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SECOND ANNUAL TRINIDAD & TOBAGO OPERA FESTIVAL UNDERWAY

The musical event is taking place from July 1-10 in Port of Spain

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad – July 5, 2016 – The newly rebranded Picoplat Music Development Foundation (formerly the Classical Musical Development Foundation of Trinidad and Tobago) is hosting the second annual Trinidad & Tobago Opera Festival from July 1-10, 2016 at Queen’s Hall in Port of Spain. The Opera Festival is known to be a celebration of great music and authentic Trinbagonian talent, comprising of several classical music events from opera to master classes. Additionally, during the festival, T&T composer Dominique LeGendre of ‘Jab Molassie’ fame is expected to launch of a new series of songs.

The second annual Trinidad & Tobago Opera Festival kicked off with a cocktail reception and a gala opening performance of the Tales of Hoffman, one of the most ravishing productions by German-born French composer, Jacques Offenbach. Hoffmann, played by Raguel Gabriel recounts the stories of the fascinating women who captured his heart—Olympia (Natalia Dopwell), Giulietta (Stephanie Nahous) and Antonia (Cara Adams). Hoffmann's hopeless pursuit of romance, obstructed by menacing figures of darkness, ultimately leads him to understand the true meaning of being an artist.

Extraordinary work that is equal parts fantasy, realism, and genuine passion, the Tales of Hoffman includes other talented Trinidad & Tobago performers including Shannon Navarro, Krisson Joseph, Rory Wallace and Nigel Floyd.

The Trinidad & Tobago Opera Music Festival is accessible to the public through several free admission events that cater to those who have never had the opportunity to experience an opera or have never been exposed to classical music. The festival continues throughout the week with a free one-hour performance for school children on July 5 and a premiere of Domique LeGendre’s newly commissioned “Songs of the Islands” on July 8. The closing matinee of the Tales of Hoffman shows at the Queen’s Hall on July 10.

For additional information on the schedule of events, please click [here](#) or follow the Trinidad & Tobago Opera Festival on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).

About Trinidad & Tobago

Home to the largest Carnival celebration in the Caribbean, Trinidad & Tobago is the southernmost Caribbean nation located seven miles east off the Venezuelan coast. Ranked the happiest nation in the Caribbean by the United Nations’ [World Happiness Report](#), in 2013 and 2015, the destination’s distinct and harmonious blend of cultures, eclectic cuisine and eco-adventure activities continue to attract travelers of all ages to its shores. Birthplace of the limbo and the world famous steelpan, the only-acoustic instrument invented in the 20th century, as well as a diverse mix of monthly [festivals and events](#), it’s little

wonder that Trinidad is known as the 'cultural capital of the Caribbean.' Sister island Tobago offers a quintessential Caribbean vibe with secluded beaches, quaint villages, private villas and award-winning environmental treasures. Tobago is home to the largest brain coral in the Western Hemisphere and the oldest protected reserve in the Western hemisphere, The Main Ridge Rainforest. Come explore Trinidad & Tobago - the true Caribbean. For more information on Trinidad & Tobago, visit www.goTrinidadandTobago.com or www.visittobago.gov.tt.

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