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### **WGTE'S BRAD CRESSWELL REJOINS METROPOLITAN OPERA QUIZ**

Toledo, OH – On Saturday May 8, WGTE Music Director Brad Cresswell will be live at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York as one of three panelists for the popular “Opera Quiz” feature, to be broadcast during the second intermission of Alban Berg's Lulu. Joining him will be Roger Pines, Editorial Dramaturg for the Lyric Opera of Chicago, and noted author Susanne Martinucci, former Assistant Chief Usher for the Met Bass-Baritone. Metropolitan Opera star, Eric Owens, will be the moderator for the quiz.

This is Cresswell's second appearance on the Met Opera Quiz, the first was last season's broadcast of Donizetti's Lucia di Lammermoor, which starred soprano sensation Anna Netrebko. “It was a real honor to be asked the first time around,” says Cresswell, “so it's even more of an honor to be asked back. And it will be great to see some of my old colleagues again.” Before joining WGTE in April of 2009, Cresswell worked at WNYC Radio in New York for several years—much of it alongside Margaret Juntwait, the current host of the Metropolitan Opera Broadcasts. In addition, Cresswell played a mentorship role in the radio career of William Berger, who now produces the Quiz feature.

Cresswell says that while the modernist opera Lulu may a “hard draw” for some of WGTE's core listeners, he hopes that his local audience will give it the benefit of the doubt in order to catch his national moment. “Of course, that could all backfire if I don't know the answers to any of the questions!” Cresswell notes. “It's interesting, though, to think that the very first time I spoke over the WGTE airwaves was during the Met Quiz in February of 2009, when I was still living in New York. Little did they know that they'd be hearing me almost every day, starting just a few months later. It's like coming full-circle, in a way.”

The Metropolitan Opera Broadcasts are the longest-running continuous classical music program in radio history, and is currently broadcast on over 300 stations in the United States, and stations in 40 countries on five continents. Among the most popular intermission features is the Opera Quiz, which attracts thousands of questions submitted by listeners each year. WGTE-FM in Toledo has been airing the Met Broadcasts since 1976, making it the longest-running classical music show on the local radio airwaves as well.

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