

# BOSTON ONLY LYRIC OPERA

## OPERA LEGEND STEPHANIE BLYTHE CHANNELS AN INNER TENOR ROCKSTAR IN *BLYTHELY EVER AFTER* MAY 6

Boston Lyric Opera presents the acclaimed drag show for one-night-only

May 6, 2022 at Royale Nightclub in Boston's Theater District



**BOSTON** – April 21, 2022 – The heightened dramas of drag and opera come together for one night only as Boston Lyric Opera presents “Blythely Ever After,” in which international star mezzo-soprano [Stephanie Blythe](#) channels her tenor alter ego Blythely Oratonio (l.) May 6 at Royale Nightclub, 279 Tremont Street in Boston's Theater District. Philadelphia-based drag artist [Sapphira Cristál](#) opens.

Donning an impressive beard and rocking Wagnerian glam, Oratonio weaves a magical spell, joining the musical forces of opera, pop and rock

‘n’ roll to create a story alternately hilarious and moving. Blythely subverts expectation by breaking through the traditional confines of genre to embrace his inner rock star.

Blythe's characterization of Oratonio began as a fundraiser for Opera Philadelphia in 2018 but developed into a full-length show that's become part autobiographical, part operatic trope send-up, and part comment on an industry reckoning with its domination for centuries by music from dead men about dying women. Underneath it all, Blythe calls the show a celebration of life's transitions – aging, love, and the inevitable changes that happen in a long musical career. It's also a nod of appreciation to the queer, drag and cabaret communities. “Blythely Ever After” was created and produced in collaboration with director/co-writer **John Jarboe** of The Bearded Ladies Cabaret and Music Director and Arranger **Daniel Kazemi**. [Full bios at link below.]

*Blythe is in town to perform in BLO's production of Terence Blanchard and Michael Cristofer's boxing-focused, “Champion: An Opera in Jazz” for three performances May 18-22.*

Tickets for the performance start at \$35 for general admission seating and \$75 for cabaret table seating. Tickets area available at [blo.org/blythely](https://blo.org/blythely) or by phone at 617.542.4912.

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### MEDIA:

- [Photos and additional bios for Blythely Ever After are available here.](#)
- Limited press review tickets are available for this performance. For more information, artist interviews, and assets including production photos, contact **John Michael Kennedy**, [jmk@jmkpr.com](mailto:jmk@jmkpr.com) or 781-620-1761 / 212-842-1752.