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The Atlanta Opera to Host 24-Hour Opera Project Showcase

**Audience Can Attend for Free or Tune in Via Live Webcast on
Saturday, January 21 at 7:00 p.m. EST**

What:

The Atlanta Opera's [24-Hour Opera Project](#) Showcase! Selected composers, lyricists, stage directors and opera singers -- randomly put into teams -- have 24 hours to compose, stage and rehearse a 10-minute opera. Performances will be judged by a panel of judges and by the audience, who can also tune in via live [webcast](#) on **Saturday, January 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.**

Webcast:

The public unable to attend the performances can tune in to a LIVE webcast at atlantaopera.org. They can vote for "Audience Favorite" via [Twitter](#) (@TheAtlantaOpera) or [Facebook](#).

When/Where:

Kick-off event, Friday, January 20, 2012 @ 5pm

*First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta
1328 Peachtree Street
Atlanta, GA 30309*

Showcase performance, Saturday, January 21, 2012 @ 7pm

*The Atlanta Opera Center
1575 Northside Drive, Bldg. 300, Suite 350
Atlanta, GA 30318*

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Who:

Judges include: [Stephanie Adrian](#), Voice Professor at Emory University and writer for *Opera News*, *Classical Singer*, and *Journal of Singing*; [Andrew Alexander](#), Arts and Entertainment Writer for *Creative Loafing*; [John Lemley](#), Assistant Program Director, host of *City Café*, *Afternoon Classics* and *Tapestry* on WABE (90.1); and **Ann Owens**, former Executive Director of the Houston Grand Opera.

Participants include:

Composers

Jason Barabba, Los Angeles, CA
Timothy Brown, Denver, CO
Sarah Hersh, Atlanta, GA
Jennifer Jolley, Cincinnati, OH
Jonathan Stinson, Cincinnati, OH

Lyricists

Brad Fairchild, Jonesboro, GA
Meghan Fitzgerald, Atlanta, GA
Chadwick Hagan, Atlanta, GA
Curtis Krick, Atlanta, GA
Vynnie Meli, Marietta, GA

Stage Directors

Thomas Isaac Collins, Sweetwater, TN
Kristin Kenning, Birmingham, AL
Michael Nutter, Doraville, GA
Frances Rabalais, New Orleans, LA
Beth Suryan, Smyrna, GA

Singers

Robert Adams, Fayetteville, GA
Sharon Blackwood, Duluth, GA
Vivian Clifton, Atlanta, GA
Sondra Collin, Newberry, FL
Janeen Griffith, Mableton, GA
Kori Jennings, Baton Rouge, LA
Christine Lyons, Fayetteville, GA
Katie Oates, Mableton, GA
Laura Peacock, Buford, GA
Amanda Pillatzki, Hampton, GA
Ivan Segovia, Atlanta, GA
Sarah Vautour, Alpharetta, GA
Ariana Wehr, Baton Rouge, LA
John Elliot Yates, Hattiesburg, MS
Gerald Yarbray, Atlanta, GA

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Accompanists/Music Directors

Catherine Giel, Atlanta, GA

Katherine Ireland, Atlanta, GA

Sandra Lutters, Atlanta, GA

Erin Palmer, Atlanta, GA

Michael Spassov, Ottawa, Ontario

Admission:

Free and open to the public.

Information:

www.atlantaopera.org or education@atlantaopera.org or 404-881-8883.

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