

Cincinnati Opera Presents Free Film Screening of Family-Friendly Opera *Fierce* at Blue Ash's Summit Park on June 2



The cast of Cincinnati Opera's Fierce: Megan Graves as Rumer, Alicia Russell Tagert as Morgan, Victoria Ellington as Nyomi, and Lauren McAllister as Vesta. Photo by Philip Groshong.

Cincinnati, Ohio—Cue the popcorn! This summer, Cincinnati Opera is thrilled to bring opera to the big screen at Blue Ash's Summit Park.

On Friday, June 2, Cincinnati Opera will present a free film screening of its family-friendly opera, *Fierce*, at Summit Park in Blue Ash, Ohio. The opera, which follows the trials and triumphs of four teenage girls, received its world premiere in 2022 to enthusiastic critical and audience acclaim. Cincinnati Opera captured the production on video to share with families and young people at public screenings throughout the region.

The June 2 event kicks off at 7:30 p.m. when artists from Cincinnati Opera's Share the Love Truck Tour will present a live performance at Summit Park's multicolored glass Canopy. At sunset (approximately 9 p.m.), the screening of *Fierce* will begin on the Great Lawn. Then, after the credits roll, guests will be treated to a dazzling drone show with Flightline by Arthur Rozzi Pyrotechnics behind Summit Park's Observation Tower. Throughout the evening, wine, beer, and seltzer from Higher Gravity bar and bottle shop will be available for purchase.

Admission is free and open to the public, and no tickets are required. For information, visit cincinnatiopera.org.

CALENDAR INFORMATION

What:

Cincinnati Opera presents film screening of *Fierce*

Description:

Opera goes to the movies at Blue Ash's Summit Park with this free film screening of Cincinnati Opera's original opera *Fierce*. This family-friendly opera follows four teenage girls through their trials and triumphs, offering an inspiring message about the importance of individuality and the value of friendship. Composer William Menefield's vibrant score spans a variety of genres including jazz, classical, Latin, and hip-hop, with a libretto by local author Sheila Williams drawn from interviews with Cincinnati teens. The evening also includes a live performance by Cincinnati Opera artists and a dazzling drone show with Flightline by Arthur Rozzi Pyrotechnics.

Fierce is appropriate for audiences of all ages. The film's run time is approximately 85 minutes.

Event Schedule:

Friday, June 2, 2023

- 7:30 p.m.: Live performance by Cincinnati Opera's Share the Love Truck Tour
- Sunset (approximately 9 p.m.): Film screening of Cincinnati Opera's *Fierce*
- After the screening (approximately 10:30 p.m.): Drone show with Flightline by Arthur Rozzi Pyrotechnics

Where:

Summit Park, 4335 Glendale Milford Road, Blue Ash, OH 45242

Admission:

This event is free and open to the public; no tickets are required, though registration is encouraged to receive event updates and weather alerts. Registrants will also be entered to win a pair of tickets to a Cincinnati Opera 2023 Summer Festival performance. To register, visit cincinnatiopera.org/fierce-at-summit. Complimentary parking is available on-site.

For Information:

cincinnatiopera.org/fierce-at-summit

About Cincinnati Opera

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