
Houston Grand Opera Offers Subscribers Affected by Energy Downturn FREE Subscription Renewal to 2015-16 Season

Houston, September 1, 2015— Houston Grand Opera (HGO) announces today that the company is offering free renewal for the coming season’s subscription package to all laid off employees from the energy industry who are current subscribers.

“We want to offer energy sector employees who have been loyal subscribers our support during this difficult time,” said Perryn Leech, managing director of HGO. “People in the energy industry have been generous to Houston Grand Opera, and we want to offer them thanks for supporting our work over the years.”

Houston Grand Opera’s 2015–16 season opens in late October with productions of Puccini’s *Tosca* and Tchaikovsky’s *Eugene Onegin*, followed by a holiday presentation of Rachel Portman and Nicholas Wright’s *The Little Prince*, based on the beloved story by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry; Mozart’s *The Marriage of Figaro*; Dvořák’s *Rusalka*, Wagner’s *Siegfried*; and the Rodgers & Hammerstein classic musical, *Carousel*. For information, call 713-228-OPERA (6737) .

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About Houston Grand Opera

Since its inception in 1955, Houston Grand Opera has grown from a small regional organization into an internationally renowned opera company. HGO enjoys a reputation for commissioning and producing new works, including 56 world premieres and seven American premieres since 1973. In addition to producing and performing world-class opera, HGO contributes to the cultural enrichment of Houston and the nation through a diverse and innovative program of performances, community events, and education projects that reaches the widest possible public. HGO has toured extensively, including trips to Europe and Asia, and has won a Tony, two Grammy awards, and two Emmy awards—the only opera company to have won all three honors.

Through HGOco, Houston Grand Opera creates opportunities for Houstonians of all ages and backgrounds to observe, participate in, and create art. The NEXUS Initiative is HGO’s multi-year ticket underwriting

program that allows Houstonians of all ages and backgrounds to enjoy world-class opera without the barrier of price. Since 2007 NEXUS has enabled more than 200,000 Houstonians to experience first-quality opera through discounted single tickets and subscriptions, subsidized student performances, and free productions.

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