

PRESS QUOTES FROM REVIEWS AND FEATURES

“...extremely relevant...stunning performance(s)... undeniable chemistry..the show preaches equality with a passion and talent that can only be admired.”

Bay State Banner

<http://baystatebanner.com/news/2016/may/13/body-politic/>

“While structurally it’s a traditional opera — it has arias, it has recitative — it has musical theater and American and Afghan folk music influences... A performance with Juventas gives composers a recording that they can distribute to possibly kickstart the rest of their career.”

WBUR Boston's The ARTery

<http://artery.wbur.org/2016/05/05/the-body-politic>

“The Body Politic unfolded with such power and eloquence...The score is highly effective, conveying a sense of traditional Afghan music in the scenes set there and more upbeat and idiomatic tunes in the American portions...The vocalists were all strong, individually, projecting the words and their various emotions, too, very well and working together in duets and larger ensembles with great skill...The big numbers, too, were quite marvelous, including a quintet of remarkable effectiveness and a quartet for treble voices that was among the afternoon's most moving numbers.”

CNVC.org (Classical Voice North Carolina)

<http://cvnc.org/article.cfm?articleId=7987>

“amazing operatic sound”

The Independent Weekly

<http://www.indyweek.com/indyweek/a-day-at-the-transgender-opera-in-the-north-carolina-general-assembly-as-a-trans-woman/Content?oid=5034920>

“...the performance of “The Body Politic” will make an important statement...”

The Boston Globe

<https://www.bostonglobe.com/arts/theater-dance/2016/05/05/new-opera-adds-its-voice-debate-transgender-rights/eKjrBqlfCwRKFpbZptQhel/story.html>

“An incredibly talented ensemble...a pivotal [work]”

The Daily Tar Heel

<http://www.dailytarheel.com/blog/canvas/2016/05/body-politic-review>

“A compelling message through song”

The Associated Press

http://staging.hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_LGBT_RIGHTS_TRANSGENER_OPERA?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2016-05-19-18-31-08

“The Body Politic...could not be making its world premiere at a newsier moment.”

The Boston Globe

<https://www.bostonglobe.com/arts/2016/05/06/the-weekender-captain-america-lilacs-and-smoot-parade/Qfn4SsU26yW9jfkPXH3tKO/story.html>

“Commissioned, directed and conducted by the Boston-based Juventas New Music Ensemble, an incubator for new music and emerging composers, The Body Politic is the work of Leo Hurley and Charles Osborne, a musical theatre songwriting duo of University of North Carolina School of the Arts alumni”

Broadway World

<http://www.broadwayworld.com/boston/article/Transgender-Opera-THE-BODY-POLITIC-to-Premiere-in-Boston-be-Performed-for-NC-State-Legislature-20160518>

HEADLINES FROM FEATURES

Transgender-themed opera coming to Legislative Building

Raleigh News & Observer

<http://www.newsobserver.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/under-the-dome/article72857032.html>

Transgender opera performed at NC General Assembly

WNCN (CBS)

<http://wncn.com/2016/05/19/transgender-opera-performed-at-nc-general-assembly/>

UNC School of the Arts grads bring transgender opera to NC legislature

Raleigh News & Observer

<http://www.newsobserver.com/entertainment/arts-culture/article77438882.html>

Transgender opera, "The Body Politic," to be performed Thursday at the N.C. Legislature

The Winston-Salem Journal

http://www.journalnow.com/relishnow/the_arts/transgender-opera-the-body-politic-to-be-performed-thursday-at/article_fe7987d3-522b-5cee-8d37-19663baccb0a.html

Tomorrow's Symphony Concert with Itzhak Perlman Canceled, Transgender Opera to Be Performed at the State Legislature Thursday

IndyWeek

<http://www.indyweek.com/music/archives/2016/05/17/tomorrows-symphony-concert-with-itzhak-perlman-canceled-transgender-opera-to-be-performed-at-the-state-legislature>

N.C. general assembly gets musical

The Daily Tar Heel

<http://www.dailytarheel.com/article/2016/05/n-c-general-assembly-gets-musical>

The Body Politic: UNCSA Alumni Use Opera To Fight HB2

WFDD88.5 (NPR)

<http://www.wfdd.org/story/body-politic-uncsa-alumni-use-opera-fight-hb2>

UNC School of the Arts Alumni Fight HB 2 Today with a Trans Rights Opera

The Independent Weekly

<http://www.indyweek.com/music/archives/2016/05/19/unc-school-of-the-arts-alumni-fight-hb-2-today-with-a-trans-rights-opera>

Opera Comes To The NCGA

WUNC North Carolina Public Radio (NPR): The State of Things

<http://wunc.org/post/opera-comes-ncga#stream/0>

ARTivist Episode 1 - The Body Politic

ARTivist

<http://www.blackfeltcap.com/artivistblog/2016/5/5/artivist-episode-1-the-body-politic>