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**Opera Las Vegas to Receive \$20,000 Grant  
from the National Endowment for the Arts**

Opera Las Vegas has been approved for a \$20,000 Grants for Arts Projects award to support its acclaimed ongoing Living Composers and Librettists Initiative. OLV's project is among 1,125 projects across America totaling more than \$26.6 million that were selected during this second round of Grants for Arts Projects fiscal year 2022 funding.

"The National Endowment for the Arts is proud to support arts and cultural organizations throughout the nation with these grants, including Opera Las Vegas, providing opportunities for all of us to live artful lives," said NEA Chair Maria Rosario Jackson, PhD. "The arts contribute to our individual well-being, the well-being of our communities, and to our local economies. The arts are also crucial to helping us make sense of our circumstances from different perspectives as we emerge from the pandemic and plan for a shared new normal informed by our examined experience."

OLV General Director Jim Sohre noted: "We are overjoyed and humbled by this affirmation of our commitment to presenting new productions of recent worthy works by contemporary librettists and composers, and we hope we can help cement their stature and presence in the operatic performing canon."

In the 2022-2023 season, this project will present its first Women Composers Festival, including Missy Mazzoli and Royce Vavrek's *Proving Up*; and West Coast premieres of not only Tom Cipullo's *Josephine* and *After Life* in a Double Bill; but also Evan Snyder and John Riesen's murder mystery *A Capacity for Evil*. The season will also include the postponed West Coast Premieres of D.J. Sparr, Mark Campbell, and Davis Miller's *Approaching Ali* and Emily Clements' *Letters to Lily* (Act I Workshop), as well as the classic Main Stage production of Giuseppe Verdi's *La Traviata*.

To learn more about Opera Las Vegas, go to: [www.operalassvegas.com](http://www.operalassvegas.com) And for more information on the projects included in the Arts Endowment grant announcement, visit [arts.gov/news](http://arts.gov/news)