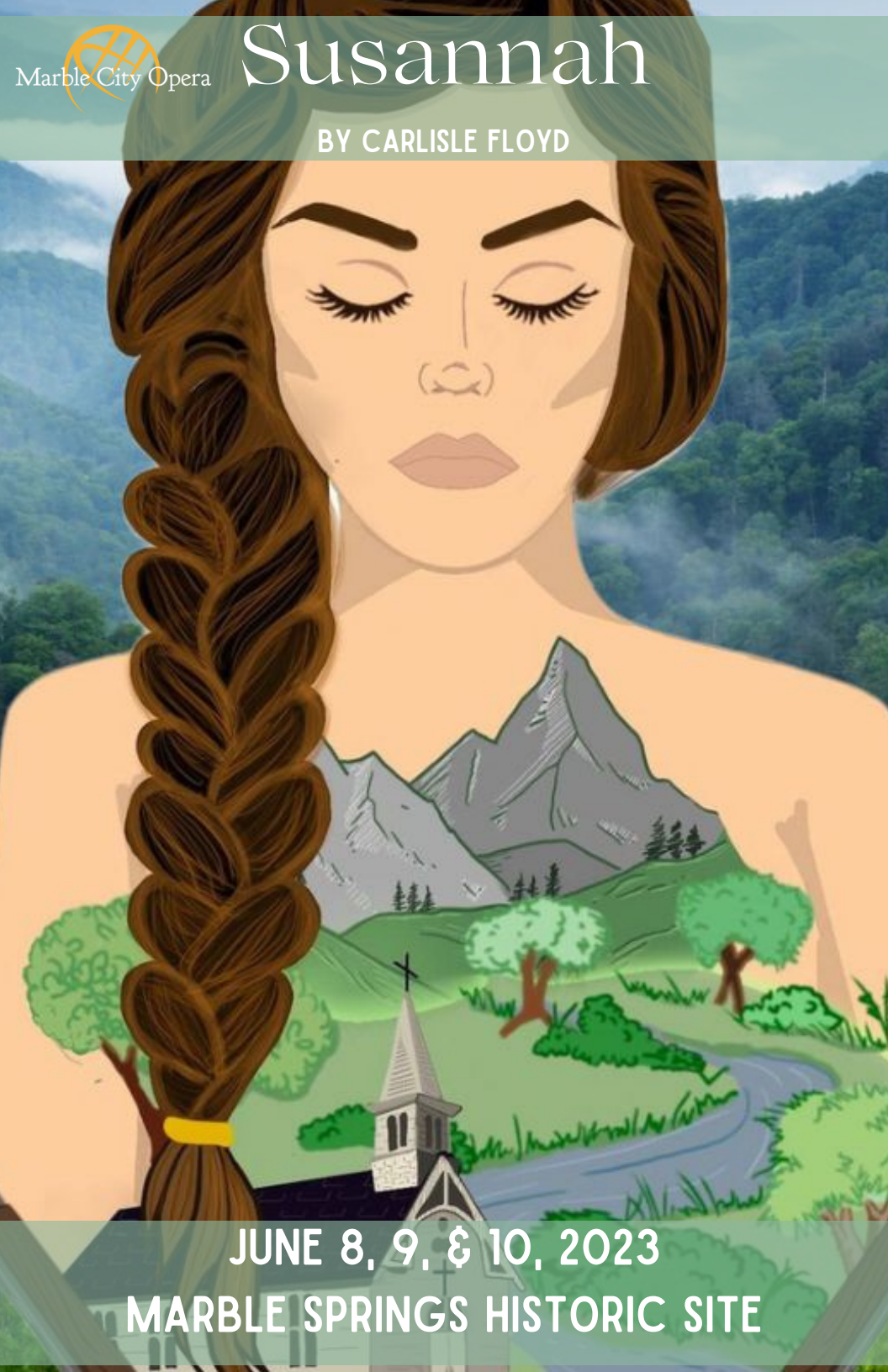


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Marble City Opera

# Susannah

BY CARLISLE FLOYD



JUNE 8, 9, & 10, 2023

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# A Letter from our Founding Executive Artistic Director

Thank you for joining us for this production of *Susannah* by Carlisle Floyd. We are thrilled to be presenting this opera that takes place in the appalachian mountains during our 10th season about strong women. From the founding of the organization, Marble City Opera's mission has been to make opera accessible through new operas, chamber operas, and



**Kathryn Frady**

Founder & Executive Artistic Director

traditional operas performed in new ways. Interesting venues has always been at the forefront of our producing, and it has been a dream of mine for the last eight years to produce *Susannah* in Knoxville at Marble Springs Historic Site. Many years ago I stumbled upon this wonderful location walked around and said, "this is where I want to produce *Susannah*," and here we are. With your help, Marble City Opera has grown into an organization that can bring the community an American masterpiece of this magnitude to you in an immersive way. We look forward to continuing our tradition of innovative producing for years to come. Thank you for being a part of the Marble City Opera Circle and supporting us through your attendance at the opera and with your financial gifts of support. Because of your support, we are able to bring you beautiful performances of opera that are not normally produced. Thank you from all of us at Marble City Opera. We hope you will enjoy this performance and join us again next season!

This production is dedicated to Brandon Gibson who always believed and stood by every imaginative idea I had, whose birthday we would be celebrating, and whom we all miss dearly.

*Kathryn Frady*

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### *In Rememberance*

We continue to mourn the loss of Managing Director, Brandon Gibson, who was not only a light at our organization, but in the Knoxville community. Marble City Opera will be starting an endowment in his name to continue the dedication and commitment to the arts and his work at Marble City Opera.

If you'd like to find out how to get involved, please contact Kathryn Frady at [Kathrynm@marblecityopera.com](mailto:Kathrynm@marblecityopera.com)

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BY CARLISLE FLOYD

Executive Artistic Director  
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Stage Director  
Assistant Director  
Production Manager  
Assistant Stage Manager  
Rehearsal Pianist  
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**Ema Mitrovic**  
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Paula Morris, Whitney Wells, Mikelia McQueston, Emma Wilson,  
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Violin 1	Jeff Brannen
Violin 1	Chris Keum
Violin 2	Heidi Mollers
Violin 2	Nicholas McIntyre
Viola	Amy Byrd
Viola	Joshua Ulrich
Cello	Kathryn York
Cello	Jackson Sharp
Bass	Daniel Bates
Flute 1	Alan Cook
Flute 2	Rebekah Geitner-Allison
Oboe	Lydia Schoen
Clarinet 1	Deidre Ford
Clarinet 2	Anna Hutchinson
Horn 1	Sean Donovan
Horn 2	James Roddy
Trumpet 1	Sarah Chumney
Trumpet 2	Joe Jordan
Trombone 1	Bryce McCracken
Trombone 2	Jacob Noel
Percussion	Dale Disney
Keyboard	Brandon Coffey



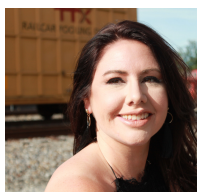
**Matthew Haney**  
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LA opera, Opera Colorado,  
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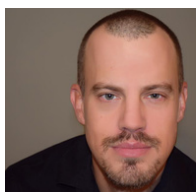
**Kathryn Frady**  
Susannah

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Carolina, Wichita Grand Opera,  
Cleveland Opera Theatre,  
Knoxville Opera, Marble City  
Opera, Opéra Louisiane, Opera  
Las Vegas, Gulfshore Opera,  
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**Symphonies:** Knoxville  
Symphony, Chattanooga

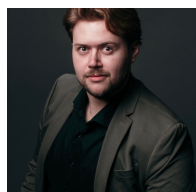
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Opera, Atlanta Opera, Boston Lyric  
Opera, Santa Fe Opera, Nashville  
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**Symphonies:** Knoxville  
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Columbus Symphony, Chautauqua  
Symphony, Tucson Symphony



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**Opera Companies:** Florida  
Grand Opera, Indianapolis  
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Saint Louis, Quisisana,  
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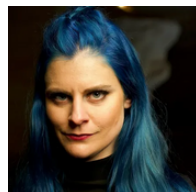
**Symphonies:** Knoxville  
Symphony



**Paul Houghtaling**  
Elder McLean

**Opera Companies:** Mobile Opera,  
Opera Saratoga, Nashville Opera,  
Anchorage Opera, Opera  
Birmingham, Opera Mississippi,  
Tacoma Opera, Boston Lyric Opera,  
Marble City Opera\*

**Symphonies:** Philip Glass  
Ensemble, Boston Baroque, New  
York Philharmonic, Bard Music  
Festival, Alabama Symphony,  
Colorado Symphony



**Julie Bélanger Roy**  
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**Opera Companies:** Marble  
City Opera, Knoxville Opera,  
Utah Festival Opera & Musical  
Theatre, University of  
Tennessee Opera Theatre,  
Bayview

**Symphonies:** Section  
violist/violinist for Oak Ridge  
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Mountains & substitute violist  
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**Opera Companies:**

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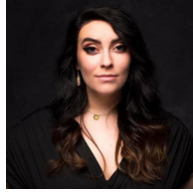
**Maurice Hendricks**

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**Opera Companies:**

Knoxville  
Opera, Marble City Opera, Opera  
Louisiane, GLOW Lyric Theatre,  
Converse Opera Theatre,  
Spartanburg Repertory Company,  
Carson-Newman Lyric Theatre

**Symphonies:** Spartanburg  
Philharmonic, Knoxville Symphony  
Orchestra



**Tori Franklin**

Mrs. Hayes

**Opera Companies:**

Marble  
City Opera, Sarasota Opera,  
UT Opera Theatre, Janiec  
Opera Company, Knoxville  
Opera

**Symphonies:** Sarasota Opera  
Orchestra, Brevard Music  
Center Orchestra, Knoxville  
Symphony Orchestra



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**Opera Companies:**

Bronx  
Opera, Concert Opera of  
Philadelphia, TUNDI  
productions, Lighthouse  
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**Symphonies:** Central  
Jersey Choral Society



**John Overholt**

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**Opera Companies:**

Cincinnati Opera, Castleton  
Festival, Sarasota Opera,  
Knoxville Opera, Opera  
Project Columbus, Queen  
City Opera

**Symphonies:** Johnson City  
Symphony Orchestra



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City Opera, Knoxville  
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