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Seattle Opera to host Black Artists Market in support of local Black-owned businesses

Saturday, December 16 11:30 AM–7:30 PM The Opera Center | 363 Mercer St.

SEATTLE—On Saturday, December 16, Seattle Opera is partnering with **Intentionalist**, **ARTE NOIR**, and **Wa Na Wari** to host a **Black Artists Market** in support and celebration of local Black artisans. Nearly two dozen booths representing Black artists and Black-owned small businesses will fill the halls of the Opera Center, selling handmade gifts, one-of-a-kind decorations, and delectable treats for the entire family.

"This Black Artists Market is an opportunity to celebrate the sheer quality and variety of artisanship in Seattle's Black community," said **Dennis Robinson, Jr., Director of Programs and Partnerships**. "Showing up for and supporting the Black-owned businesses in our community is vital for fostering strong and diverse local communities. We're honored to share our space with the skilled artists and industrious business owners who make Seattle such a special place to live and work."

The Black Artists Market coincides with a bustling schedule of events that day at Seattle Center, including the <u>Seattle Christmas Market</u>, a Seattle Kraken game at Climate Pledge Arena, and performances of <u>The Nutcracker</u> at Pacific Northwest Ballet and <u>Little Women</u> at Seattle Rep.

Attendance is free and open to the public, and patrons should feel free to come and go as they please throughout the day. Attendees may purchase parking in advance at a discounted rate of \$20 for two hours at <u>seattleopera.org/buyparking</u>.

More information and an updated lineup of vendors at <u>seattleopera.org/market</u>.

About Seattle Opera

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