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Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra Announces Solo Auditions for Christmas Opera

Cincinnati, OH – The Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra (CCO) is pleased to announce auditions for its December performances of "Amahl & the Night Visitors" by Gian Carlo Menotti. This production is created in partnership with the renowned Madcap Puppets and Xavier University.

Three performances are scheduled for Dec. 21-23, 2016. Tom Merrill, Xavier University, will conduct.

AUDITION DATE: Thursday, October 6, 2016

TIME: 3-6pm

LOCATION: Xavier University Edgecliff Building

The opera tells the story of a young boy, Amahl, and his life-altering encounter with the Three Kings as they are in search of the Baby Jesus. The opera was written for and premiered on NBC-TV, Christmas Eve 1951. The conductor that evening was a young Thomas Schippers, who later led the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra from 1970 until his untimely death in 1977.

Auditions will be heard for the roles of Amahl understudy (boy soprano), an Amahl cover (soprano), his Mother (soprano/mezzo-soprano), Kaspar (tenor) and Balthazar (bass).

Auditionees should prepare two contrasting songs or arias in English. An accompanist will be provided.

Those interested should send their resume and headshot ASAP to Anklan@ccocincinnati.org.

No walk-ups will be considered. Selected individuals will be contacted to set an audition time. For more information, call LeAnne Anklan at 513.723.1182 x104.

About the Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra: The Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra is an independent ensemble of 32 professional musicians that celebrated its 40th anniversary season in 2014 and launched the critically acclaimed summer music festival Summermusik in August, 2015. The CCO offers a vibrant and fresh musical experience in an intimate and informal setting, for both the seasoned and novice concert patron. The CCO's size allows for flexibility and creativity in programming, the ideal ensemble for presenting orchestral works ranging from the Baroque and Classical eras to commissioned works by contemporary composers. Collaborations have become a hallmark of the CCO, including ongoing partnerships with VAE: Cincinnati's Vocal Arts Ensemble and Madcap Puppets.

For additional information about the CCO, visit www.ccocincinnati.org.

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