



For Immediate Release

CONTACT:

Erica Hobbs  
(313) 237-3403  
ehobbs@motopera.org

## Michigan Opera Theatre to Present All-New Production of "Tosca"

*Classic work to feature all new sets, costumes and designs*

*April 7-15 at the Detroit Opera House*

**DETROIT, March 28** - Michigan Opera Theatre's 2017-18 opera season continues with an all-new production of Puccini's "Tosca," presented at the Detroit Opera House April 7-15. Featuring the famous arias "E lucevan le stelle" and "Vissi d'arte," "Tosca" is an Italian classic and one of the most popular operas of all time. The opera is a new co-production with Cincinnati Opera and features all-new sets, costumes and designs.

"Co-producing an opera enables Michigan Opera Theatre to collaborate with others in the design, development and overall theatrical treatment of a production," said MOT President and CEO Wayne S. Brown. "We are delighted to add this new production of 'Tosca' to our shared inventory and to create a fresh perspective for our audiences."

Set amid a politically unstable 19<sup>th</sup>-century Italy, the opera tells the story of the fiery diva Floria Tosca and her fight to save her rebellious lover, Cavaradossi, and herself from the evil police chief, Scarpia. After she and Cavaradossi are caught, Tosca must choose between her honor and the life of her beloved.

"'Tosca' is a timeless story of power and manipulation with themes that are wholly relevant to today's society," said MOT Principal Conductor Stephen Lord. "It's a passionate, emotionally-thrilling opera with the power to grab the audience and keep them on the edge of their seats."

The cast includes Alexia Voulgaridou and Kelly Kaduce in the title role, Andrea Carè and Noah Stewart as Cavaradossi and Greer Grimsley as Scarpia. The opera is conducted by Valerio Galli and directed by Marco Pelle.

An opera talk will be given one hour before each performance. The opera is sung in Italian with English supertitles projected above the stage.

This production is made possible by 2018 Spring Opera Season Sponsor, General Motors, and Production Sponsor, J. Ernest and Almena Gray Wilde Fund.

Ticket prices range from \$35 to \$160. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.MichiganOpera.org](http://www.MichiganOpera.org), by calling (313) 237-7464 or in person at the Detroit Opera House (1526 Broadway, Detroit).

For full casting and additional information visit <http://www.michiganopera.org/opera/tosca/>.

## **"Tosca"**

Music by Giacomo Puccini, libretto by Luigi Illica and Giuseppe Giacosa after Victorien Sardou's play, "La Tosca"

Performed at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit

Saturday, April 7, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 11, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 14, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 15, 2:30 p.m.

###

## **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](http://www.michiganopera.org).