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Dear Friend,

Charlottesville Opera will hold its annual gala fundraiser on Friday, October 20, 2023, at Farmington Country Club. We expect over 150 community members to attend this event, including a silent auction, dinner, and performances from Charlottesville Opera singers. Proceeds will support Charlottesville Opera's mission to produce high-quality opera and musicals, provide training and performance opportunities for emerging artists and interactive educational events for all community sectors.

Charlottesville Opera's 46th Season included many exciting first-time events and performances for the company. Audiences raved over the Broadway classic *Guys and Dolls*, hailing the production as one of the best they had seen in company history. Puccini's *Tosca* was also a great success as the grand opera's passionate story and powerful music filled the intimate space of The Paramount Theater. In addition to our main stage season productions, Charlottesville Opera added the **Arts for ALL FestivALL** this summer, an evening of arts exploration and a FREE concert for the community. This event, presented at TING Pavilion, featured 8 activity tents from local arts partner organizations and a concert with orchestra, The Oratorio Society of Virginia, 15 soloists, and dance from the Charlottesville Ballet. Over 500 people of all ages and demographics attended.

Support for this season was made possible by Gala contributors like **you!** Charlottesville Opera is thrilled to bring cultural vitality to our community and is committed to making world class musical productions available and accessible to everyone. Only 16% of our budget is covered by ticket sales! The Opera Gala's Silent Auction is a crucial part of raising the remaining budget and keeping our ticket prices at affordable rates for our community. Please consider making a generous donation to support our mission and the many theater professionals who make our season possible.

We hope that we may count on you to join the valued supporters of Charlottesville Opera with a donation to the silent auction. The auction donors receive recognition in the following ways:

- Social media post recognizing your donation
- Listing in the Gala program, and table signage at the Gala
- Listing on the Charlottesville Opera website (www.charlottesvilleopera.org)

If you have questions, please contact: Hayley Kukulis by email at hayley@charlottesvilleopera.org

Thank you for your generosity and valuable support of Charlottesville Opera! We are truly grateful!

Gala Chairs,

Laurie Turner & Joanne Blakemore

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