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**THE DALLAS OPERA PRESENTS *GARDEN SERENADES*
A SERIES OF FREE COMMUNITY CONCERTS IN APRIL AND MAY**

**Series Offers Five Chamber Music Concerts in Partnership with Other
Dallas Arts Organizations**

DALLAS—[The Dallas Opera](#) (TDO) continues to bring live presentations back to the Greater Dallas area this spring with a collection of free chamber music concerts at community and arts partner sites throughout April and May.

Garden Serenades is a series of four weekend chamber music programs, performed by members of The Dallas Opera Orchestra. Concerts featuring small ensembles of string and brass players will take place at the Dallas Museum of Art (April 10 & 11), Annette Strauss Square, as part of the Dallas Arts District Changing Perspectives Block Party that spotlights Dallas arts groups (April 16), Klyde Warren Park (April 17 & 18), the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Gardens (April 24 & 25), and Nasher Sculpture Center (May 1 & 2). Programs are approximately 40 minutes in length and are performed twice each day with a break in between performances.

“The Dallas Opera is delighted to announce this spring’s free events with our Arts District and community partners featuring members of The Dallas Opera Orchestra,” said Ian Derrer, The Dallas Opera’s Kern Wildenthal General Director and CEO. “Offering live music to engage with audiences beyond the opera house is critical to our mission, and these concerts will not only serve to celebrate our partnerships with other local arts institutions, but to feature members of our Orchestra, who, while always heard, aren’t typically seen center stage.”

All venues will follow the CDC's guidelines for health and safety including recommended guidelines for social distancing outdoors.

Earlier this year, TDO announced its three-event **"Welcome Back" Song Series** in the Winspear Opera House commencing March 31, marking the company's first live performances since February 2020 when the pandemic forced the cancellation of in-person events.

Garden Serenades concert details are listed below. Visit www.dallasopera.org/garden for more information.

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### ABOUT THE DALLAS OPERA

One of the leading opera companies in the country, The Dallas Opera has an extraordinary legacy of world-class productions and thrilling premieres featuring the greatest operatic artists of our time. Inaugurated in 1957 with a concert featuring the incomparable Maria Callas, TDO is known for the notable U.S. debuts of a host of legendary artists including Plácido Domingo, Dame Joan Sutherland, Jon Vickers, Franco Zeffirelli, and Sir David McVicar. The company has long been an industry leader and innovator through groundbreaking initiatives including the Hart Institute for Women Conductors, TDO Network, free public simulcasts, acclaimed art song recitals, the national vocal competition, special concerts, and outstanding family and award-winning education programs. TDO's home is the Margot and Bill Winspear Opera House, a jewel in the Dallas Arts District. As one of the largest performing arts employers in North Texas, TDO is proudly committed to diversity, both onstage and off, and is a major contributor to the economic vitality and international cultural reputation of this region.

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Complete program details follow in chronological order:

***Garden Serenades***

**Saturday, April 10 at 1 and 2 p.m.**

**Sunday, April 11 at 1 and 2 p.m.**

[Dallas Museum of Art](#)

Dallas Opera Orchestra musicians:

Ami Campbell, violin

Junsoo Park, violin

Liesl-Ann deVilliers, viola

Shawna Hamilton, cello

Kirby Nunez, bass

Program to include arrangements of opera selections and

MOZART

*Eine kleine Nachtmusik*

VIVALDI

“Spring” from *The Four Seasons*

FREE and open to the public

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***Garden Serenades***

**Friday, April 16 at 9 p.m.** – one performance only, part of DAD’s Changing Perspectives Block Party

[Strauss Square](#), 2389 Flora Street Dallas, TX 75201

Dallas Opera Orchestra musicians:

Katie Wolber, horn

John Holt, trumpet

Rick Bogard, trumpet

Tony Baker, trombone

Jeff Baker, tuba

Program to include:

DUKAS

Fanfare from *La Péri*

SCHEIDT

*Canzona Bergamasca*

ANONYMOUS

Sonata from *Die Bankelsangerlieder*

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**Saturday, April 17 at 1 and 2 p.m.**

**Sunday, April 18 at 1 and 2 p.m.**

[Klyde Warren Park](#), 2012 Woodall Rodgers Fwy, Dallas, TX 75201

Dallas Opera Orchestra musicians:

Katie Wolber, horn

John Holt, trumpet

Rick Bogard, trumpet

Tony Baker, trombone

Jeff Baker, tuba

Program to include:

DUKAS

Fanfare from *La Péri*

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***Garden Serenades***

**Saturday, April 24 at 1 and 2 p.m.**

**Sunday, April 25 at 1 and 2 p.m.**

[Dallas Arboretum](#), 8525 Garland Road, Dallas, Texas 75218

Dallas Opera Orchestra musicians:

Ami Campbell, violin

Junsoo Park, violin

Donna Hall, viola (4/24 only)

Liesl-Ann deVilliers, viola (4/25 only)

Shawna Hamilton, cello

Kirby Nunez, bass

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***Garden Serenades***

**Saturday, May 1 at 12 and 1 p.m.**

**Sunday, May 2 at 1 and 2 p.m.**

[Nasher Sculpture Center](#), 2001 Flora Street Dallas, Texas 75201

Dallas Opera Orchestra musicians:

Kristin Van Cleve, violin

Grace Kang Wollett, violin

Donna Hall, viola (5/1 only)

Liesl-Ann deVilliers, viola (5/2 only)

Eric Forman, cello

Mike Lelevich, bass

Program to include arrangements of opera selections and

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