

# **Media Advisory and Photo Opportunity:** **“Back Stage” with Charleston Chamber Opera**

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## **What does it take to prepare a group of singers, dancers and musicians to present a Piccolo Spoleto performance?**

- Who:** Charleston Chamber Opera Performers, Directors and Musicians performing in *L'Enfant Prodigue* including: Metropolitan Opera Tenor, [Hugo Vera](#); Charleston Chamber Opera Artistic Director, [Patrice Tiedemann](#), Soprano; [Christian Elser](#); [Lynn Kompass](#), Music Director and Pianist; Director [Jenna Tamisiea](#); Choreographer Marka Danielle; Dancers Melissa Weber, Gabrielle Becker, Shannon Yee.
- What:** Behind the Scenes Rehearsal providing a photo and video opp as dancers join the singers in a first rehearsal.
- Where:** 4 Archdale St., Charleston, SC, [Map Link](#)
- When:** 4:00 – 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 28, 2013
- Why:** What happens before the curtain goes up? How do the artistic director, the music director and the stage director work with the choreographer? How do the dancers know what to do?

Putting on a staged, concert version of a rarely seen opera requires planning and knitting together of many elements.

Join members of the company and experience how it happens.

For information on the Charleston Chamber Opera's 2013 Piccolo Spoleto Special Event Performance *L'Enfant Prodigue* or to cover the event, please call Cheryl Smithem at 843/628-6434 or (cell) 843/608-9662.

### **All French Program with Metropolitan Opera Tenor Hugo Vera Presented by the Charleston Chamber Opera During Piccolo Spoleto Festival**

*Timeless love is the theme of this year's performances which include the little-heard, L'Enfant Prodigue by Debussy*

**Charleston, S.C.** — Romantic, timeless love in all forms — from unconditional to unrequited — is the continuous thread for this year's Charleston Chamber Opera Piccolo Spoleto Festival production. The company, performing with supertitles, presents Debussy's *L'Enfant Prodigue*, (The Prodigal Son) preceded by three sets of French *chansons*. Performances take place at Gage Hall, 4 Archdale St. on June 1 at 6:00 p.m. and June 2 at 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$26 for adult tickets and \$18 for students and seniors. Tickets can be purchased at [www.PiccoloSpoleto.org](http://www.PiccoloSpoleto.org).

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