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## Opera Roanoke Presents Carmen in a Fully-Staged Production!

Opera Roanoke presents a fully staged production of one of opera's all-time greatest hits, *Carmen*, April 27 & 29, in Shaftman Performance Hall of the Jefferson Center. Carla Dirlikov (*La Traviata*, '05) stars in the title role as the free-spirited gypsy, the most famous *femme fatale* in all of musical theater. Rising opera stars Philip Alongi and Jarrett Gieseler make their Roanoke debuts as her love interests, the soldier Don Jose, and the toreador Escamillo. Amy Cofield Williamson (*Lucia di Lammermoor*, '10) sings the leading soprano role of Micaela. Members of the Roanoke College Children's Choir, the Opera Roanoke Chorus and Young Apprentice Artists, and the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra are all under the baton of Opera Roanoke General and Artistic Director, Scott Williamson.

Dates and Times: Friday, April 27, 8:00 PM and Sunday, April 29, 2:30 PM Location: Jefferson Center – Shaftman Performance Hall, 541 Luck Ave.

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Ticket prices start at \$20 and are available at operaroanoke.org or by calling 540-982-2742.

Sempre Libera (always FREE) student tickets available to students of all ages.