

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 Wissahickon Middle School located at 500 Houston Road, Ambler, PA 19002 on March 11, 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 representative, Erin P. Cohen, VP and Retail Officer was 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, Robert Mack, tenor has performed opera roles with Pittsburgh Opera, Opera Carolina, Opera Grand Rapids, Toledo Opera and as a member of the critically acclaimed Three Mo' Tenors, 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.

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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