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Opera Western Reserve Young Artists presenting children's program at Stambaugh Auditorium

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For Immediate Release:

On Sunday, March 6th at 3:00pm, the Opera Western Reserve Young Artists will present the *Billy Goats Gruff* in the Jeanne D. Tyler Grand Ballroom at Stambaugh Auditorium. Tickets for this event are on sale now.

This operatic version of the Norwegian fairy tale will delight and introduce its viewers to opera. Adapted from music by Mozart, Donizetti, and Rossini, an after school game of hide and seek is ruined for three billy goat friends when a big bully blocks a bridge.

This educational and entertaining production is appropriate for children of all ages. At the conclusion, the cast will meet and interact with the audience. The show features stage direction by Robert Pierce and musical direction by Jan Crews.

The Opera Western Reserve Young Artists travel around the tri-county area to perform at local schools. Their regular programs include "Fun with Opera," which is an interactive performance where students help to create the scenario for a one-of-a-kind improvised opera.

Opera Western Reserve presents the only locally-produced, professional opera in the area with an annual performance at Stambaugh Auditorium each November. Previous performances include 2014's *Don Giovanni*, 2015's *The Elixir of Love*, and, in November 2016, *Carmen*.

Tickets for the *Billy Goats Gruff* are available now through the Florence and Ward Beecher Box Office at Stambaugh Auditorium. For more information or for tickets, visit stambaughauditorium.com or call 330-259-0555.

About Stambaugh Auditorium:

Stambaugh Auditorium is a non-profit public auditorium which opened in 1926 through the generous gift of Youngstown area businessman Henry H. Stambaugh. The centerpiece of the complex is the Concert Hall which has a seating capacity of 2,553 and is renowned for its near perfect acoustics. The auditorium also features a 9,700-square-foot ballroom (Jeanne D. Tyler Grand Ballroom), a recital hall (Anne K. Christman Memorial Hall), and a formal garden at the southern end of the building, all of which can be rented for public, business, or private functions. The venue welcomes national and international performers on a regular basis while also hosting local and regional events many of which use the Florence and Ward Beecher Box Office to sell and distribute tickets. Stambaugh Auditorium was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984.