



The Stephen King opera makes its world premiere in Minnesota.



Stephen King (Greg Mooney)

Minnesota Opera concludes its 2015-16 season with the world premiere of *The Shining*, a new opera by Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Paul Moravec and librettist Mark Campbell, premiering at the Music Theater at the Ordway in St. Paul, MN, May 7.

Based on Stephen King's 1977 best-selling novel, *The Shining*, according to press notes, is "a gripping thriller about the struggles of Jack Torrance, his wife Wendy and their son Danny, to survive the isolation of the Overlook Hotel in Colorado where Jack has been engaged as winter caretaker. The family endeavors to remain together in spite of their growing isolation from the world, the hotel's paranormal activity and Jack's abusive nature, alcoholism and growing madness."

The cast includes Brian Mulligan as Jack Torrance, Kelly Kaduce as Wendy Torrance, Alejandro Vega as Danny Torrance, Arthur Woodley as Dick Hallorann, Mark Walters as Mark Torrance, Alex Ritchie as Horace Derwent, John Robert Lindsey as Lloyd the Bartender, David Walton as Delbert Grady, Robb Asklof as Stuart Ullman, Rick Penning as Bill Watson, Shannon Prickett as Mrs. Massey and Jeni Houser as Mrs. Grady.

Rounding out the cast are Cassie Klinga, Zoey Paulson, Joel Mathias, Alejandro Magallón, Benjamin Sieverding, Ben Crickenberger, Ben Johnson and Lu Zang.

The creative team includes Moravec (composer), Campbell (librettist), King (novelist), Michael Christie (conductor), Eric Simonson (stage director), Heidi Spesard-Noble (choreographer), Erhard Rom (scenery and properties design), 59 Productions (animation and projection design), Kárin Kopischke (costume design), Robert Wierzel (lighting design), C. Andrew Mayer (sound design) and David Zimmerman (wig and makeup design).

Performances are May 7 at 7:30 PM, May 12 at 7:30 PM, May 14 at 7:30 PM and May 15 at 2 PM.

The Music Theater at the Ordway is located at 345 Washington Street, Saint Paul, MN. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit mnopera.org.

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