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Pacific Opera Welcomes Rigoletta's Opera 101

Victoria, BC – Pacific Opera Victoria is thrilled to welcome Rigoletta, opera artists and clowns from Montreal, to the Baumann Centre, 925 Balmoral Road, for *Opera 101*. Two special, 55 minute performances will take place on May 9, at 4:00pm and May 10 at 2:00pm designed especially for families with youth from 7-12 years old.

“There is something so great about learning about opera through the absurdism of clowning. Opera itself is a bit absurd, I mean normally people don't sing incredibly high or loudly when they are doing something dramatic. Rigoletta's *Opera 101* is an amazing introduction for young, or young at heart, audiences - with delightfully 'serious' clowns run amok. I'm excited to invite Victoria audiences to this fun way to experience opera through the dramatic, crazy, and fun-loving understanding of two very devout operatic clowns,” said Brenna Corner, Artistic Director, Pacific Opera.

In *Opera 101*, Dame Charlotte and Sir Peter, clown-musicians, are invited to a talk on opera, which they begin with a perfect mastery of their knowledge and talent. The objective: to introduce opera and (above all!) to learn to appreciate this great art. However, little by little, tongues tangle and misunderstandings trip over one another... It is then that the conversation is ignited, propelling the audience into a joyful journey of music, learning, and puns.

Since their formation in 2015, *Rigoletta* has made it their mission to create extraordinary concerts. Charlotte Gagnon, artistic director, dreamed of multidisciplinary shows and shaking up the standards expected of classical recitals. Her profound and joyful connection with pianist Laurence Lambert-Chan led to the creation of their first show: *Opera 101*. Since then, Rigoletta dedicated to creating, producing and presenting captivating stories brought to life by endearing characters—sometimes funny, sometimes touching—all in a grand celebration of music and opera.

Tickets are available at: [Opera 101 Tickets](#)

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