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within the university's Department of Music and the program's significant contributions to opera in New Orleans and the world. The program has also produced multiple internationally known opera singers, including Xavier Department of Music alumnae Debra Brown, Annabelle Bernard, Lavergne Monette and Gail Gilmore. Xavier's opera program is one of the many examples of African-descendant operatic performance and composition throughout the history of New Orleans, the country's "first city of opera."

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For more information about tickets and the performances, contact Xavier's Department of Music at 504-520-7597.