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