

## STATEMENT FROM CALGARY OPERA REGARDING THE HEALTH OF BRAMWELL TOVEY

*Beloved Artistic Director and Maestro is receiving medical treatment after being diagnosed with cancer.*

**June 21, 2019 (Calgary, Alberta)** – Calgary Opera announced today that Artistic Director, Bramwell Tovey is undergoing medical treatment after being diagnosed with cancer earlier this month. He is responding positively to treatment and his doctors expect him to make a complete recovery.

On the advice of his medical team, Mr. Tovey has withdrawn from select appearances this summer. His commitment to Calgary Opera remains unchanged; Mr. Tovey will continue his leadership role as Artistic Director in collaboration with Managing Director & CEO, Heather Kitchen. The Board of Directors and Staff of Calgary Opera whole-heartedly support him and will do so throughout his continued recovery.

“I feel so grateful this was caught early and is highly treatable. I appreciate all the love and support I am receiving from my family, friends and colleagues around the world.”  
– Bramwell Tovey O.C.

Following an exceptional 18-year tenure as Music Director of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, where he is now Music Director Emeritus, Grammy® and Juno award-winning conductor and composer Bramwell Tovey joined Calgary Opera as its Artistic Director in January 2019. In addition to his role at Calgary Opera, he is also the Principal Conductor of the BBC Concert Orchestra in London, England, the Artistic Advisor of the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra, and is sought-after around the world as a conductor and music director.

Calgary Opera recently wrapped the 2018/2019 season of programming. Mr. Tovey’s first season as Artistic Director will open November 9, 2019 with Puccini’s *La Bohème*, conducted by Jonathan Brandani and directed by Brenna Corner.

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### About Calgary Opera

Founded in 1972, Calgary Opera is one of Canada’s leading professional opera companies. For 48 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 six 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.