

Opera North, Inc. Partners with Ambler Savings Bank To Present *Opera in the Schools*



Opera North, Inc. (ONI) the oldest African American opera company in the Philadelphia and Montgomery County region partnered with Ambler Savings Bank to present ONI's *Opera in the Schools* at Maple Glen Elementary School located at 1581 Fort Washington Avenue, Maple Glen, PA 19002 on March 7, 2019. This program is a Pennsylvania Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) partnership performance. ONI is the EITC presenting organization and Ambler Savings Bank the EITC business sponsor.

Opera North, Inc.'s *Opera in the Schools* is a school program allowing opera to serve as an educational tool relevant to the student experience by contributing to the students' curriculum integration, cultural awareness and educational development. This interactive music program provides students with a better understanding of opera as an art form/teaching tool to stimulate interest in the performing arts, history, language and literature. ONI's accomplished performing artists entertain and engage the students through their music, conversation and invitation to have the students perform with them. The performance is presented to the entire student body.

Ambler Savings Bank representatives, Roger Zacharia, President and CEO as well as Erin P. Cohen, VP and Retail Officer were in attendance to present ONI a check for four thousand dollars to commemorate the event and its commitment to the community.

The ONI performing artists included Iris Fairfax, lyric coloratura soprano, recipient of multiple awards performing diverse operatic roles, Amanda Lynn Bottoms, mezzo-soprano recently debuted with the Philadelphia Orchestra, Lansing Symphony Orchestra, Columbus Symphony Orchestra and the NHK Symphony Orchestra in Tokyo, Martin Luther Clark, tenor has sung roles with Central City Opera, Lyric Opera of Kansas City, appeared as a soloist with Kansas City Symphony, Mr. Clark is currently studying at Curtis Institute of Music, Kenneth Overton, baritone has performed opera roles with San Francisco Opera, L'Opera de Montreal, Palacio Bellas Artes, Deutsche Oper Berlin, Royal Danish Opera the performing artists are accompanied by pianist Gabriel Rebolla.

For 40 years ONI has continued to fulfill and exceed its vision by presenting innovative programming including productions, recitals, concerts and an impressive array of education and community engagement performance opportunities.

Ambler Savings Bank is a mutually organized community bank headquartered in Ambler, and has locations in Fairview Village, Limerick, and Bally, as well as several continuing care retirement facilities. Learn more online at www.AmblerSavingsBank.com.

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