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RESOLUTION NO. 42 - 2011

**RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING** Cincinnati Opera's "Opera Goes to Church!" program for its success in bringing people together through the power of music and opera at many diverse religious centers in the Greater Cincinnati area since 2005.

WHEREAS, Cincinnati Opera was founded in 1920 with the mission of providing outstanding opera experiences for the Cincinnati community; and

WHEREAS, Cincinnati Opera has been committed for many years to reaching new audiences through innovative and diverse opera programming both at its home venue, Cincinnati Music Hall, and throughout the metropolitan Cincinnati region; and

WHEREAS, Cincinnati Opera has been nationally recognized for excellence in artistic endeavors, education, marketing, and community outreach; and

WHEREAS, Cincinnati Opera created an entirely new program called "Opera Goes to Church! A Summer Evening of Gospel, Sacred, Jazz, and Classical Music" in 2005 with its inaugural partner Allen Temple A.M.E. Church; and

WHEREAS, Cincinnati Opera has presented the "Opera Goes to Church!" program in close partnership with churches throughout Cincinnati including Allen Temple A.M.E. Church in Bond Hill, St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Montgomery, Cristo Rey Catholic Parish in Erlanger, Kentucky, and College Hill Presbyterian Church in College Hill; and

WHEREAS, the "Opera Goes to Church!" program has featured internationally-renowned opera stars including Angela Brown, Jessica Rivera, William Burden, Morris Robinson, and Gordon Hawkins, singing alongside some of our community's most outstanding church choirs; and

WHEREAS, the "Opera Goes to Church!" program has also featured leading jazz musicians and young-adult musical performers; and

WHEREAS, the "Opera Goes to Church!" program is presented free of charge to all in attendance; and


WHEREAS, the "Opera Goes to Church!" program has become one of the most successful programs in Cincinnati Opera's history, with capacity audiences at nearly all of the twelve events to date; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That this Council recognizes and celebrates Cincinnati Opera's "Opera Goes to Church!" for its success in bringing people together through the power of music and opera and making our community a better place to live, worship, and connect since 2005.

Section 2. That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be sent to Ms. Patricia K. Beggs, General Director and CEO, Cincinnati Opera, 1243 Elm Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

Passed: September 14, 2011

  
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Mayor

Attest: Melissa [Signature]  
Clerk