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Michigan Opera Theatre to Present Free Christmas Concert at Holy Redeemer Parish
“Una Noche Navideña para Todos” (“A Christmas Night For All”) to Feature Hispanic, English and International Carols

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Detroit, Nov. 28, 2017 - Michigan Opera Theatre is presenting a free Christmas concert at Detroit’s Holy Redeemer Parish at 7 pm on Dec.9. The program, “Una Noche Navideña para Todos” (“A Christmas Night For All”), will include traditional carols and holiday favorites from around the world. The concert will be performed by Colombian-born soprano Catalina Cuervo, best known to Detroit audiences for her role as Frida Kahlo in the sold-out performances of MOT’s 2015 production of the opera “Frida.” MOT Studio Artists, guitarist Adam Levin and members of the MOT Orchestra will also perform.

“MOT is committed to presenting the arts beyond the Detroit Opera House and into various communities within Southeast Michigan,” said MOT CEO and President Wayne S. Brown. “We are delighted to bring this concert into the heart of Detroit’s Hispanic neighborhood for an unforgettable Christmas concert that is sure to put anyone in the holiday spirit.”

Holy Redeemer Pastor Fr. Dennis Walsh said the concert is an opportunity for the community to come together for Christmas.

“Christmas is one of the most sacred times of the year and one that should be celebrated,” he said. “We are happy to partner with Michigan Opera Theatre to bring even more joy to this very special season.”

Songs that will be performed at the concert include:

- Riu Riu Chiu *Spain*
- Nana *Spain*
- Ave Maria (cut verse) *Germany*
- Gesu bambino *Italy*
- Por el Vale de las Rosas *Mexico*

- Carol of the Bells *Ukraine*
- White Christmas/Blanca Navidad *USA*
- Panis Angelicus *France*
- O Holy Night *France*
- Pie Jesu *England*
- The Christmas Song *USA*
- Silent Night/Noche de paz *Austria*
- The Prayer *Canada*
- La Peregrinacion *Argentina*

In addition to the concert, Cuervo will be speaking with Southwest Detroit schools about the importance the arts play in a community as part of MOT's commitment to arts education.

The concert is sponsored by Ideal Group with additional support from the William Davidson Foundation and the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan.

While the concert is free, donations are welcome with proceeds going to support the restoration of Holy Redeemer's historic bell tower.

Holy Redeemer Parish is located at 1721 Junction Street, Detroit. For more information visit www.MichiganOpera.org.

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About Michigan Opera Theatre

Michigan Opera Theatre (Wayne S. Brown, President and CEO; Stephen Lord, Principal Conductor; Dr. David DiChiera, Founder and Artistic Director Emeritus), one of the nation's most vibrant nonprofit arts organizations, is committed to presenting opera and dance of the highest artistic caliber. Founded in 1971, the company's mission is to serve as a major cultural resource to the state of Michigan and the city of Detroit. Visit the website at www.michiganopera.org

About Holy Redeemer Parish

Founded by the Redemptorist Congregation in 1880, Holy Redeemer Parish is a Catholic church in Southwest Detroit under the auspice of the Archdiocese of Detroit. With a history as a "port of entry" parish for immigrants, the church's mission statement is, "Empowered by God's Spirit in the Scriptures and Sacraments, we seek to be servants of Jesus Christ the Redeemer in our multicultural parish and community." In successive waves, its congregation has included Irish, German, Polish, Hungarian, Maltese, Arabic, Mexican, Puerto Rican and Central American people. The parish is currently staffed by the priests and sisters of SOLT community, Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity.