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Benevolence Opera Project & Redwood Theatre Present *Don Giovanni* A One-Night-Only Opera Event Supporting the Redwood Women's Shelter

Toronto, ON — Benevolence Opera Project and Redwood Theatre are proud to present a special, one-night-only one-of-a-kind performance of *Don Giovanni*, featuring Canadian Baritone Alexander Hajek in the titular role of Mozart's electrifying masterpiece of seduction, power, and consequence, on **Friday, May 22 at 8:00 PM** at the Redwood Theatre.

This unique performance serves as both an exceptional artistic event and a meaningful fundraiser in support of the Redwood Women's Shelter. Featuring some of Canada's finest operatic talent, this intimate production invites audiences into a thrilling "chess match" of wit, desire, and morality—brought vividly to life in the vibrant Redwood Theatre space.

A pre-performance talk will be given at **7:15 PM** by Opera Canada's Michael Jones, offering insight into the opera's enduring legacy and themes.

Cast & Creative Team:

Don Giovanni — Alexander Hajek
Leporello — Luke Nofall
Masetto — James Coole-Stevenson
Commendatore — Andrew Tees
Donna Anna — Susan Elizabeth Brown
Don Ottavio — Cameron Mazzei
Donna Elvira — Mary Ferrari
Zerlina — Kathryn Rose Johnston
Musical Director & Pianist — Brahm Goldhamer
Narrator & Producer — Ryan Hofman

Event Details:

Date: Friday, May 22

Time: 8:00 PM (Pre-talk at 7:15 PM)

Location: Redwood Theatre, 1300 Gerrard St E., Toronto

Tickets start at \$50 and are available at:

<https://www.theredwoodtheatre.com/event-details/don-giovanni>

Special Offer:

Early bird discount code **DG2026** for 20% off tickets

In addition to an unforgettable evening of opera, the event will feature raffle prizes in support of the Redwood Women's Shelter, further amplifying its community impact.

This self-funded production reflects a dual mission: to provide professional-level compensation for artists while contributing directly to the vital work of supporting women in need. Audiences—both seasoned opera lovers and newcomers—are invited to experience this powerful work in an accessible, up-close setting.

Sponsorship Opportunities:

Supporters can contribute to both the arts and local women’s shelters through the following tiers:

Platinum Sponsor (\$500+)

Includes private reception, dress rehearsal invitation for three, and a signed program

Gold Sponsor (\$200–\$499)

Includes private reception invitation, dress rehearsal invitation, and program acknowledgment

Silver & Friend (Up to \$199)

Includes program acknowledgment and signed cast program (Silver level)

Impresario (Top 8 Donors)

Exclusive on-stage experience as a Banquet Guest with the cast

For sponsorship or donations, please contact: ryan.hofman@hotmail.com or donate through Go Fund Me: <https://gofund.me/e4d3fba50>

About Benevolence Opera Project

Newly Founded by Artistic Director Ryan Hofman, Benevolence Opera Project is dedicated to creating innovative, high-quality operatic experiences while fostering community engagement and supporting meaningful causes.

About Redwood Theatre

The Redwood Theatre is a dynamic performance venue in Toronto committed to presenting bold, accessible, and community-focused artistic programming