

PRESS RELEASE

Opera Western Reserve Young Artists to present children's program at Stambaugh Auditorium

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For Immediate Release:

On Sunday, March 8th at 3:00pm, the Opera Western Reserve Young Artists will present the *Three Little Pigs* in the Grand Ballroom of Stambaugh Auditorium. This performance, adapted by John Davies, features music from four of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's operas: *Don Giovanni*, *The Marriage of Figaro*, *Cosi fan tutte*, and *The Magic Flute*. Tickets for this event are on sale now.

This performance follows the classic journey of the Three Little Pigs and the Big Bad Wolf who tries to "Huff and puff and blow their house down." With an approximate running time of one hour, the show is appropriate for children of all ages. At the conclusion, the cast will meet and interact with the audience.

The show features stage direction by Robert Pierce, and musical direction by Kathy Miller. The performance will be the first to take place on the new stage in the recently renovated Grand Ballroom.

The Opera Western Reserve Young Artists travel around the tri-county area to perform at local schools. Their regular programs include Fun with Opera, which is an interactive performance where students help to create the scenario for a one-of-a-kind improvised opera.

Opera Western Reserve presents the only locally-produced, professional opera in the area with an annual performance at Stambaugh Auditorium each November. In 2014, they presented *Don Giovanni*, and in 2015, the selected performance will be *The Elixir of Love*.

Tickets for the *Three Little Pigs* are available now through the Stambaugh Auditorium Box Office. For more information or for tickets, visit stambaughauditorium.com or call the Box Office at 330-259-0555.

About Stambaugh Auditorium:

Stambaugh Auditorium is a non-profit public auditorium which opened in 1926 through the generous gift of Youngstown area businessman Henry H. Stambaugh. The centerpiece of the complex is the Concert Hall which has a seating capacity of 2,553 and is renowned for its near perfect acoustics. The auditorium also features a 9,700-square-foot ballroom, a recital hall (The Anne Christman Memorial Hall), and a formal garden at the southern end of the building, all of which can be rented for public, business, or private functions. The venue welcomes national and international performers on a regular basis while also hosting local and regional entertainment events. Stambaugh Auditorium was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984.