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CAPA presents Opera Naples Youth on March 23

Young stars shine as curtain goes up on season's Rising Stars Series

Naples, FL — Opera Naples Youth kicks off the Cultural and Performing Arts Center (CAPA) Rising Stars Series on Friday, March 23, at 7:30 p.m. at the Wang Opera Center. Their program — *From Operettas to Pop* — will include a fast paced, high-energy evening of kaleidoscopic performances. These talented members of the Opera Naples Student Apprentice Program will present classical songs, folk songs, arias, operettas and musical theater for an evening that is sure to entertain and delight.

According to CAPA board member and Rising Stars Series coordinator, Steve Kutler, “This series is an important component of CAPA’s three series season of great performances that also includes the Spectrum Series and Jazz & Blues Series. Providing performance opportunities for our community’s young musicians and vocalists is an important part of the CAPA mission. It is vitally important to nourish, honor and showcase the talents of these growing young stars.”

The Opera Naples Youth Student Apprentice Program provides local students, ages 7-21, with training and public performance opportunities in mainstage operas and in various community outreach events. Private vocal coaching and chorus training is provided as well as group master classes. There is no cost to participants who are selected through an audition and interview. For many of these youth, the musical highlight of their year is Opera Naples’ Summer Youth Program, a two-week intensive training program that culminates in the performance of an operetta for the public. All are accepted into the summer program regardless of talent or experience. Opera Naples’ Student Apprentice Program is under the direction of Robin Frank, Director of Educational Outreach.

All CAPA Rising Stars Series concerts are at 7:30 p.m. at the Wang Opera Center, 2408 Linwood Avenue, Naples. Individual tickets are \$40 for adults, \$10 for students/children (21 and under with valid ID) and \$50 for VIP seating. VIP tickets include preferred seating and a meet-the-artists after-party. To order tickets, call (239) 775-2800 or visit www.CAPACenter.org.

Upcoming Rising Stars Series concerts include *Happy Music from Talented and Trained Young Voices* with the Naples Philharmonic Youth Chorus on April 28; *Fresh Sounds of Jazz* with the Naples Philharmonic Youth Jazz Orchestra on May 2. The CAPA Rising Stars Series is sponsored by Susan Gibbons, Brunie Kunzel, Naples Best Addresses.

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