



## **HOLLAND COMMUNITY OPERA FELLOWSHIP**

The Holland Community Opera Fellowship (HCOF) brings community-minded, entrepreneurial artists to live and work in Omaha. Fellows serve as ambassadors of the company by bringing their artistic talents and resources to the table, partnering with experts in the community who are actively working to solve the most pressing challenges our neighbors are facing. HCOF works collaboratively with community partners to co-create programming that helps individuals, organizations, and communities reach their goals, acting as creative and artistic servants to the community. Via this collaboration, Fellows work to impact social issues such as homelessness, accessibility and inclusion within disability services, immigration, early childhood education, and more.



### AS A FELLOWSHIP, WE

#### **BUILD**

relationships and engage in collaboration with community partners

#### **EMPOWER**

individuals to explore their own creativity through the many facets of opera including music, visual art, design, and storytelling

#### **COLLABORATE**

to identify priority issues and programming that amplify and support the mission of community partners

#### **CREATE**

opportunities for safe expression, including a full range of emotions

#### **INSPIRE**

and cultivate a diverse, empathetic, and creative community in Omaha

*“The Ollie Webb Center, Inc. is so grateful for our time with Opera Omaha. The classes are fantastic. The sharings at the end of each semester give our theater individuals another opportunity to proudly perform their work. And, we have noticed a marked difference in diction, projection and understanding elements of story in the individuals who participate.”*

— Carrie Nath, Ollie Webb Center, Inc



## BELIEFS

We can find different ways to engage both the artists and the community to expand the experience of opera

Collaboration is at the core of our work

Opera should be accessible to anyone and welcoming to everyone

HCOF partners are experts in their communities, and we rely on them to identify the needs of the people they serve



*“I am a firm believer in the Fellowship. Being at MICA House in the beginning when this came to our agency, I asked, ‘How does Opera fit in our programming?’ I didn’t see the correlation. But it only took me a couple of weeks of seeing it and I’ve been a firm believer since. It has been a wonderful partnership.”*

— Angie Williams, MICA House Program Director

*“Through music and art, I learned to channel my emotions. I felt very comfortable and safe and the workshops were very beneficial to me. I gained new ideas of how I can be creative. I am a little more artistic than I thought!”*

— HCOF workshop participant



## VALUES

Collaborative | Creative | Engaging | Expressive | Innovative | Respectful | Responsive | Transformational | Pride in Service

