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FROM AMERICAN STUDENTS TO GLOBAL ARTISTS

The International Performing Arts Institute Global Artist Program bridges the “GAP” in the wake of the
Coronavirus Pandemic

City, USA – Amid season cancelations and closing doors of arts organizations, the International Performing Arts Institute (IPAI) founded by Bruce and Darla Earnest is reinventing its summer training and mentorship programs originally scheduled to take place during the month of July in the Bavarian Alps of Kiefersfelden, Germany.

Forced to cancel their annual summer intensive due to health concerns, border closures, and flight cancellations, IPAI has transitioned 21 master classes, private voice lessons, coaching, dance, acting, and German classes into interactive Zoom Classrooms that will connect nearly 40 young artists with top-notch industry professionals in the US and Europe.

“In the 14 years since IPAI was founded we have never had to postpone our program in Germany. These are challenging times and we want to provide our artists with world class training despite the pandemic. There is no substitute for live mentorship and performance in Germany, but we are bringing our international musical

theatre and opera faculty directly into the homes of our artists. IPAI GAP will provide masterclasses, workshops, and applied lessons to current IPAI participants at no cost to them through synchronous delivery methods. We remain committed to our mission and to the artists with whom we are honored to work.” says Founder, Dr. Bruce Earnest who also serves as Vice President of Advancement and Associate Voice Professor of Music at the University of Mobile.

Starting June 15, 2020, IPAI is opening selected master classes for observation to anyone who wants to participate. Special guests include Bass Baritone Greer Grimsley, Mezzo Soprano Jennifer Larmore, Pianist & coach Carrie-Ann Matheson, Mezzo Soprano Kirstin Chávez, Mezzo Soprano Luretta Bybee, Pianist & Coach Andrew Campbell, Pedagogue & Belt Specialist Dr. Maryann Kyle, Feldenkrais Specialist Gudrun Bär, Mobile Opera General Director Scott Wright, among many more.

Participants will explore unique perspectives of artistry and music making, refine the tools of an artist entrepreneur, examine intentional musicality in German Lieder, collect new strategies to sharpen individual practice, get tech savvy in a crash course on music technology for post-pandemic culture, gain valuable advice and encouragement to pursue their artistic passions, and observe master classes with talented IPAI singers and pianists from across the country.

Classes are \$15 each and singers, teachers, instrumentalists, performers, directors, students, and music-enthusiasts of all levels are welcome to join.

Learn more and register for classes by visiting www.ipaigermany.com/gap. Follow us on Instagram and Facebook for the latest updates and news.

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