Florida Grand Opera announced today that it will be holding its Summer program known as LOL or Live Opera Lab. This intensive two-week program will be offered in four separate sessions beginning June 22, 2020. The program will follow all CDC guidelines as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic. Each session will have a maximum of only ten (10) participants and adhere to all safety precautions.

The program is geared towards high school and undergraduate college students who are interested in and/or studying classical voice and are working towards pursuing a career in the performing arts. Two sessions will be dedicated to high school level and two will be focused on undergraduates.

Participants will benefit from a wide variety of programs geared to enhance their knowledge of opera, voice, and performance. Sessions will include movement, acting, diction, a vocal forum, and character development to name a few. Instructors are members of the full time and seasonal artistic staff, and well as other performers and coaches.

FGO’s new director of education Luis Valenzuela said, “We are proud to be able to continue to inspire young singers and help them with the tools they need to succeed in the future. LOL 2020 offers a well-diversified program in a professional environment keeping our campers safe. By following the CDC guidance and considerations, we at FGO/ LOL summer camp will be implementing precautionary measures to mitigate the potential spread of the virus.”

Director of Artistic Administration, Mitch Roe, further explained the program. “These classes provide a holistic approach to the student’s journey of becoming an artist. Students will have classes specifically focused on how to study a story and classes training them how to listen to the nuances of singing. LOL also provides a daily emphasis on lessons, coachings, language, movement, and acting! Students will go back to school at the end of the summer more confident and refined. This is a two-week intensive program with an invaluable amount of one-
on-one attention. It is a difficult time for aspiring artists to feel inspired and we want, in the best way we can, to continue to help them believe in and reach their dreams.”

The program cost is $900 for the two-week intensive for the high school sessions and $1000 for the undergraduate sessions. Partial scholarships are available. Those interested can apply at fgo.org or for more information contact 305.403.3308.

ABOUT FLORIDA GRAND OPERA

Celebrating 80 years of presenting grand opera to South Florida, Florida Grand Opera is the oldest continuous performing arts organization in the State of Florida, and the seventh oldest opera company in the United States. Founded in 1941 by Dr. Arturo di Filippi, Professor of Music at the University of Miami. In 1994, through a merger between the Greater Miami Opera and the Opera Guild, Inc. of Fort Lauderdale, Florida Grand Opera was created, bringing together two important South Florida communities in support of one of the region’s most important cultural institutions.

FGO presents a mixture of standard repertoire, neglected masterpieces, and contemporary works as well as commissions and new productions; all featuring projected translations in English and Spanish.

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FGO’s Box Office is located at the Doral Center at 8390 NW 25th Street, Miami, FL 33122, and is open from 10 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday during the season. Tickets may be purchased online at www.FGO.org or by phone at (800) 741-1010.