**THE LYRIC OPERA OF CHICAGO BROADCASTS**

Broadcast Schedule 1 of 2 — Spring 2018

*Please Note: due to production considerations, cast members for each production are subject to change. Please consult associated cue sheet for more details.*

**PLEASE NOTE:** More Lyric Opera of Chicago titles and more information on the entirety of the WFMT Radio Network Opera Series will be released in the first quarter of 2018. The Lyric Opera of Chicago season will be split into two parts, the first containing operas #1 – 6 (May 12 – June 16), and the second containing operas #7 – 10, with finalized broadcast dates to be published in the coming weeks. As noted in the Lyric Opera of Chicago summary page, the additional titles *Così fan tutte*, *Faust, Das Rheingold,* and *Bel Canto* will be scheduled later in the series (more information forthcoming).

**PROGRAM #: LOC 18-01**

**RELEASE: May 12, 2018**

**OPERA: Orphée et Eurydice (1774 Paris Version)**

COMPOSER: Christoph Willibald Gluck

Libretto by: Pierre-Louis Moline

**CAST:**

Orphée: Dmitry Korchak

Eurydice: Andriana Chuchman

Amour: Lauren Snouffer

CONDUCTOR: Harry Bicket

DIRECTOR: John Neumeier

CHORUS: Lyric Opera Chorus

CHORUS MASTER: Michael Black

**Approx. Length: 2 ½ Hours**

**PROGRAM #: LOC 18-02**

**RELEASE: May 19, 2018**

**OPERA: Rigoletto**

COMPOSER: Giuseppe Verdi

Libretto by: Francesco Maria Piave

**CAST:**

Duke of Mantua: Matthew Polenzani

Borsa: Mario Rojas

Countess Ceprano: Whitney Morrison

Rigoletto: Quinn Kelsey

Marullo: Takaoki Onishi

Count Ceprano: Alan Higgs

Count Monterone: Todd Thomas

Sparafucile: Alexander Tsymbalyuk

Gilda: Rosa Feola

Giovanna: Lauren Decker

A Page: Diana Newman

An Usher: Kenneth Nichols

Maddalena: Zanda Švēde

CONDUCTOR: Marco Armiliato

DIRECTOR: E. Loren Meeker

CHORUS: Lyric Opera Chorus

CHORUS MASTER: Michael Black

**Approx. Length: 2 hours and 45 minutes**

**PROGRAM #: LOC 17-03**

**RELEASE: May 26, 2018**

**OPERA: Die Walküre**

COMPOSER: Richard Wagner

Libretto by: Richard Wagner

**CAST:**

Siegmund: Brandon Jovanovich

Sieglinde: Elisabet Strid

Hunding: Ain Anger

Wotan: Eric Owens

Brünnhilde: Christine Goerke

Fricka: Tanja Ariane Baumgartner

Gerhilde: Whitney Morrison

Helmwige: Alexandra LoBianco

Waltraute: Catherine Martin

Schwertleite: Lauren Decker

Ortlinde: Laura Wilde

Siegrune: Deborah Nansteel

Grimgerde: Zanda Švēde

Rossweisse: Lindsay Ammann

CONDUCTOR: Sir Andrew Davis

DIRECTOR: David Pountney

**Approx. Length: 5 hours and 15 minutes**

**PROGRAM #: LOC 18-04**

**RELEASE: June 2, 2018**

**OPERA: The Pearl Fishers**

COMPOSER: Georges Bizet

Libretto by: Michel Carré and Eugène Cormon

**CAST:**

Zurga: Mariusz Kwiecień

Nadir: Matthew Polenzani

Nourabad: Andrea Silvestrelli

Leïla: Marina Rebeka

CONDUCTOR: Sir Andrew Davis

DIRECTOR: Andrew Sinclair

CHORUS: Lyric Opera Chorus

CHORUS MASTER: Michael Black

**Approx. Length: 2 hours and 35 minutes**

**PROGRAM #: LOC 18-05**

**RELEASE: June 9, 2018**

**OPERA: Turandot**

COMPOSER: Giacomo Puccini

Libretto by: G. Adami and R. Simoni

**CAST:**

A Mandarin: Patrick Guetti

Timur: Andrea Silvestrelli

Calaf: Stefano La Colla

Liù: Maria Agresta

Prince of Persia: Geoffrey Agpalo

Ping Zachary Nelson

Pang: Rodell Rosel

Pong: Keith Jameson

Turandot’s Handmaidens: Desirée Hassler & Stephanie Schoenhofer

Emperor Altoum: Josh Lovell

Turandot: Amber Wagner

CONDUCTOR: Sir Andrew Davis

DIRECTOR: Rob Kearley

CHORUS: Lyric Opera Chorus

CHORUS MASTER: Michael Black

**Approx. Length: 2 hours and 45 minutes**

**PROGRAM #: LOC 18-06**

**RELEASE: June 16, 2018**

**OPERA: I Puritani**

COMPOSER: Vincenzo Bellini

Libretto by: Carlo Pepoli

**CAST:**

Elvira: Albina Shagimuratova

Arturo: Lawrence Brownlee

Riccardo: Anthony Clark Evans

Giorgio: Adrian Sâmpetrean

CONDUCTOR: Enrique Mazzolla

DIRECTOR: Eric Einhorn

CHORUS: Lyric Opera Chorus

CHORUS MASTER: Michael Black

**Approx. Length: 3 hours and 45 minutes**