

## CALENDAR RELEASE



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**ATTENTION CALENDAR EDITORS:**  
**HOUSTON GRAND OPERA PRESENTS**  
***DEAD MAN WALKING***

**PERFORMANCES JANUARY 22 – FEBRUARY 6, 2011**

**WHO:** Houston Grand Opera (HGO)

**WHAT:** HGO continues its 2010/11 season with *Dead Man Walking*, opening January 22, 2011 with performances through February 6.

[Music by Jake Heggie, Libretto by Terrence McNally, based on the novel by Sister Helen Prejean]  
Brown Theater | Sung in English with English surtitles

A story of compassion and redemption, Jake Heggie's *Dead Man Walking* has played to sold-out houses across the U.S. and Europe in the decade since its premiere.

Joseph De Rocher (**Philip Cutlip**) leads a lonely life on death row until Sister Helen Prejean (**Joyce DiDonato**) arrives as his spiritual advisor. Legendary mezzo-soprano **Frederica von Stade** marks her farewell to the operatic stage with these appearances as De Rocher's mother and **Measha Brueggergosman** makes her HGO debut as Sister Rose. **Patrick Summers**—who conducted the opera's world premiere a decade ago as well as the acclaimed recording on Erato—conducts Houston Grand Opera's performances, **Leonard Foglia** directs.

*Adult content: contains strong language, nudity, and depictions of sexual activity and violence.*

**WHEN:** Saturday, January 22, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, January 29, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, February 2, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, February 4, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday, February 6, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Wortham Theater Center's Brown Theater, Texas Avenue at Smith Street, Houston, Texas.  
713-228-6737

**ARTISTS:** Sister Helen Prejean..... **Joyce DiDonato**, mezzo-soprano  
 Joseph De Rocher ..... **Philip Cutlip**, baritone (*role debut*)  
 Mrs. Patrick De Rocher..... **Frederica von Stade**, mezzo-soprano  
 Sister Rose ..... **Measha Bruggergosman**, soprano (*HGO debut*)

Conductor..... **Patrick Summers**  
 Director ..... **Leonard Foglia**  
 Set Designer..... **Michael McGarty**  
 Costume Designer..... **Jess Goldstein**  
 Lighting Designer ..... **Brian Nason**  
 Sound Effects Designer..... **Roger Gans**  
 Fight Director..... **Brian Byrnes**  
 HGO Chorus Master ..... **Richard Bado**  
 Children’s Chorus Master ..... **Karen Reeves**  
 Orchestra..... **Houston Grand Opera Orchestra**  
 Chorus ..... **Houston Grand Opera Chorus**

**LANGUAGE:** *Dead Man Walking* will be sung in English with English surtitles

**TICKETS:** Single tickets for *Dead Man Walking* are on sale now and start at \$24.  
 For tickets and general information, go to [www.houstongrandopera.org/deadmanwalking](http://www.houstongrandopera.org/deadmanwalking)  
 or call 713-228-6737 or 1-(800)-626-7372

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