

We, the undersigned, support the recent decision between Washington National Opera and the Kennedy Center to part ways. While we acknowledge the difficulty in making this decision, we also recognize that the great work WNO has created for more than 70 years cannot thrive in the environment created by the Center's current administration. We pledge to support WNO in its future endeavors and, on our country's 250th anniversary and always, to continue standing up for artistic freedom.

John Adams, Composer
Mark Adamo, Composer
Matthew Aucoin, Composer
Jamie Barton, Mezzo-soprano
Mary Birnbaum, Stage Director
William Burden, Tenor
Mark Campbell, Librettist
Brendan Cooke, Producer
John Corigliano, Composer
Anthony Roth Costanzo, Countertenor and Producer
Anthony Davis, Composer
Joyce DiDonato, Mezzo-soprano
Lawrence Edelson, Stage Director and Producer
Stephanie Fleischmann, Librettist
Leonard Foglia, Stage Director
Eve Gigliotti, Mezzo-soprano
Ricky Ian Gordon, Composer
Susan Graham, Mezzo-soprano
Julie Gunn, Educator and Producer
Nathan Gunn, Baritone
Thomas Hampson, Baritone
Jake Heggie, Composer
Jennifer Higdon, Composer
David Henry Hwang, Librettist
Barbara Hogenson, Artist Representative
Cerise Jacobs, Librettist and Producer
Charles Jarden, Producer
Michael Korie, Librettist
Isabel Leonard, Mezzo-soprano
Will Liverman, Baritone
Craig Lucas, Librettist

Missy Mazzoli, Composer
Ryan McKinny, Bass-baritone
Sarah Ina Meyers, Stage Director
Paul Moravec, Composer
Louisa Muller, Stage Director
Miles Mykkanen, Tenor
Kevin Newbury, Stage Director
Lynn Nottage, Librettist
Kelli O'Hara, Soprano
Steven Osgood, Conductor
Jarrett Ott, Baritone
Nicole Paiement, Conductor and Producer
Nicholas Phan, Tenor
Susanna Phillips, Soprano
Greg Pierce, Librettist
Paola Prestini, Composer
Elkhanah Pulitzer, Stage Director
Kevin Puts, Composer
Kimberly Reed, Librettist
James Robinson, Stage Director and Producer
Sarah Ruhl, Librettist
Kamala Sankaram, Composer
Gene Scheer, Librettist
Bartlett Sher, Stage Director and Producer
Karen Slack, Soprano
Brian Staufenbiel, Stage Director and Producer
Beth Stewart, Artist Representative
Jeanine Tesori, Composer
Tazewell Thompson, Director
Dawn Upshaw, Soprano
Lidiya Yankovskaya, Conductor