

OPERA SINGERS INITIATIVE

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A Night of Musical Mastery

Opera Singers Initiative is excited to announce its premier event of the season, the Young Opera Winter Benefit. Designed to showcase the talents of this year's new members and the stunning designs of Dana-Maxx, whom dressed the performers, the evening is expected to delight and awe with an ensemble of drinks, hors d'oeuvres, conversation and, of course, extraordinary music. The Winter Benefit is scheduled for February 25th, 2010 at the elegant Van Alen Mansion on the Upper East Side beginning at 7pm.

OSI's freshest crop spans diverse backgrounds and musical affinities. Lyric soprano Catherine Meyers has performed such roles as Clarissa in Weber/Mahler's *Die drei Pinto*, and has covered the roles of Mimi in *La Boheme*, and Nedda in *Pagliaci*. La Toya Lewis, a soprano and Brooklyn native, has performed such roles as Donna Elvira in *Don Giovanni* and Micaela in *Carmen*. Soprano Marta Kukularova began her musical education in Bulgaria and previously travelled on a U.S. national tour with CAMI, performing roles such as Sacredotessa from *Aida* and Contessa Ceprano from *Rigoletto*. Finally, there is Sarah Davis, an emerging and versatile soprano who made her professional recital debut with the "Trinity at One Concert Series" and premiered John Harbison's Vocalism, at SongFest. She was recently a vocal fellow at the Tanglewood Music Center and performed Haydn's Lord Nelson Mass at the Kimmel Center this season.

"After reviewing hundreds of applications, the Board and I are truly delighted to introduce this year's members to the opera loving community," says Anna Lenhardt, Founder and Executive Director of Opera Singers Initiative. "We strive every year to pick musicians who are able to exhibit their musical prowess and versatility, and this year OSI selected a troupe of talented performers."

Tickets for February's Young Opera Winter Benefit are available at individual and discounted couple rates online at <http://youngoperabenefit2010.eventbrite.com>.

Opera Singers Initiative

Established in 2007, Opera Singers Initiative (OSI) is a collaborative, dynamic arts organization that offers the tools for young opera singers to succeed in their careers, while introducing the public to outstanding young singers. The vision of OSI is to help promote and support emerging opera singers through unique performances, effective promotion, and intuitive funding. For more information please visit www.operasingersinitiative.org or call (212) 542-8758.

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