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NC OPERA PRESENTS THE BARBER OF SEVILLE

RALEIGH, N.C. – To conclude its 2015/16 Season, **North Carolina Opera** will present fully-staged production of Rossini's THE BARBER OF SEVILLE on Friday, April 1 at 8pm and on Sunday, April 3 at 3pm at Meymandi Concert Hall in the Duke Energy Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Raleigh.

Who can help a young nobleman as he tries to woo a beautiful girl? Who can help a feisty young woman foil the plans of her guardian? Only Figaro, Figaro, Figaro!, Seville's lively and lovable barber who does everything! Rossini's sparkling comedy returns for the first time in over a decade. Sung in Italian with English supertitles.

"We thought this was the perfect close of our 2015/16 because it's still the funniest opera out there. This is the Italian opera version of a screwball comedy" says North Carolina Opera General Director Eric Mitchko, "We have a fantastic young cast and director, and this promises to be a real treat."

Performing as the lead role of Figaro is returning North Carolina Opera favorite Baritone Joo Won Kang (last seen with NCO in EUGENE ONEGIN and LA TRAVIATA). The talented ensemble cast is rounded out by Cecelia Hall in the role of Rosina, Andrew Owens as Count Almaviva, Adam Lau as Don Basilio, Tyler Simpson as Dr. Bartolo, Marie Ashley as Berta, Charles Hyland as Fiorello and Wade Henderson as the Officer. This cast and the North Carolina Opera orchestra will be led by NCO Artistic & Music Director, Timothy Myers and with stage direction by Stephanie Havey.

Don't miss this entertaining and exciting conclusion to the North Carolina Opera's 2015/16 Season! Tickets and information can be found online at www.ncopera.org or by calling the North Carolina Opera offices at 919.792.3853.

ABOUT NORTH CAROLINA OPERA

North Carolina Opera was formed in 2010 from the merger of The Opera Company of North Carolina and Capital Opera Raleigh. It is dedicated to presenting operatic performances at the highest level throughout the Triangle. We also have a robust education program that brings opera to schools across Wake County and surrounding counties. North Carolina Opera brings international level artists to Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill, and also engages the best in local Triangle talent. Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/NorthCarolinaOpera or on Twitter at www.twitter.com/ncopera for up to date information on events in the community, news and more.

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