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Press Release

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Opera Wilmington Partners with Art in Bloom Gallery to Connect Visual Art and Opera

Original art will be available for purchase via an Opera Wilmington Art Shop and in Art in Bloom Gallery, 210 Princess Street through July 2021 to support Opera Wilmington and "The Magic Flute."

Wilmington, NC – October 26, 2020 – Visual art at Art in Bloom Gallery is connecting with Opera through an Opera Wilmington Art Shop at <https://aibgallery.com/artist/opera-wilmington/>. The art inspired by "The Magic Flute" is part of a series of [events](#), fundraisers and friend-raisers, for [Opera Wilmington](#), 2020 – 2021, culminating in the performance of "The Magic Flute" (July 2021).

Currently, the website includes [jewelry](#) by [Jameka Wrisbon Purdie](#); "[Die Zauberflöte \(The Magic Flute\)](#)," [Raku ceramic sculpture](#) by [Traudi Thornton](#); and "[Spiraling](#)," an original oil on canvas by [Debra Bucci](#) as well as "[Spiraling](#)," [archival prints](#) by [Debra Bucci](#). The gallery at 210 Princess Street is open Monday – Friday, 10am to 4pm; Saturday, 11am to 4pm; and seven days a week by appointment with masks and social distancing required. Free local delivery, curbside pickup, and shipping to other locations are available.

In mid-November, 10 limited edition bracelets by [Jameka Wrisbon Purdie](#) will be added to the website. And, in 2021, a brand-new, original oil on canvas by [Debra Bucci](#) will be available along with limited edition archival prints based upon the image from the new oil painting. A portion of art sales from the Opera Wilmington Shop on the Art in Bloom Gallery website will be donated to [Opera Wilmington](#).

About Opera Wilmington

Founded in 2013 as the area's only live, fully staged professional opera company, Opera Wilmington has become a cultural touchstone in the coastal Carolina region. Artistic Director Nancy King, along with a board of dedicated community supporters and devoted opera lovers, envisioned a dynamic company that would provide excellence in operatic performance and education, as well as inspire appreciation of the art form within the Wilmington community and surrounding areas.

To bring this vision to life, Nancy King (a voice/opera professor at the University of North Carolina Wilmington) brought together a collaborative artistic team of fellow UNCW faculty members: Assistant Artistic Director and costume designer Mark Sorenson, scenic designer Max Lydy, conductor and chorus master Joe Hickman, and choreographer Nancy Podrasky Carson.

Cast members include nationally emerging singers along with local talent and advanced UNCW students, and the Opera Wilmington Orchestra is composed of UNCW faculty and other professional musicians from across the state.

Read more about [Opera Wilmington](#) on their website.

About Art in Bloom Gallery

Founded in 2015 by artist and scientist Amy Grant, *Art in Bloom Gallery* resides in a remodeled horse barn from the 1800s in Wilmington, NC. The gallery's mission is to make original art and artists more visible, in the Cape Fear region and across the nation and world. Telling the story behind each artist and their work is a keystone of the company's vision, which is to bring art to life. For more information on Art in Bloom Gallery, their exhibits and their regular artists, visit www.aibgallery.com.