

## **CASTING NOTICE: *PROVING UP***

Lyric Opera of Chicago: PROVING UP  
(Role of Peter Zegner and cover]

Producer: Lyric Opera of Chicago/Lyric Unlimited  
Director: James Darrah  
Composer: Missy Mazzoli  
Libretto: Royce Vavrek  
Conductor: Enrique Mazzola  
Casting: Cory Lippiello  
Salary: \$349/week  
Rehearsals: 1/3/22 – 1/21/22  
Performances: (4 total) Jan 22, 26, 28, 30M  
Auditions: self-tape by invitation;  
callbacks via Zoom with director

In January 2022 Lyric Opera of Chicago will present Missy Mazzoli's chamber opera *Proving Up* at the Goodman's intimate Owen Theater. The striking production is directed by James Darrah and will be conducted by Lyric's Music Director Enrique Mazzola. Based on a short story by Karen Russell, this gothic opera tells the story of how one family's homesteading dream turns into a nightmare of madness, illness, and death.

ALL ETHNICITIES WELCOME, ARTISTS OF COLOR STRONGLY ENCOURAGED.

SEEKING:

**[PETER ZEGNER perform and U/S]** Mute role. Any age to play mid 20s. Ideally under 6'0", any ethnicity. Eldest son of the Zegner family, he returns from an excursion into the ghost-filled prairie, injured, covered with blood and unable to speak. He dies from his injuries shortly thereafter. Candidates should be extremely physically agile, with good core strength and elastic facial expressions. Dance or movement experience is helpful but not required. **MUST RESIDE WITHIN 55 MILES OF CHICAGO METRO.**

Auditions are by invitation only. If interested, please email headshot/resume [soloaud@lyricopera.org](mailto:soloaud@lyricopera.org)

**Deadline for submission: NOVEMBER 29, 2021. ABSOLUTELY NO PHONE CALLS**

Those artists invited to self-tape will be notified before December 1.

**PLEASE NOTE: All artists at Lyric must be fully vaccinated.**

Artists at Lyric Opera of Chicago are represented by the American Guild of Musical Artists (AGMA). Should an artist be hired they will be required to join this union if they are not already a member.

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