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North Carolina Opera Cancels House of Usher

North Carolina Opera announces that, because of funding cuts, it will not be able to present the scheduled production of Philip Glass's *The Fall of the House of Usher*. The production was intended to be a partnership with New Music Raleigh scheduled for Fletcher Opera Theater in Raleigh in January 2012.

"We have taken a couple of unexpected funding hits this year, and unfortunately because of them we won't be able to present *Usher*. We had looked forward to working with New Music Raleigh and hope we might work together on another project with them in the future," said North Carolina Opera General Director Eric Mitchko. "We are going ahead with plans for a different piece to take the place of *Usher*, which we will be announcing shortly."

"We looked forward to presenting *The Fall of the House of Usher*, but we hope to collaborate with the North Carolina Opera in the future." "We're working to find another way to mark Philip Glass's 75th birthday in Raleigh." added New Music Raleigh Curator Shawn Galvin.

ABOUT NORTH CAROLINA OPERA

North Carolina Opera was formed in 2010 from the merger of Capital Opera Raleigh and The Opera Company of North Carolina. It is dedicated to presenting operatic performances at the highest level throughout the Triangle. We also have a robust education program that brings opera to schools across Wake County and surrounding counties. North Carolina Opera brings international level artists to Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill, and also engages the best in local Triangle talent. Learn more about North Carolina's 2011-2012 season online at www.ncopera.org.

ABOUT NEW MUSIC RALEIGH

New Music Raleigh is a collective of dynamic musicians dedicated to presenting outstanding performances of music by living composers. NMR fills a gap in Raleigh's vibrant music scene, serving as a catalyst for creation and presentation of new music. Whether it's through offering works of well-established composers, up-and-coming composers, or cross-genre collaborations, NMR creates concert experiences that challenge tradition, engage and inspire diverse audiences, and give voice to today's most innovative and relevant modern music. The News and Observer reports that NMR is "one group of musicians giving Raleigh a decidedly grown up feel." More information about New Music Raleigh is available at www.newmusicraleigh.org.

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