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North Carolina Opera Presents *Hercules Vs. Vampires*
Music, Muscles, Myth – Classic 60's film gets a new soundtrack

Raleigh, N.C., September 30, 2016 – Just in time for Halloween, [North Carolina Opera](http://www.ncopera.org) is thrilled to present a special one-night performance of Morganelli's *Hercules vs. Vampires* on Sunday, Oct. 30 at 3 p.m. at Meymandi Concert Hall.

A mash-up of contemporary music and pop culture, *Hercules vs. Vampires* combines a new operatic score performed live with a screening of Mario Bava's 1961 sword-and-sandal epic *Ercole al centro della terra*, best known as *Hercules in the Haunted World*.

Unlike anything performed in the Triangle before, the performance integrates film and live musical performance. The original dialogue of the movie is replaced with Morganelli's music; the performers sing the lines of the film screenplay in sync with the projected film. This cult classic movie is filled with everything: rock monsters, zombies, romance, and chills.

"It's a tale as old as time, the hero travels to the underworld to save the beautiful damsel in distress from a fiendish mastermind, all while providing quality over-the-top emoting," says North Carolina Opera General Director, Eric Mitchko. "This season is all about bringing productions that we usually wouldn't get to see in the Triangle, and *Hercules Vs. Vampires* is a perfect example. The marriage of this wonderfully campy, cult movie with an outstanding operatic score is a fresh, new performance unlike anything you've seen before!"

The nine-person cast boasts many local talents, including Andrea Edith Moore, Eugene Galvin, and Timothy Sparks, all of whom currently serve on the voice faculty at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Scott Macleod sings the title role, and Ted Federle, last seen in *Approaching Ali*, returns to the company. Another local favorite, Shawn Galvin, who is the founder of New Music Raleigh and has served as timpanist with the North Carolina Symphony since 2008, will make his debut as conductor with the company in this performance.

For more information on *Hercules Vs. Vampires* and the rest of the NCO's 2016/2017 season, please visit www.ncopera.org or 919.792.385. To watch the trailer for *Hercules vs. Vampires*, click [here](#).

ABOUT NORTH CAROLINA OPERA

[North Carolina Opera](http://www.ncopera.org) was formed in 2010 from the merger of The Opera Company of North Carolina and Capital Opera Raleigh. Since its inception, the opera has been dedicated to presenting operatic performances at the highest level throughout the Triangle. We also have a robust education program that brings opera to schools across Wake County and surrounding counties. North Carolina Opera brings international level artists to Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill, and also engages the best in local Triangle talent. Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/NorthCarolinaOpera or on Twitter at www.twitter.com/ncopera for up to date information on events in the community, news and more.

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