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Houston Grand Opera Renews Offer to Subscribers Affected by Energy Downturn

Extends Free Subscription Renewal to 2016–17 Season

Houston, March 21, 2016— Houston Grand Opera (HGO) is extending the company’s offer of free renewals for subscription packages to all laid-off employees from the energy industry who are current subscribers. HGO first announced the offer in September 2015 for subscriptions to the current season. The company recently kicked off subscription sales for the 2016–17 season; the offer will now apply to those subscriptions as well.

“We recognize that tough times are continuing for those connected to the energy industry,” said Perryn Leech, managing director of HGO. “Houston Grand Opera is grateful for the support of this community over the years, and we want to show them our appreciation.”

Houston Grand Opera’s 2016–17 season, announced in January, opens in late October 2016 with productions of Donizetti’s *The Elixir of Love* and Gounod’s *Faust*, followed by the world premiere of a new family opera for the holidays by Jake Heggie and Gene Scheer based on *It’s a Wonderful Life*; John Adams and Alice Goodman’s *Nixon in China*; Verdi’s Requiem; Wagner’s *Götterdämmerung*; and Mozart’s *The Abduction from the Seraglio*. 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 59 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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