# Seattle Opera Young Artists Program presents



GIUSEPPE VERDI'S COMEDY





# MID-COLUMBIA MASTERSINGERS AND ARTISTIC DIRECTOR JUSTIN RAFFA WELCOME THE SEATTLE OPERA YOUNG ARTISTS PROGRAM

### **PRESENTING**

### UN GIORNO DI REGNO (KING FOR A DAY) by Giuseppe Verdi

## SUNDAY NOVEMBER 4 CHIAWANA HIGH SCHOOL, PASCO

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#### SEATTLE OPERA YOUNG ARTISTS

Barone di Kelbar - Colin Ramsey La Rocca - Matthew Scollin Cavaliere Belfiore - Hunter Enoch Edoardo di Sanval - Theo Lebow Marchessa del Poggio - Dana Pundt Giulietta di Kelbar - Deborah Nansteel

Keith Chambers, Pianist

Peter Kazaras, Artistic Director Brian Garman, Music Director Aren Der Hacopian, Artistic Administrator Laura Judson, Tour Manager

The Seattle Opera Young Artists Program for young professional opera singers is pleased to present Giuseppe Verdi's *Un giorno di regno* (King for a Day).

Verdi's first comedy tells the story of a Cavaliere Belfiore, a wily rogue who has been roped into impersonating the King of Poland. Serving as the royal's decoy, Belfiore finds himself the guest of honor at a double wedding at the home of Baron Kelbar. Exercising his newfound power, he adopts the role of matchmaker, confounding the plans for arranged marriages and assisting in the triumph of true love (including his own!) Once all the loose ends are tied up, he reveals his true identity and all is forgiven.

As part of their yearlong celebration of Verdi's bicentennial, the Seattle Opera Young Artists Program for young professional opera singers will present a chamber version of this rarely produced work, with piano. The production will be directed by Artistic Director Peter Kazaras, with musical preparation overseen by Music Director Brian Garman. Design Coordination is by Victor Steeb.

Running time will be approximately two hours including one intermission.

#### SEE THE OPERA AGAIN!

Walla Walla Thursday November 8, 7:00 p.m. Performing Arts Auditorium, 500 Tausick Way Seattle Saturday November 17, 8:00 p.m. Benaroya – Nordstrom Recital Hall