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Manitoba Opera Postpones Spring 2022 Production

La Cenerentola Rescheduled to the 2022/23 Season

Manitoba Opera announced today that in response to the continued prevalence of the Omicron variant in the community and the organization's responsibility to provide a safe environment for the artists, musicians, crew, staff, and patrons, the company has decided to postpone *La Cenerentola* (pronounced Chen-er-en-toe-lah), scheduled for April 2, 5, and 8. This comic take on the fairy tale classic, *Cinderella*, will instead be presented in 2022/23, the 50th anniversary season.

"Although we are disappointed that we have had to reschedule our production of *La Cenerentola*, it is our responsibility to create a safe working environment throughout the entire run of the show, from the first chorus rehearsal in January until the curtain falls on closing night. We were not confident that this would be possible over the next few months," said Judith Chambers, Chair, Board of Trustees. "We also need to minimize financial risk to the organization so that we have a healthy company in place to be able to return to producing fully staged productions."

The company will present a concert of opera favorites on Saturday, April 2, with options to attend in person at the Centennial Concert Hall (attendance will be determined by Public Health restrictions in place at that time) or watch via livestream.

"By making the decision now to postpone, we give ourselves time to organize a concert for the April time slot rather than not have any programming at all," explained Larry Desrochers, General Director & CEO. "With a smaller cast and crew, a concert presents fewer risks than a fully staged production. The Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra will be situated on the stage rather than in the confines of the pit, and if an artist is unable to perform, it is less likely that the entire show would have to be cancelled."

More details on the concert event and tickets will be released very soon.

La Cenerentola ticketholders will be contacted by Manitoba Opera directly or can call the Box Office at 204-944-8824.