



HOLLAND COMMUNITY OPERA FELLOWSHIP

The Holland Community Opera Fellowship (HCOF) brings community focused teaching artists to live and work in Omaha. Launched in 2017, HCOF leads the opera field in civic practice by deepening relationships outside of performance venues. Our team engages in the Omaha metro community each season bringing artistry and connection to a variety of long-term and short-term co-created community-based programs. Programming is focused on creativity and inspiration, utilizing the elements of opera (drama, word, art, movement and music) in community-based settings.



“Fellows find creative ways to connect with our seniors, showing that communication through art transcends any language differences. The seniors feel seen and included in every step of the process, which makes the experience even more meaningful for everyone involved!”

— Wildey Rodriguez, Intercultural Senior Center



AS A FELLOWSHIP, WE

BUILD

relationships and engage in collaboration with community partners

EMPOWER

individuals to explore their creativity through the elements of opera (drama, word, art, movement and music)

COLLABORATE

with others in programming that amplifies and supports the mission of our partners

CREATE

opportunities for safe expression, including a full range of emotions

INSPIRE

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

“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



BELIEFS

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

Collaboration is 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 really learned that my passion for community engagement can work on a professional level and be at the foundation of everything I do. The Fellowship really instilled that I can be committed to that no matter what avenue I’m in - performing, directing, or teaching.”

— Jaime Marie Webb, Holland Community Opera Fellow, 2021-2023

VALUES

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

ELEMENTS OF OPERA



WORDS



MUSIC



MOVEMENT



DRAMA



ART