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PRESS RELEASE

## The co-production ‘*The Second Violinist*’ won the FEDORA - Generali Prize for Opera as a new creation of excellence

Salzburg/Trieste – The **FEDORA - Generali Prize for Opera** was given today to the lead companies **Wide Open Opera** and **Landmark Productions** in Dublin for the opera co-production of ‘*The Second Violinist*’, by Donnacha Dennehy and Enda Walsh. The ceremony took place in Salzburg (Austria) in the course of the Salzburg Whitsun Festival.

The Generali Group, actively involved in promoting musical awareness and in supporting talented artists, supports for the second consecutive year FEDORA – *The European Circle of Philanthropists of Opera and Ballet*, in order to promote talent and creativity through the recognition of new opera productions.

**Philippe Donnet, CEO of the Generali Group**, stated: “*Generali is actively involved in promoting culture and musical heritage and supporting creativity, talent and innovation. We are proud to support this partnership with FEDORA, bolstering a new generation of talented artists in order to guarantee the future of the opera in Europe, fuelling new productions and sharing this heritage with the community*”.

The prize recognizes talented international co-production teams that collaborate in the creation of new works, made by artists with different musical backgrounds. FEDORA enhances the staging of recently created, rediscovered or never before performed operas and ballets. The purpose is to preserve and guarantee the dissemination of musical heritage, as well as to promote the ongoing creative development of young talents and of this form of art.

‘*The Second Violinist*’, an Irish co-production with England and the United States, will be performed on 27 July at the Black Box Theatre of Galway (Ireland) as part of the Galway International Arts Festival. The opera tells the story of the second violinist of an ensemble.

FEDORA operates in close collaboration with *Opera Europa - the Professional Association of Opera Houses and Festivals in Europe*, a leading professional network that represents more than 170 opera companies and festivals in 43 European countries.

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