

Heartbeat Opera presents
LADY M, an online fantasia of Verdi's **MACBETH**



Frequently Asked Questions

What is LADY M?

It's Heartbeat's brand-new, 90-minute adaptation of Verdi's **MACBETH**, as seen through the eyes of Lady M herself, featuring 6 singers, 6 instrumentalists, and electronic sound design, to be fully produced in Spring of 2021.

What's this "online fantasia"?

We were planning on rehearsing and presenting a work-in-progress staging of **LADY M** in person this spring, but in light of COVID19, we are taking our collaboration (10 days of **Remote Residency**) and performances (a series of **Virtual Soirées** through June 6) online. We're calling the project a "fantasia" because we're creating a non-linear collage of the story – Lady M's nightmare.

What's the "Remote Residency"?

The cast and creative team of **LADY M** gathered on Zoom for 10 days of collaboration, April 20-May 1. We rehearsed moments and explored themes of the opera through text work, musical experimentation, and movement. Company members completed "homework assignments" including video and audio projects that made their way into a behind-the-scenes documentary and music video. The band participated for 3 days of rehearsal and recording. Recordings of individual artists have been edited together like we did in this recent "[Make Our Garden Grow](#)" virtual performance.

What's a "Virtual Soirée?"

We're hosting these intimate, interactive, 60-minute, viewing parties through Zoom video conferencing. 6 Heartbeat team members, including two cast members of **LADY M**, will host approximately 20 guest households for: introductions, a celebratory toast, live performances by two cast members (on a rotating schedule), screenings of a short behind-the-scenes documentary and a music video of Lady M's "Sleepwalking Scene", and Q&A.

How long is the soirée?

60 minutes. Linger after for mingling with artists and guests.

How does Zoom work?

It's easy and similar to other video conferencing platforms like Skype or FaceTime. Just click the link we send with your ticket confirmation, and your computer takes care of the rest.

What if I've never used Zoom before?

[Watch this video](#). If you still have questions, feel free to reach out to our House Manager Siobahn@heartbeatopera.org for help. If you don't have experience with Zoom, please leave yourself some extra time the first time you sign on.

Do I have to introduce myself at the soirée?

We'd love for everyone to introduce themselves over video, but if you'd prefer to remain anonymous or just call in (with audio and no video), that's perfectly ok too. You can also introduce yourself and *then* turn off your video to watch the rest of the soiree without us watching *you*.

How do tickets work?

A ticket provides one device/household access to a soirée. A whole household is welcome to tune in on one device together. We are limiting each soirée to 20 devices total, including Heartbeat team members, to keep the experience intimate and comfortable.

How do I prepare for a soirée?

We encourage you to make an event of it! Invite friends to the same soirée, dress up, pour yourself a glass of champagne, and log in a few minutes early on the biggest computer screen you have. (Tablets and smartphones are less ideal because the screens are smaller.)

If you have other questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to our House Manager Siobahn@heartbeatopera.org.

We hope to Zoom with you soon! Be well and thanks for your support,
Team Heartbeat