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## Love -vs- Politics

Opera Cleveland presents a noir-inspired *Lucia di Lammermoor*

Politics are not black and white, and neither is love. But Opera Cleveland's [Lucia di Lammermoor](#) frames the bloody intersection of the two in enthralling noir fashion. The new production of the beloved Donizetti opera opens on May 20, in the State Theatre in PlayhouseSquare, with additional performances on May 22 and 23.

A family set on regaining political favor denies Lucia her true love, breaking both her heart and mind. From the depths of her madness and tragedy come some of opera's most riveting *bel canto* singing. Tomer Zvulun (*La boheme*, 2008) returns to Cleveland to direct the 1930s-styled production, with sets designed specially for Opera Cleveland by Erhard Rom.

Cast includes coloratura soprano Nili Riemer (Lucia), young Metropolitan Opera singer Jordan Shanahan (Enrico), sought-after romantic tenor Scott Piper (Edgardo), Kristopher Irmiter (Raimondo), Nicole Birkland (Alisa) and local favorites Timothy Culver (Arturo) and Philippe Pierce (Normanno).

The Thursday performance starts at 7:30 pm and Saturday at 8 pm, with the Sunday matinee beginning at 2 pm. Performances will last approximately 3 hours, including two 20-minute intermissions. All ticket holders are welcome to attend the free pre-performance lecture, one hour prior to each curtain.

Ticket prices are \$25, \$55, \$75, \$110 and \$130, respectively. Purchase online through [operacleveland.org](#), by phone at 216.241.6000, or at the State Theatre box office, 1519 Euclid Avenue. Discounts for groups of 10 or more are available by calling 216.575.0903, ext. 250. *Lucia di Lammermoor* will be sung in Italian with projected English surtitles.

### For More Information

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Sun, May 23 at 2 pm

at the State Theatre  
[PlayhouseSquare](#)

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## The Artists



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[Normanno]



Tomer Zvulun  
[DIRECTOR]



Dean Williamson  
[CONDUCTOR]

## Green Opera Initiative

Opera Cleveland's production of *Lucia di Lammermoor* represents the official launch of our Green Opera Initiative. In the past year, the company has started to evaluate its impact on the environment--from the office to the stage--and to begin reducing it. To best suit *Lucia*, we have recycled a set from a peer company. In addition, our set designer is modifying it with reclaimed wood, through a partnership with local business [Philips Healthcare](#). This relationship not only saves wood from the landfill but saves the company

considerable money. With the help of a committee of professionals in the field of sustainability, Opera Cleveland is working to implement policies and actions that will result in a more eco-friendly opera company.

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