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North Carolina Opera Hosts “An Evening on Cold Mountain” September 9 at the North Carolina Museum of History

Raleigh, NC--**North Carolina Opera** (NCO) hosts “An Evening on Cold Mountain: Music, Cocktails, and Conversation” on Saturday, September 9 from 6pm to 9pm at the North Carolina Museum of History in Raleigh.

The event celebrates NCO’s 2017-18 season premiere, ***Cold Mountain*** by Grammy-nominated composer Jennifer Higdon and librettist Gene Scheer, based on the 1997 National Book Award-winning novel by Charles Frazier. NCO, in partnership with Carolina Performing Arts, brings this powerful North Carolina story home for performances on September 28 and October 1, 2017 in Chapel Hill at Memorial Hall. As part of the team that co-commissioned the opera, North Carolina Opera is proud to play a role in this remarkable evolution of art.

“An Evening on Cold Mountain” features special guests, composer **Jennifer Higdon** and novelist **Charles Frazier**. Attendees will hear directly from the creative minds who brought this Civil War epic to life on the page and stage. The evening begins with a cocktail hour with beer, wine, and passed hors d’oeuvres catered by the exquisite **Mitchell’s Catering**. NCO Artistic & Music Director **Timothy Myers** emcees the conversation and Q&A with Higdon and Frazier. The NCO Chorus will sing the powerful chorus “Our beautiful country” from the opera. Guests have the opportunity to win silent auction items, including personally addressed and signed copies of the novel *Cold Mountain* by Charles Frazier and first-page score of the opera *Cold Mountain* by Jennifer Higdon.

This is a ticketed event that is open to the public. Tickets are \$75 in advance and \$85 at the door. To reserve tickets, call (919)792-3856. For more information, visit www.ncopera.org.

The North Carolina Museum of History does not sponsor or endorse this event.

ABOUT THE OPERA *COLD MOUNTAIN*

Cold Mountain

Music by Jennifer Higdon

Libretto by Gene Scheer

Co-Commission and Co-Production by

The Santa Fe Opera, Opera Philadelphia and the Minnesota Opera,
in collaboration with North Carolina Opera

Production support for *Cold Mountain* comes from Mr. & Mrs. Richard McNeel, C. Thomas Kunz, Thomas S. Kenan III, and Martin Marietta.

ABOUT NORTH CAROLINA OPERA

North Carolina Opera was formed in 2010 from the merger of the Opera Company of North Carolina and Capital Opera Raleigh. It is 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.

North Carolina Opera's 2017-18 season includes *Cold Mountain* (September 28 and October 1, 2017), *Rigoletto* (January 26 and 28, 2018), and *Samson and Delilah* (April 29, 2018). For tickets or more information, visit www.ncopera.org or call 919-972-3853.

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