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THE ATLANTA OPERA'S HIGH SCHOOL OPERA INSTITUTE STUDENTS TO PERFORM IN ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT

On Sunday, June 5 at 4pm at the Morningside Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, graduates from The Atlanta Opera's High School Opera Institute will be showcasing their work in a performance featuring arias and small ensemble pieces from some of opera's greatest works. This concert is free and open to the public.

The High School Opera Institute (HSOI) is a training program for students, grades 10-12, who are interested in pursuing a career in music. Participants in this eight-month program attend monthly workshops and vocal coachings on topics that include: preparing and auditioning for a role; selecting a music school; characterization; diction; and vocal technique. These workshops are taught by leading professionals in the opera field: Atlanta Opera Chorus Master Walter Huff, Stephanie Adrian, Laura English-Robinson, Michael Spassov, and Beverly Blouin. Students are required to attend performances and rehearsals of Atlanta Opera mainstage productions. The High School Opera Institute is the only preparatory program of its kind offered by an opera company in the nation.

This year, 11 students were selected to participate after a strenuous audition process. Their names and high schools are listed below:

Ella Radcliff	The Paideia School
August Bair	The Paideia School
Emory Mulick	North Springs High School
Kaitlyn Johnson	The Westminster School
Carolyn Balkovetz	Starr's Mill High School

Felicia Wilkins	The Lovett School
Kate Kasmier	Pebblebrook High School
Justin Van Scyoc	Pebblebrook High School
Samuel Itskov	Park View High School
Becca White	Pebblebrook High School
Anne Stillwagon	Walton High School

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High School Opera Institute Spring Concert

Sunday, June 5, 2011 @ 4:00 p.m.

Morningside Presbyterian Church
1411 N Morningside Dr NE
Atlanta, GA 30306

Free and open to the public

For more information, contact education@atlantaopera.org or 404.881.8883.

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About The Atlanta Opera

Founded in 1979, The Atlanta Opera is one of the finest regional opera companies in the nation, drawing audiences from the entire metropolitan Atlanta area as well as from the Southeast region. Led by Zurich General Director Dennis Hanthorn, The Atlanta Opera strives to expand the experience of its patrons with memorable and exciting opera performances reflecting the highest musical and theatrical standards, while supporting community and educational programs. The company also works to attract the finest international, national, and regional singers, conductors, stage directors and designers. Each season The Atlanta Opera presents three productions with four performances each at the Cobb Energy Centre.

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