

manitoba
UNDERGROUND
opera

OPERA IS...



2025
ANNUAL
REPORT

Opera is... *Ridiculous*

Mainstage

Tinned Opera **June 10**

Count Ory **August 20 - 24**

Let's Brunch **September 21**

Neighbourhood

Opera Tour

Jack & the Beanstalk

July 7 - 25

August 28 - September 5

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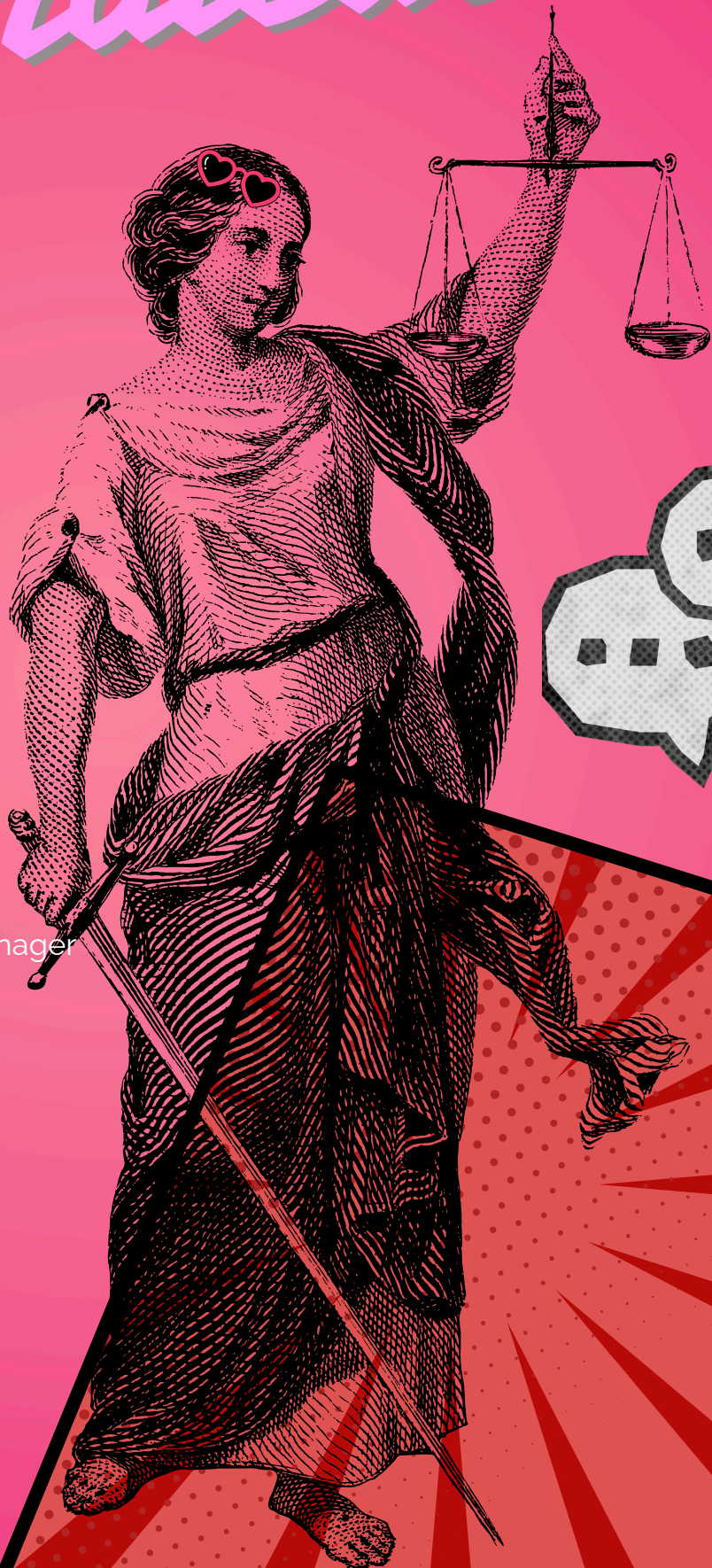
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OPERA IS... LOUD

Artists

Tinned Opera

Janice Marple, Soprano
Shannon Hiebert, Pianist

Count Ory

Andrea Bellhouse, Chorus
Grace Budoloski, Countess Adele
Liam Ciecko, Chorus
Rebecca Danos, Chorus
Linda Feasby, Chorus
Max Fingerote, Story/Libretto
Stephen Haiko-Pena, Roberto
Geneva Halverson, Isolier
Shannon Hiebert, Music Director
Monica Hultin, Chorus
Joanna Loepp-Theissen, Ragonde
Keely McPeck, Countess Ory
Tia Morann, Stage Manager
Matthew Paris-Irvine, Stage Director
Caleb Rondeau, Chorus
Stephanie Schmid, Chorus
Cathy Wach-Dueck, Chorus

Drag Brunch

Grace Budoloski, Singer
Miss Assuma Gender, Drag Artist
Paulina Gonzalez, Singer
Dirt from the Ground, Drag Artist
Stephanie Schmid, Singer
Minokawa Song, Drag Artist
Anica Warkentine, Pianist

Jack & the Beanstalk

Jacqueline Arthur, Mrs. Nimble / Giant's Wife
Brady Barrientos, Jack
Stephen Haiko-Pena, Giant / Trouble-Man
Devon Helm, Stage Manager
Shannon Hiebert, Pianist / Music Director
Melissa Langdon, Stage Director



OPERA IS... *Happy*



Photos from top to bottom then left to right.

1. Janice Marple & Shannon Hiebert.
2. Geneva Halverson.
3. Joanna Loepp Thiessen.
4. Grace Budoloski & Keely McPeek.
5. Stephen Haiko-Pena.
6. Grace Budoloski.
7. Jacqueline Arthur & Brady Barrientos.



OPERA IS... **FUN**

TOUR NUMBERS

894 Children

364 Adults

585 people inside Winnipeg
673 people outside of Winnipeg

TOUR LOCATIONS

Pembina Trails Library
Sir William Stephenson Library
St. Boniface Library
St. James-Assiniboia Library
Transcona Library
Bill and Helen Norrie Library
Henderson Library
Millennium Library
Louis Riel Library
Fort Garry Library
Carpathia Children's Centre
Munroe Library
Charleswood Library
Harvey Smith Library
Portage La Prairie, MB
St. Vital Library
Altona, MB
Arts AccessAbility Network Manitoba
Kenora, ON
Killarney, MB
Brandon, MB
Dauphin, MB
Flin Flon, MB
Opaskwayak Cree Nation
Chemawawin Cree Nation
Misipawistik Cree Nation



Opera is...

MULTIFACETED

one of the many musical genres that touch me deeply in a manner difficult to express.

A work of art that tells a story through voice and a lot of lung power

Extremely cheerful

New to me but I'd like to enjoy more!

Opera is soothing to the soul

A hug for my soul.

an opportunity to hear and see really amazing performances

FUN! One reason we are avid attendees of MUO is that it brings opera to life in so many different ways. Winnipeg is so lucky to have MUO.

... obviously an acquired taste, which I have expanded over the years by attending more obscure selections such as those by MUO.

really nice when it doesn't take itself too seriously and makes an attempt to be relevant to today's audiences

a joy. With MUO you feel like you are part of the performance.

Exciting, fun and dramatic!



OPERA IS... NUMBERS

Liabilities & Equity

Assets	DEC 31, 25	DEC 31, 24
Total Chequing / Savings	80,283	33,877.13
Accounts Receivable	4,893	35,605.00
Other Current Assets	-	971.39
Total Assets	85,176	70,453.52

Liabilities / Equity

Current Liabilities	-	5,201.87
Deferred Funding	54,000	55,000.00
Total Liabilities	54,000	60,201.87

Unrestricted Net Assets	9,257	5,318.10
Net Income	21,919	3,939.44
Total Equity	31,176	10,251.65

Total Liabilities & Equity	85,176	70,453.52
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Profit & Loss

Income	DEC 31, 25	DEC 31, 24
Tickets Sales	11,217	33,467.65
Other Revenue	-	1,300.00
Bank Interest	120	59.41
Donations	18,766	20,374.04
Corporate Sponsors	7,643	2,000.00
Foundations	17,500	31,900.00
Fundraising Events	-	1,272.27
Canada Council for the Arts	30,000	90,200.00
Manitoba Arts Council	25,000	36,250.00
Winnipeg Arts Council	-	5,000.00
Total Income	110,246	220,551.10

Expenses

Artistic	54,553	141,906.36
Programming	17,979	49,971.05
Marketing	1,095	11,331.51
Administration	14,700	13,402.74
Total Expense	88,327	216,611.66

Net Income	21,919	3,939.44
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OPERA IS...

Beautiful

Thank you!

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