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Dear Friends,

Opera in the Heights is a company dedicated to providing a professional stage for emerging opera singers and bringing affordable opera to the Greater Houston area. We are privileged to be chairing *Bravissimo 2018 – Glitter and Be Gay* set for Saturday, March 24th, 2018 at 7:00pm at the striking, new venue housed inside the Big Brothers Big Sisters building located in downtown Houston.

This year's event honors internationally-renowned soprano, Ana María Martínez, while paying homage to the celebrated composer, Leonard Bernstein, in his centennial year. **The festivities would be even more spectacular if you would agree to participate in our opulent silent auction by contributing an in-kind donation, ensuring the success of our event.**

Our goal is to raise \$50,000 in funds through an elite selection of packages. We hope to showcase your business and shed light on your generosity through recognition on our primary website, online event page and all event print materials. Your contribution, big or small, makes a lasting impact by supporting opera in our community.

This year's event honoree, soprano, Ana María Martínez, is being recognized not only for her artistry on the operatic stage, but also for playing an active role in building Houston's vibrant opera community. Her investment in education for both children and emerging opera artists inspires the next generation of opera singers and audiences alike.

Held annually, the Bravissimo gala is the largest fundraiser of the year for Opera in the Heights, and raises critical funds to support the mainstage productions, professional singers and orchestra, and ongoing education initiatives including in-school outreach performances, day-time performances for students and the children's opera series.

Thanks to the support of businesses like yours, we are now in our 22nd year of serving our community with the transcendent art form of opera! Enclosed is further information on Bravissimo 2018. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact Paige Myrick, Executive Director, at 713-861-5303 or paige@operaintheheights.org

Sincerely,



Laurel Flores
Auction Chair



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