

## OGR Annual Recital for Donors

**Sunday, May 15, at 2 pm**  
Rochester Academy of Medicine,  
1441 East Avenue, 14610  
More details to follow.



Our recitalist this year is baritone Samson McCrady, a rising star who recently won the Illinois District competition in the Metropolitan Opera Laffont Competition.

Samson graduated from Roberts Wesleyan College in December 2015; he won first place in the Rochester Lyric Opera recital competition and gave a recital there in March 2016. He also won first place in the Classical Singer Competition at the Boston Convention in May, 2016.

While a student at Cincinnati College Conservatory, he was invited to be a Young Artist at Opera Theatre of St. Louis in the summer of 2018. He then studied as a Young Artist in the Domingo-Caffritz program at Washington National Opera for the 2018-2019 season, where he sang the role of Wagner in *Faust*. Samson spent the summer of 2019 as a fellow at the Aspen Music Festival where he sang the lead baritone role in the Missy Mazzoli 2018 opera, *Proving Up*. Since then, he has placed third in the 2021 Monserrat Caballe International Singing Competition, and most recently, sang the role of Germont in the 2022 South Bend Lyric Opera production of *La Traviata*. Hear him at <https://www.samsonmccrady.com/>.

