



Press release

DUBAI OPERA ANNOUNCES FOUR NEW DATES FOR MUSIC IN THE STUDIO 2018

Dubai UAE, 11 July 2018: For the second half of 2018 *Music in the Studio* will continue to create unique musical experiences with a collective of independent artists and musicians, with four world class performances, running from September to December.

Curated by internationally renowned pianist Amira Fouad, Music in the Studio is set in Dubai Opera's acoustically flawless studio, allowing for a more atmospheric and unmissable experience between the musicians and their audiences.

With one show scheduled each month, those looking to enjoy all four performances can purchase a special season pass for just AED 450. Independent tickets are priced at only AED 150 each and tickets will go on sale on Wednesday 11 July at 4pm.

Discover incredible singers, musicians and multi-instrumentalists in this series of four intimate live performances which include:

26 September

Joseph Tawadros (Oud)

Australian-Egyptian composer and award-winning oud player Joseph Tawadros is no stranger to Dubai Opera, giving two rousing performances at the inaugural BBC Proms Dubai in 2017. Joseph is a warmly engaging performer, presenting a thrilling mix of world music, Middle Eastern music, jazz, classical ranging from traditional to contemporary sounds.

"One of the most impressive musicians to emerge in Australia ... with a dazzling technique dispensing hair-raising tempos... His writing displays a real depth of emotion ...revelling in a zest for life and celebration." – *The Australian newspaper*

17 October

Odin Rathnam (Violin)

Amira Fouad (Piano)

Since his critically acclaimed New York City Carnegie Hall debut at 15 years of age, the American violinist Odin Rathnam has established himself as one of the most



passionate and versatile artists of his generation. He has received unanimous praise from critics and audiences for his "captivating temperament," "brilliant technique" and a sound "recalling the legendary violinists of the past". Odin Rathnam makes his appearance at Music in the Studio performing with internationally renowned concert pianist Amira Fouad playing music by Debussy, Ysaye and Strauss

21 November

Ramzi Yassa (Piano)

Award winning concert pianist Ramzi Yassa has appeared both live and on television throughout the world in such venues as the Beijing Concert Hall, the Barbican, the Berliner Philharmonie, the Kennedy Center amongst many others. Ramzi Yassa will be performing a romantic programme of solo piano works by Ludwig van Beethoven, Frederic Chopin and Franz Liszt at Music in the Studio.

5 December

Zeina Barhoum (Soprano)

Classically trained soprano, Zeina Barhoum's talent has taken her across the globe with performances in London, Austria, France and Jordan. Zeina is set to perform a spectacular programme including songs from popular operas including La Boheme, Turandot and Carmen.

Jasper Hope, Chief Executive at Dubai Opera, commented: "Our new Music in the Studio season is an absolute treat in prospect for chamber music lovers in the UAE with four incredible artists from Egypt, Jordan, Australia and America providing a wonderful series of musical flavours for all to enjoy this Autumn".

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Music in the Studio will run from September to December and will offer four unmissable performances for only AED 150 each. Tickets will go on sale on 11 July and a special season pass to all four performances can be purchased for AED 450.

All performances start at 8pm www.dubaiopera.com

Note to Editors

About Dubai Opera:

Dubai Opera is a truly unique venue and the city's first purpose built multi-format performing arts theatre, situated in the heart of Downtown Dubai. With an iconic dhow shaped design rooted in Emirati heritage, Dubai Opera offers the ultimate flexibility of a proscenium arch



theatre, an acoustic concert hall and a 2000m² flat floor event space and is the definitive destination for quality entertainment productions and performances. Dubai Opera's stage hosts an incredible array of world-class talent, with opera, ballet and classical music concerts and productions at the core, Dubai Opera also stages musical theatre, fashion shows, jazz, comedy, family shows and a full range of live entertainment.

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