

DETROIT OPERA HOUSE

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BravoBravo! Returns to the Detroit Opera House with Theatrical Theme

Annual Gala to Celebrate Storytelling, Feature Area Restaurants and Musicians

June 1 at the Detroit Opera House

Detroit, May 14, 2018 - Detroit's premier party and fundraiser is back with the return of BravoBravo! at the Detroit Opera House June 1. The annual black tie gala encourages people to "imagine, innovate, inspire" with a theatrical theme that celebrates storytelling, like the performances presented at the historic theater. Per tradition, BravoBravo! will include three floors of music, dancing and refreshments featuring the area's most popular bars, restaurants and musicians. The official after-party is hosted by DJ Godfather at the 350 Terrace.

"This year, we are taking BravoBravo! to the next level with a theme that honors and celebrates what the Detroit Opera House is known for: storytelling," said Michigan Opera Theatre Chief Development Officer Frankie Piccirilli. "BravoBravo! regulars will still find the party they love but with an extra touch of magic this year."

As part of the theatrical theme, the Detroit Opera House will be decorated with props and sets from Michigan Opera Theatre (MOT) opera productions, bringing some of opera's greatest stories to life. This includes a "Hansel and Gretel" dessert room, a "Die Fledermaus" champagne bar and a "Carmen" sangria station. Décor inspired by "Don Giovanni," "La bohème" and other operas will also be featured throughout the Opera House. Guests are encouraged to embellish their black tie attire with theatrical accessories to take part in the theme.

The Best of Detroit's Entertainment:

Headlining the event is a special performance by opera/soul singer Kisma Jordan and electro-pop violin band Nuclassica, featuring contemporary dancers choreographed by Liz Schmidt. Additional performers include Nicole New & The Woodward Horns, Midwest Dueling Pianos and Nick Speed & DJ Dez Andres spinning J. Dilla.

The full musical line-up includes:

Musicians:

- DJ Godfather
- Kisma Jordan
- Midwest Dueling Pianos
- Nick Speed & DJ Dez Andres spinning J. Dilla
- Nicole New & The Woodward Horns
- Nuclassica

- Omar Aragones
- Pro DJ Services by Jason Parent with Jesse Walters and Dylan Alexander
- Robin Horlock
- The Aston Neighborhood Pleasure Club

The Best of Detroit's Food:

MOT is partnering with several area restaurants to offer guests an array of the best food in Detroit. Sponsor MGM Grand Detroit will offer food from four of its restaurants, including Wolfgang Puck Steak, Palette Dining Studio, TAP at MGM Grand Banquets.

Current list of caterers include:

- Cheli's Chili Bar
- Detroit Beer Company
- Dilla's Donuts
- Good Cakes and Bakes
- GO! Smoothies
- MGM Grand Banquets
- Palette Dining Studio
- Ruckus Taco Co.
- Small Plates
- TAP at MGM Grand Detroit
- The Melting Pot
- YumVillage
- Wolfgang Puck Steak

Detroit's Most Interesting People:

MOT has selected seven co-chairs for the event that have been working closely with the BravoBravo! team on organizing the event in a way that will bring together key members of the local business, arts, and social communities. Co-chairs of the event include Shelley Danner, Program Director of Challenge Detroit; Danielle Denise North, Founder/Owner of Kidz Kingdom Child Care & Party Center and Vice President of External Relations & Strategy for Promise Schools; Eugene North, Senior Assistant Dean of Leadership of the Jalen Rose Leadership Academy; Mohammad Hamid, Chairman and CEO of Unison/Enchant Ventures; Nicole New, Jazz Singer; Candace Johnson, Attending Physician at Empire Medical Services & Consulting; and Justin Kimpson, Senior Director of Ford Resource and Engagement Center.

BravoBravo! 2018 is a fundraiser dedicated to supporting the Detroit Opera House as a cultural icon of the City of Detroit. Proceeds of the event will go toward capital improvements of the historic theater to enhance the patron experience and support current and future programming. Planned upgrades include improved accessibility and safety as well as restoration and maintenance of the building.

The event takes place from 8 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway St. Detroit. General admission tickets are \$160; VIP admission is \$250 and includes a 7 p.m. early entry, a SkyDeck reception and access to the VIP lounge. Boxes are available for \$3,500 and stage cabanas are available for \$5000. Tickets may be purchased online at www.MichiganOpera.org, by calling (313) 237-7464 or in person at the Detroit Opera House. Tickets for boxes and cabanas are available by calling (313) 237-3268. For more information visit <http://www.michiganopera.org/events/bravobravo/>.

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About the Detroit Opera House

The Detroit Opera House, owned and operated by Michigan Opera Theatre (MOT), is one of Detroit's premier theaters and event spaces. Designed by C. Howard Crane and inspired by the grand opera houses in Europe, the theater opened in 1922 as the Capitol Theatre movie palace. After years of neglect, MOT restored and re-opened the venue as the Detroit Opera House in 1996 with a performance by Luciano Pavarotti. In addition to its primary role presenting MOT opera and dance performances, the Opera House is a leading venue for musical theater, concerts, weddings, graduations and corporate events.