

****For Immediate Release****

Kent State University Opera and the Kent State University Museum Join Forces to Give New Perspectives on Mozart's Opera "The Magic Flute"

Kent, Ohio – Kent State University Opera will present scenes from Mozart's opera "The Magic Flute" on **Fri., Nov. 4 and Sat., Nov. 5 at 7:30 p.m. with matinee performances on Sat., Nov. 5 and Sun., Nov. 6 at 2 p.m.** in Murphy Auditorium. Murphy Auditorium is located inside The Kent State University Museum at 515 Hilltop Drive, at the corner of E. Main Street and S. Lincoln Street on the Kent State University Kent Campus. Free parking.

Directed by Marla Berg, scenes from "The Magic Flute" will be performed by two different casts including faculty members Melissa Davis as Pamina and Jay White as the Third Spirit. Musical direction will be provided by Jay White with Kiki Kilburn conducting with assistance from Alex Popovici. Special guest Bill O'Connell, radio host of WCLV's 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. shows "Drive Time" and "Dinner Classics," will narrate. Pianist Chen Geng will accompany the production.

Scenes from the "The Magic Flute" are being performed as part of the Kent State University Museum's exhibit "Magical Designs for Mozart's 'Magic Flute'" featuring costumes and theatrical designs inspired by the opera. Opening Night for both the opera and the exhibit is **Fri., Nov. 4** and will include a dessert reception. Guests may view the exhibit before and after the performance. Tickets for Opening Night are \$30. The exhibit runs **Sept. 29, 2016 thru Jan. 8, 2017**. Please visit the Kent State University Museum website for more details on the exhibit: <http://www.kent.edu/museum/news/mozarts-magic-flute-gets-design-survey-kent-state-museum>.

Internationally renowned soprano and Kent State Alumna Sally Wolf will also present a masterclass to School of Music voice students on **Fri., Oct. 7 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** in

Murphy Auditorium. It is free and open to the public. Selected university voice students will perform excerpts from the Mozart repertory for Miss Wolf, a renowned interpreter of operatic, oratorio, and song repertory. Her thirty-year career includes performances in the most prestigious opera houses, including The Metropolitan Opera of New York, The Royal Covent Garden in London, and The Vienna Staatsoper. Throughout her career she has performed major Mozart roles, including singing 192 performances of the role of the Queen of the Night in “The Magic Flute.”

Another event centered around the opera and exhibit include a panel discussion on **Tues., Nov. 1 at 12:05 p.m.** in Ludwig Recital Hall.

Tickets for the Saturday and Sunday performances are \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors and Kent State University faculty and staff, \$10 for groups of 10 or more patrons, \$8 for non Kent State students who are not eligible for the Fee for Free and free for full-time Kent Campus undergraduate students. Also, thanks to a generous donation from a long-time supporter and patron of the Hugh A. Glauser School of Music, anyone 18 and under can attend the concerts for free, although a ticket must be reserved.

Tickets are available weekdays 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Performing Arts Box Office, located in the lobby of the Roe Green Center in the Center for the Performing Arts at 1325 Theatre Drive on the campus of Kent State University. The Performing Arts Box Office accepts Visa, MasterCard and Discover, in addition to cash and checks.

Tickets will be available at Murphy Auditorium one hour prior to the performance for walk up sales, **however, we encourage patrons to purchase tickets in advance to avoid long lines.** Tickets and more information are available by calling 330-672-ARTS (2787). You may purchase adult and senior tickets online by visiting www.kent.edu/music/buy-tickets.

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