

# **IlluminArts presents** **Metropolitan Opera tenor, David** **Portillo at the Freedom Tower**

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**IlluminArts**, Miami's Art Song and Vocal Chamber Music Series invites you to attend the February 7, 2016 performance of **Metropolitan Opera** tenor, **David Portillo** at the MDC Museum of Art + Design at The Freedom Tower in downtown Miami. Accompanied by celebrated pianist and conductor, **Gregory Ritchey**, Mr. Portillo will present a program of Spanish Song to highlight the exhibition of artists Steven and William Ladd at the MDC Museum of Art + Design. With music by Alberto Ginastera, Juan Vert, Fernando Obradors, Carlos Gardel, Maria Grever, and Agustin Lara.

Praised by Opera News for “high notes with ease, singing with a luxuriant warm glow that seduced the ear,” American tenor David Portillo has established himself as one of the leading artists of his generation. In addition to his Metropolitan Opera debut in December 2015, David has also sung leading roles with the Lyric Opera of Chicago, Houston Grand Opera, Festival Aix-en-Provence and the Vienna State Opera, among many others.

A versatile musician on the podium and at the keyboard, Conductor and Pianist, Gregory Ritchey has held positions with prestigious companies both in the US and internationally including the Wexford Opera Festival, Palm Beach Opera, the Amalfi Coast Music Festival and the Opera Theatre of St. Louis. Mr. Ritchey is a graduate of the prestigious Julliard School of Music.

Artists Steven and William Ladd comment in their artist statement, “Our art has evolved from meticulously hand-crafted fashion accessories to abstract portraits of shared memories, places, people and experiences. In them, we transform everyday materials, such as belting textiles, used fabric, beads, metal trinkets or paper, into works of art.” They are also inspired by everyday people and have made it part of their mission to collaborate with many different communities to create art.