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Opera Colorado Seeks a Female Member of the Community to Appear Onstage for an Iconic Moment in Performances of *The Shining* as a Supernumerary

Supernumeraries serve as characters in non-singing/non-speaking supporting roles, like extras in film and TV

Denver, CO (January 19, 2022)— Opera Colorado seeks a female community member to join the cast of *The Shining* for a short, but iconic, moment in composer Paul Moravec and librettist Mark Campbell’s operatic setting of Stephen King’s original novel. The role available is the ghost of Mrs. Massey, haunting room 217 at The Overlook Hotel. Danny Torrance, lured there by the spirits of The Overlook and his youthful curiosity, enters Room 217 where he—along with the audience—receive a shock as the decaying Mrs. Massey pops out of the bathtub, grabbing the young boy.

The Shining makes its regional premiere at Opera Colorado in late February of 2022. A unique latex bodysuit was constructed for the character of the decaying Mrs. Massey, built to fit the original actress who played the part during the opera’s premiere in 2016. Opera Colorado is not able to alter the bodysuit and as such seeks a female member of the community of similar body measurements with some acting experience who can successfully wear this custom piece of theatrical artistry.

Measurements/sizing of ideal candidates should be identical or very close to the following:

Height: 5’10”	Hips: 43.5”	Dress size: 14
Weight: 175-200 lbs	Waist: 33.75”	Bra size: 38D

The Mrs. Massey supernumerary will receive:

- Two (2) tickets to *The Shining* Final Dress Rehearsal on Thursday, February 24, 2022.
- Parking passes for the Denver Performing Arts Complex garage for all days in which they are called to rehearse or perform.
- \$75 honorarium per performance for total of \$375 for lending your time and talents to this production.

Rehearsals begin Tuesday, January 31 with a final performance on Sunday, March 6. Rehearsals will take place during weekday evenings and weekends. All staging rehearsals, technical and dress rehearsals, and performances will take place at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House in

downtown Denver. Full vaccination against COVID-19 is required to participate in this production. All supernumeraries must show proof of vaccination at their first rehearsal.

To express interest in the opening and for a more specific rehearsal schedule, please contact Katie Preissner, Director of Production, at kpreissner@operacolorado.org. No phone calls, please.

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