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**FORT WORTH OPERA NAMES ANGELA TURNER WILSON
AS NEW GENERAL AND ARTISTIC DIRECTOR**

DFW ARTIST AND ADMINISTRATOR IS A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED PERFORMER AND EDUCATOR

FORT WORTH, TX — The Fort Worth Opera (FWO) announces the selection of Fort Worth-based opera singer Angela Turner Wilson as its new General and Artistic Director beginning December 12, 2022. “After reviewing candidates from around the US and other countries, we are thrilled to announce Angela Turner Wilson will lead the Fort Worth Opera,” said Board Vice Chairman Hayne Shumate. “We wanted to find someone who has vast experience as a national operatic performer and someone who understands how to lead an organization and educate future opera singers. We were fortunate to find those qualities in Angela Turner Wilson. We can’t wait to see her take our organization to new heights.”

Ms. Wilson is no stranger to the Fort Worth Opera or to opera audiences around the country. She is an exceptionally accomplished opera performer who has appeared with the New York City Opera, Washington National Opera, Lyric Opera of Chicago, Boston Lyric Opera, Atlanta Opera, Portland Opera and the Dallas Opera among others. As a local resident, Ms. Wilson has performed with the Fort Worth Opera in *L’Italiana di Algieri* and *Petite Messe Solennelle* by Rossini.

While maintaining a busy performing career, Ms. Wilson served on the faculty of the Vocal Arts Division at Texas Christian University since 2008. In 2017, Ms. Wilson achieved the rank of Associate Professor of Professional Practice in Voice and was named Chair of the Vocal Arts Division at TCU in 2019. She was also the Founding Director of the TCU’s “Festival of American Song”.

In addition, Ms. Wilson has performed at several historic events including performing at the Clinton White House for a State Dinner honoring Italian Prime Minister Roman Prodi in 1998. She also performed at the opening of the Bush Presidential Library at Southern Methodist University in 2013.

“I am honored that the Fort Worth Opera asked me to lead this important organization,” Wilson said. “Fort Worth Opera is a pillar of the fine arts in Fort Worth. I look forward to continuing the FWO’s high standard of artistic excellence and community outreach while expanding the national reach of the company into an exciting future.”

Ms. Wilson is a long-time resident of the Fort Worth-area. She and her husband, Michael, are the proud parents of two children: Luke, a freshman at TCU; and Wyatt, a sophomore at Keller High School.

About Fort Worth Opera: Founded in 1946, Fort Worth Opera celebrated its 75th anniversary in 2021. For the last fifteen years, FWO has become one of the leading American companies dedicated to nurturing and performing new opera, in addition to producing traditional repertoire with rising American stars. Our acclaimed Frontiers program was held online this past fall with our first digital Libretto Workshop. The company’s Children’s Opera Theatre typically reaches about 60,000 students across North Texas each season with live, interactive performances. During the COVID-19 pandemic, FWO has created online educational curriculum for local music students to supplement their in-school studies, and COT can also now serve entire families and communities beyond the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. Fort Worth Opera is committed to celebrating all North Texans, and through our ongoing *Noches de Ópera* program, the company offers exciting community-driven events and powerful operas that represent the diverse cultures of all of the Americas.

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