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Opera Western Reserve Presents Fall Opera to Die For

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For Immediate Release:

On Friday, November 10, at 7:30pm Opera Western Reserve (OWR) will bring *Lucia di Lammermoor* to Stambaugh Auditorium for the first time. English translations will be projected above the stage to assist guests in following the story, as the opera is beautifully sung in Italian. Tickets will go on sale Tuesday, August 1, at 10:00am through the Florence and Ward Beecher Box Office at Stambaugh Auditorium.

Inspired by the novel of Sir Walter Scott, *The Bride of Lammermoor*, the story is told through the masterful music of Gaetano Donizetti. A gripping story of thwarted lovers and feuding families, this tale stands the test of time by being one of the greatest operatic tragedies.

Referred to as a Scottish version of *Romeo and Juliet*, Lucia and Edgardo are two innocent young lovers who quickly realize that not even the strongest passion will shield them from fate. After Edgardo is torn away from Lucia by duties in France, she is pressured to marry the wrong man. At her breaking point, Lucia's emotions climax into one of the most memorable and powerful mad scenes in the world of opera.

A plated dinner, provided by Chrystal's Catering, will precede the performance. The \$60 ticket includes a dinner featuring a fresh mozzarella, arugula, and tomato salad, Italian cheese-stuffed chicken breast, rosemary potato wedges, fresh broccoli, dessert, and an open bar. Reservations must be made by November 7th.

Opera Western Reserve is a professional opera company in their 14th year of residence at Stambaugh Auditorium. All productions are completely created in the Mahoning Valley. OWR features singers from the Western Reserve area, which includes Northeast Ohio and Western Pennsylvania. For more information, visit operawesternreserve.org or call 330-480-0693.

Tickets for *Lucia di Lammermoor* will go on sale Tuesday, August 1 at 10:00am through the Florence and Ward Beecher Box Office at Stambaugh Auditorium. The box office is open Monday through Friday, 9:00am-6:00pm. Contact the box office with questions by calling 330-259-0555. Purchase tickets online at stambaughauditorium.com