

# CALGARY OPERA

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## A WHIMSICAL FAIRYTALE TREAT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Calgary Opera Presents *Little Red Riding Hood*

**Calgary, AB** – Calgary Opera is delighted to present *Little Red Riding Hood*, the famously funny, bite-sized opera by Seymour Barab. This one-hour family favourite brings a playful twist to the classic fairytale, making it the perfect introduction to opera for young audiences – and a delightful outing for all ages.

Performances will run from **Friday, November 28 to Sunday, December 7** at the **Mamdani Opera Centre**. With both daytime and evening options, plus a sensory-friendly performance\* on Saturday, December 6 at 11 a.m., this opera is tailor-made for fidgety kids, busy families, and anyone looking for a little holiday magic.

“I am thrilled to be making my debut with Calgary Opera this season with *Little Red Riding Hood*! What a wonderful challenge to take a well-known classic fairy tale and a charming and funny score and libretto by Seymour Barab and be given the opportunity to put my own bit of a modern twist on it,” said Mieko Ouchi, Stage Director of this production, who is also a Canadian actress, playwright and director.

Can clever Little Red outwit the sneaky, shape-shifting Wolf? Packed with silly tricks and big laughs, *Little Red Riding Hood* promises an unforgettable adventure brought to life by Calgary Opera’s McPhee Artists - emerging stars poised to become tomorrow’s operatic greats.

“I’m really looking forward to working with the singers from the McPhee Artist Development Program on this super playful show for all ages – in English!” added Ouchi.

### **CAST**

(Double cast – performers alternate by performance)

**Little Red Riding Hood** – Kelsey Ronn / Katelyn Bird

**Grandma** – Alessia Vitali / Maria Milenic

**Wolf / Huntsman** – George Theodorakopoulos / Luke Noftall

### **CREATIVE TEAM**

**Composer & Librettist** – Seymour Barab

**Music Director** – Evan Mounce

**Stage Director** – Mieko Ouchi

**Set & Prop Designer** – Scott Reid

**Costume Designer** – Heather Moore

**McPhee Artist Development Program Manager** – Tara Laberge

### **PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE**

**Friday, November 28** – 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, November 29** – 11:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

**Sunday, November 30** – 11:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

**Thursday, December 4** – 7:00 p.m.

**Friday, December 5** – 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, December 6** – 11:00 a.m. (Sensory-Friendly) & 3:00 p.m.

**Sunday, December 7** – 11:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

### **PERFORMANCE DETAILS**

**Location:** Mamdani Opera Centre, Calgary

**Language:** Sung in English

**Run Time:** Approximately 1 hour

**Seating:** General Admission

**Sensory-Friendly Show\*:** Saturday, December 6 at 11:00 a.m.

\*Sensory Friendly Performance: A sensory-friendly opera performance is specially designed to create an inclusive and welcoming environment for audience members with sensory sensitivities, including individuals on the autism spectrum. Adjustments are made to sound levels, lighting, and pacing to reduce sudden or intense sensory input, while a relaxed atmosphere allows audience members to move, make noise, or take breaks as needed. These performances make the magic of opera accessible to everyone, ensuring that all individuals and families can enjoy the experience comfortably and without judgment.

### **TICKETS AND INFORMATION**

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [calgaryopera.com](http://calgaryopera.com) or call Calgary Opera Audience Services at 403-262-7286. <https://www.calgaryopera.com/little-red-riding-hood>

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**ABOUT CALGARY OPERA**

Founded in 1972, Calgary Opera is one of Canada's leading professional opera companies. For 52 years, the not-for-profit arts company has made a name for itself nationally and internationally for its commitment to the development of Canadian talent and the creation of new opera works, including seven world premieres. Through education and community outreach, Calgary Opera fosters a love of music and theatre in young people and provides opportunities for young artists to develop skills for successful professional careers in the performing arts industry.

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