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VANCOUVER OPERA ANNOUNCES 100% BOARD PARTICIPATION AND LEAD GIFTS IN SUPPORT OF ITS INNOVATIVE PROGRAMMING

Vancouver Opera has launched a special fundraising campaign that will support the innovative programming planned for the Vancouver Opera Festival. Today, the company is delighted to announce that all members of the Vancouver Opera Board of Directors have pledged a contribution to this multi-year fund development initiative.

With a goal for this fiscal year of \$1M, support for the campaign goes well beyond those on the VO board. Ms. Martha Lou Henley, C.M., has pledged an extraordinary leadership gift and we are thrilled and honoured to recognize her as Vancouver Opera Festival Patron. Other leading contributors include Allan and Gwendoline Pyatt, Jill Bodkin, Eric Carlson, Divyesh and Charu Gadhia, Julia and Demas Kim, Bill and Risa Levine, Bill and Jana MacLagan, George and Jessica Macintosh, Mary and Rod McNeil, Ms. Bev Park and Mr. Jim Logan, Pascal and Isabelle Spothelfer and the SpencerCreo Foundation.

Board Chair, Pascal Spothelfer, says, “With the expertise of VO's new General Director and the committed support of the board and VO's lead donors, we are confident that adding a Festival as part of our season will be a resounding success. I am very grateful to this group of community leaders and opera enthusiasts for their incredible support and dedication.”

The inaugural Vancouver Opera Festival (April 28 - May 13, 2017) will close the 2016/17 VO Season. During this 16-day period, audiences will be offered a range of programming that includes mainstage opera, cabaret, visual art, contemporary Aboriginal performance art, and avant-garde chamber concerts. For more information and for tickets, call 604-683-0222 or visit our website at www.vancouveropera.ca.

Vancouver Opera thanks all donors for their extraordinary Festival Campaign contributions and extends the appeal to all those who want to help produce great opera in Vancouver. We also take this occasion to invite everyone to the remaining performances of our season opener, Hansel and Gretel. We are thrilled with the critical and commercial success of this family-friendly holiday production. The show runs until December 11. Many of the performances are sold out, but remaining tickets can be purchased through our Box Office or website above.

Stayed tuned for future announcements related to our special Festival Fundraising Campaign! For more

information, please contact Brian Nickel, Director of Development.