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Maryland Opera names Jason Buckwalter as General Director

Baltimore, MD (September 6, 2024) – [Maryland Opera](https://www.marylandopera.org) is excited to announce the appointment of Jason Buckwalter as the company's new General Director.

Jason has been a fixture in the classical music world in Baltimore and the surrounding region for the past 20 years, having first arrived in Baltimore in 2004 to attend Peabody Conservatory. There, he earned his Master's degree and Graduate Performance Diploma in Vocal Performance, graduating in 2008. While at Peabody, Jason built relationships throughout the region, performing with organizations including Baltimore Opera Company, Lyric Opera Baltimore, Baltimore Concert Opera, Young Victorian Theatre Company, Annapolis Chorale, Annapolis Opera, and Washington National Opera.

In 2018, Jason joined Maryland Opera as its Administrative Aide, a position in which he proved himself an invaluable asset to the company, working to address the challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Jason has developed a passion for arts administration, and, in doing so, has proven his dedication, versatility and forward thinking, leading to a natural expansion into the role of General Director.

"My passion for opera has been a constant in my life, but moving from a performing focus to an administrative role has only served to ignite that passion further," said Jason. "To me, the future of opera is in education and outreach, seeking a way to connect with our community. Maryland Opera maintains a strong outreach program visiting schools, head start centers, senior centers, and other venues as well as making education a part of our mainstage productions. This artform is for everyone and connects us all on a deeply human level. I look forward to fostering new audiences to ensure the future of opera."

Jason also works as the Building Administrator at the Roland Park Community Center in North Baltimore and as a Kung Fu teacher at Goh's Kung Fu.

For more information, visit [marylandopera.org](https://www.marylandopera.org).

About Maryland Opera

Maryland Opera offers quality opera performances, innovative artistry, support for social awareness and change, education and outreach programming, commitment to underserved communities, and a vehicle for talented young vocalists to follow their dreams. Maryland Opera builds on Baltimore's century-old opera tradition that garnered critical acclaim for grand productions that featured opera's greatest celebrities.

Maryland Opera is passionately invested in bringing the excitement and beauty of live opera—traditional programming as well as innovative and modern approaches—to diverse audiences, including historically underserved audiences throughout Maryland. They do so through numerous outreach programs, including Opera-to-Go, Opera Cares and Opera Camp.

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