

GREEN MOUNTAIN 
OPERA FESTIVAL
Taras Kulish, Artistic Director

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Dear Opera Lover,

One of the outstanding elements of the Green Mountain Opera Festival is our **Emerging Artist Program**. It is a springboard for highly talented young opera professionals towards becoming highly sought after artists. The program provides training and performing opportunities and is tuition free with a stipend provided. There are daily coachings and an opportunity to perform principal and supporting roles. Members of the program have a chance to interact with professional conductors, stage directors and other important opera personalities, essential to the artists in building their resumes and experience. The Emerging Artist Program, in only six years of existence, has grown to such a degree that it received close to 400 applications this year.

Have you wondered how your contribution to Green Mountain Opera Festival might support the future of opera? The Green Mountain Opera Festival is continuing an important and successful development program for a group of special donors who will each sponsor a talented Emerging Artist. We invite you to join us as an "Emerging Artist Investor" with a gift of **\$2,500**. The rewards are many and contributions are fully tax-deductible.

The Green Mountain Opera Festival's Emerging Artist Program will provide a chance to share a personal friendship with young singers, discovering their professional dreams and then following their careers beyond the summer's festival season. We are inviting you to join us in this exciting program for our Emerging Artists.

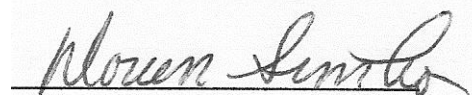
As a 2012 "Emerging Artist Investor" you will be personally involved with the success of your sponsored artist. You'll receive an artist preview packet and be introduced to your singer soon after he or she arrives. You'll be invited to a private "Emerging Artist Investor" reception with other participants, and be acknowledged in the 2012 season program. We'll make every effort to help you arrange a dinner or lunch with your singer during the season, and you'll also enjoy all the special donor privileges that accrue at the level of your financial contribution.

We are happy to answer any questions you may have and invite you to participate. Meanwhile, we encourage you to talk with your friends about this new way of supporting the Green Mountain Opera Festival. Perhaps you would like to gather a group of your opera friends in support of a future star or stars; groups of friends can join together to meet the total contribution.

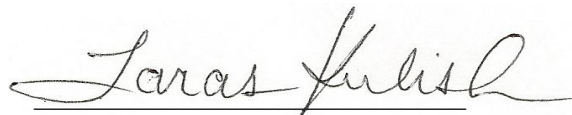
Please consider for a moment just how rewarding — and fun — it will be to connect to an Emerging Artist and to follow his or her career in years to come. Is there any better way to ensure that same enjoyment for future generations than to invest, as we have done, in the development of tomorrow's talent? The "Emerging Artist Investors" will be a very special group of people who share our conviction and are dedicated to shaping the future of opera. Please join us in this important endeavor.

We hope you will consider becoming a Green Mountain Opera Festival Emerging Artist Investor. We look forward to speaking with you. (See *pledge form attached*)

Cordially,



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**Yes! I want to a part of the
Green Mountain Opera Festival's
Emerging Artist Investors**

- My check is enclosed: \$ _____
- I pledge a total of \$ _____ to be paid in monthly instalments of \$ _____ by May 10, 2012.

Please charge my credit card for \$ _____ (full payment)
-or- Monthly \$ _____

Card #: _____

Exp. Date: _____ Visa ___ Mastercard ___

Signature: _____

- I would like this gift to be anonymous.
- I would like to share the Investor Program with:

I am unable to be an Investor at this time but here is my contribution in the amount of \$ _____.

Please make your check payable to the **Green Mountain Cultural Center**.
Gifts are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law.

Please mail this form along with your check to: **Green Mtn Opera Festival**
PO Box 1362, Waitsfield, VT 05673

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