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RAISE A GLASS TO CANADIAN OPERA WITH THE COC FINE WINE AUCTION

Toronto – For the second year in a row, the **Canadian Opera Company’s Fine Wine Auction**, presented in partnership with **Iron Gate Auctions**, will take place online from **April 5 – 12, 2022**, allowing wine lovers from all across the country to acquire some of the world’s finest vintages.

All proceeds from the popular annual fundraiser go directly to supporting the COC’s mission to bring excellent artists and performances to the mainstage, offer Canada’s best coaching and performance opportunities to the talented young artists of the COC Ensemble Studio, and ensure that families of all abilities and financial backgrounds have access to enriching cultural and arts education opportunities.

“Our community of supporters have offered up some wonderful bottles from their cellars, helping to maintain the excellent reputation of elevated offerings that this auction is known for,” says **Fine Wine Auction Chairperson Graham Watchorn**. “In addition to our sincere thanks to our donors, I want to thank Stephen Ranger of Ranger Wine whose excellent appraisal services and best-practices gives bidders full confidence in the quality of product being offered. We are also very grateful for the team at Iron Gate Auctions.”

This year’s auction features an abundance of excellent vintages of Classed Growth Bordeaux. Organizers are pleased to offer an outstanding collection of rare Burgundy that includes a generous collection of the superb 2002 vintage from Comte Georges de Vogue, Domaine Armand Rousseau and Domaine de la Vougeraie. Lovers of Italian wine will find Sassicaia, Ornellaia, Tignanello in abundance, as well as lovely ready-to-drink Barolos and Barberescos. The auction also boasts a stunning estate collection of rare Vintage Port from a prominent cellar. Featured vintages include:

- Chateau Mouton Rothschild
- Chateau Haut Brion
- Chateau d’Yquem,
- Chateau Margaux
- Petrus
- Chateau Cos d’Estournel
- Domaine Comte Georges de Vogue
- Domaine Armand Rousseau
- Domaine Dujac
- Meo Camuzet

The COC Fine Wine Auction begins at 9 a.m. ET on April 5 and closes at 6 p.m. ET on April 12, 2022.

For more details on registration and to be notified when the auction catalogue has opened, please visit coc.ca/FineWineAuction.

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ABOUT THE CANADIAN OPERA COMPANY

Based in Toronto, the Canadian Opera Company is the largest producer of opera in Canada and one of the largest in North America. General Director Perryn Leech joined the company in 2021, forming a leadership team with Music Director Johannes Debus and Deputy General Director Christie Darville. The COC enjoys a loyal audience, including a dedicated base of subscribers, and has an international reputation for artistic excellence and creative innovation. Its diverse repertoire includes new commissions and productions, local and international collaborations with leading opera companies and festivals, and attracts the world's foremost Canadian and international artists. The company is an incubator for the future of the art form, nurturing Canada's new wave of opera performers and creators with customized training and support. The COC's purpose-built opera house, the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts, is hailed internationally as one of the finest in the world. For more information, visit [coc.ca](#).

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