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Opera Roanoke presents: *The Magic Flute*, Oct 18 – 21, 2013

Oct 18, 2013; 8:00 PM; Shaftman Performance Hall, Jefferson Center

Oct 20, 2013; 2:30 PM: Shaftman Performance Hall, Jefferson Center

Oct 21, 2013, 7:30 PM: Lenfest Center for the Performing Arts, Lexington

Mozart's final opera, *The Magic Flute* is also one of the most popular and family – friendly operas in the repertoire. Opera Roanoke's new production of Mozart's adventure tale of a mythic journey to find love and enlightenment comes to life in the Shaftman Performance Hall of the Jefferson Center October 18 and 20, and will tour to the Lenfest Center of Washington and Lee University October 21. Opera Roanoke Principal Guest Conductor and Met Opera conductor, Steven White leads the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra for the Oct 18 and 20 performances, and Scott Williamson takes the baton for the Lexington performance. The cast is led by a pair of James Madison University alumni, both making their Opera Roanoke debuts. Lindsay Russell brings the vocal fireworks of the Queen of the Night of the Night to life, and rising Virginia Opera star, Shelly Milam sings her daughter, Pamina. Rod Gomez (*Carmen*, '12) returns as Director for this production set in Colonial Virginia. Audience members can expect to see Thomas Jefferson and George Washington among the all-star cast, along with members of Opera Roanoke's acclaimed Apprentice Artists and the beloved Roanoke Valley Children's Choir.

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