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**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
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Dear Mayor Hamilton,

I would like to thank you for granting us \$1250 in grant funding as part of the Bloomington Arts Commission's Arts Project Grant program in order to help fund our 2017 Double Bill Project.

Each year, in fulfillment of our mission, New Voices Opera embarks on a search to discover two brand new chamber operas to bring to fruition in our hometown of Bloomington, Indiana. The process takes two years and begins with our annual Exhibition held in late fall at which our two Double Bill chamber operas are selected.

Once selected, the composers and librettists work with the administrative team to hone the libretto and craft the score over the next year and a half until production. This production is our annual Double Bill Project occurring in May at the Buskirk-Chumley Theater in the heart of downtown Bloomington. The selected composers have the opportunity to workshop, and witness what goes into producing their work behind the scenes from casting to resource development to set design.

But the composers aren't the only ones benefitting from this process. The entire NVO team, from artists to administrators is completely volunteer and all student-run. Students are gaining invaluable experience operating within a live business model. They are able gain stage experience performing or designing a new work and arts administration experience in marketing, development, and artistic management. NVO isn't just a producing company, it's an experiential and artistic learning environment for all involved.

Thank you, again, for making these granted funds available to the arts! Your allocation of these funds means you understand just how important the arts are to our community. With your support, New Voices Opera can work to foster the creation of operas by the next generation of operatic composers, to promote a genre of opera that is relevant to a modern audience, to strengthen the cultural vitality of our region

through new operatic works, and to provide student musicians, composers and administrators with increased performance opportunities, professional experience and creative outlets within the industry.

With Sincerest Gratitude,

Amy Burgar
Director of Development

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P.S. If you would like to learn more about our organization, upcoming events, and previous Double Bill Projects feel free to visit us at www.newvoicesopera.org!

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