

# the Lyric Letter

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News of the  
Denver Lyric Opera Guild

## President's Message:



Hello to all members of the Denver Lyric Opera Guild. As I was preparing my article for this issue of the Lyric Letter I wondered where the summer has gone. It seems like only yesterday we held our annual meeting and our new DLOG year began.

The summer party at Mt. Vernon was outstanding. A BIG thank you to Sandra Corriere and Leigh MacLay for all their efforts in presenting such a super affair. The musical program they had arranged further emphasized the beauty of opera and song, plus its effects on those who appreciate such talents.

I was informed by Carole Cruson who coordinated our annual visit to the Central City Opera "that all went well and all those in attendance had a great time". Unfortunately I was unable to attend due to two cataract surgeries and as they say "not being with it" to enjoy the production.

As we approach the season of celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, plus our Opera on Tuesdays, I wish to ask all members to please be prompt in returning your responses by the due date to these activities. Your quick turnaround of these responses definitely makes it a lot easier for those in charge of planning.

I want to wish you all a happy forthcoming fall and football season and hope to see you at our gatherings throughout the year.

Enjoy opera and music, it makes the day a happy occasion.

Dick Bronowski

President

## 50th Anniversary Gala

September 12, 2015

5:30 p.m. — Cost \$90.00 per person

Lakewood Country Club

## Opera on Tuesday, October 6, 2015

It's time for the 2015/2016 Opera on Tuesday season to begin! Come celebrate our first event with all of your friends at DLOG. We have Colorado State University, Department of Music singing for us, sure to be a terrific performance.

11:00 am — Program, 12:00 noon — Lunch

Cost \$35.00

The luncheon will be held at Denver Country Club, 1700 East 1st Ave, Denver, 80218.

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED no later than Thursday, October 1, 2015.**

Mail checks to Mary Sharon Wells, 3081 Kendrick St, Golden, CO 80401-1335 or pay through PayPal on the DLOG website: [www.denverlyricoperaguild.org](http://www.denverlyricoperaguild.org)

## Opera on Tuesday, November 3, 2015

Come enjoy time with your DLOG friends at Pinehurst Country Club in November. We have another wonderful performance lined up with Colorado University Boulder, The Eklund Opera Program. Don't miss the opportunity to hear these talented singers!

11:00 am — Program, 12:00 noon — Lunch

Cost \$35.00

Pinehurst Country Club is located at 6255 West Quincy Ave, Denver, 80235.

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED no later than Thursday, October 29, 2015.**

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## **Opera on Tuesday**

Opera on Tuesday assists Denver Lyric Opera Guild's mission of encouraging and supporting young singers while exposing members to up and coming performers. The singers have an opportunity to be in front of an audience where they can showcase their talents. DLOG members have the opportunity to further their knowledge of opera and appreciation for opera.

Opera on Tuesday is the perfect way to enjoy a nice meal at a beautiful location while listening to a really special performance. Each month we invite singers from different Colorado Universities to come do a program. In April the winners from our Annual Competition put the program together, always an incredible treat to hear them sing.

We hear truly talented singers, it's a joy to watch them grow and rise up to a professional level as they learn. We often see them again in other performances or in our Annual Competition. Seeing an opera where the performers are familiar makes it even more meaningful; Opera on Tuesday allows us to get to know some of these people.

Coming to Opera on Tuesday gives our members and guests a chance to get to know one another and enjoy the company of friends. Coming to Opera on Tuesday also gives our members and guests a chance to have a delicious meal in a comfortable, elegant setting. It's a unique opportunity to see and hear wonderful performances in a smaller setting. Join us for Opera on Tuesday each month, you'll have a wonderful experience and a great time!

Nicole Campbell  
VP Education



## **Membership-Let's Talk It Up!!**

As we start this 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year for DLOG, we stand at 185 members. Membership is the sustaining element of any organization and I would like to encourage all of our members to help boost the roster. How? Inform your friends about our mission to *support young Colorado singers* in pursuit of an opera career. Let them know that knowledge of opera is not a requirement. Invite them to attend one of our Opera on Tuesday events so they may hear the wonderful voices and enjoy the camaraderie of our mission. Greet new members with enthusiasm. We have a challenging and worthy objective of continuing to fulfill the original goal for our Denver Lyric Opera Guild. Your participation is of enormous value to the life of this organization. Thank you.

*Questions:* ask any Board Member or contact me:

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**OPERA ON TUESDAY EVENTS 2015-2016****Nicole Campbell, Vice-president of Education**

Reservations will be accepted by check or PayPal only

Please make checks payable to DLOG and mail to:

**Mary Sharon Wells**

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PayPal-DLOG website: [denverlyricoperaguild.org](http://denverlyricoperaguild.org)**Tuesday, October 6, 2015****Reservation Deadline — October 1, 2015****11:00 a.m.-program, 12:00 Noon-lunch****DENVER COUNTRY CLUB**

1700 East First Avenue

Denver, CO 80218

**FEATURING:** CSU Department of Music

Cost: \$35.00

**Tuesday, November 3, 2015****Reservation Deadline — October 29, 2015****11:00 a.m.-program, 12:00 Noon-lunch****PINEHURST COUNTRY CLUB**

6255 West Quincy Avenue

Denver, CO 80235

**FEATURING:** The Eklund Opera Program at CU

Cost: \$35.00

**Tuesday, December 1, 2015****Reservation Deadline — November 25, 2015****11:00 a.m.-program, 12:00 Noon-lunch****CHERRY HILLS COUNTRY CLUB**

4125 South University Blvd.

Cherry Hills Village, CO 80113

**FEATURING:** UNC Opera Theatre

Cost: \$35.00

**Tuesday, January 5, 2016****Reservation Deadline — December 31, 2015****11:00 a.m.-program, 12:00 Noon-lunch****DENVER COUNTRY CLUB**

1700 East First Avenue

Denver, CO 80218

**FEATURING:** Greg Carpenter "What goes into putting on an Opera"

Cost: \$35.00

**Tuesday, April 5, 2016****Reservation Deadline — March 31, 2016****10:30 a.m.-social time, 11:00 a.m.-program, 12:00 Noon-lunch****PINEHURST COUNTRY CLUB**

6255 West Quincy Avenue

Denver, CO 80235

**FEATURING:** 2016 COMPETITION WINNERS

Cost: \$40.00

**Tuesday, May 3, 2016 — ANNUAL MEETING****Reservation Deadline — April 28, 2016****10:30 a.m.-Annual meeting, 11:30 a.m.-Social time, 12:00 Noon-Program followed by lunch****LAKEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB**

6800 West 10th Avenue

Lakewood, CO 80214

**FEATURING:** Lamont School of Music, University of Denver

Cost: \$35.00

## ***SOME SUMMER PARTY ATTENDEES***



Leigh Maclay  
Sandra Corriere



Kevin Hughes, Jennifer Heglin, Mavis Brisse  
Barbara Hughes, Susan Pientka, Mary Polak



Bill Maclay, Winston Hill, Jean Krusemark, Mike and  
Mary Jo Weiker



Lyn Barber, Helen Santilli, Joan Burdick, Barbara  
Skramstad



Robert Graham



Gene Young, Carol Hoffman, Dick  
Bronowski, Marie Wheatley, Evelyn and  
John Kwaak



Robert Graham, Lynne Harrington, Barbara  
Walton, Marleen Diamond, Crystal Sundet



Back: Jackie Writz, Scott Finlay  
Front: Georgia Becker, Yette Gruenier



Nicole Campbell, Phyllis Wicklund, Natale  
Campbell, Mary Bahde



Linda Levin, Becky Gantner, Karen  
Saliman, Rob Natelson



Marlis and Shirley Smith



***FUN AND SUPPORT—***

DLOG LIVERPOOL is available to any of you who would enjoy playing this easy, fun card game that takes five minutes to learn. Not only do we have lunch at a restaurant chosen by that month's hostess, but we support young singers at the Competition with a \$10.00 donation to an award each time we meet.

When – the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month except December and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in November

Where – the hostess each month will contact you with all of the details

Why – help young singers with your donation and socialize with other lovers of opera

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT BARB SKRAMSTAD, 303-766-2534, barb80skram@outlook.com

***DLOG CENTRAL CITY OPERA TOUR***

Sixteen Guild members and two guests trekked to Central City via carpools on July 29 to see La Traviata for the first time or to experience it once again. The opera house was packed and the production apparently did not disappoint. The matinee was not until 2:30 p.m. leaving time for a leisurely lunch at the "Rouge" restaurant in the Teller House now operated by Kevin Taylor during the summer opera festival. Additionally there was also ample time before the opera began to visit the Stable for the pre-opera talk, to enjoy the mountain air in the flower garden areas and do a little shopping.....a most delightful outing.

***WELCOME NEW MEMBERS***

Louise Barish	Neal Engel
Winston Hill	Dr. Dennis Jackson
Aida Nabighian	Galen Stockton-Moore
Helen Ward	

Address, phone and email information for these new members will be found in your 2015-2016 Roster.

Say hello at the next DLOG event,

***SUMMER PARTY SUPER AFFAIR***

Central City's La Traviata starring cast members Ryan MacPherson and Troy Cook accompanied by Steven Aquilone

Arbues on the tained diners from La Traviata, and Broadway



Steven Aquilone piano enter- with selections other operas productions.

Good food and fellowship added to the Guild's annual membership recruitment event. Say thanks to Chairman Sandra Corriere Leigh Maclay and those assisting in the staging of this wonderful day in the

***In Memoriam***

*DLOG Extends sympathy to the family and friends of*

**Sherry Sargent**

**Marvin Stone**

***HAVE YOU INVITED A FRIEND TO JOIN YOU AT A  
DLOG FUNCTION???***

**COMPETITION FOR COLORADO  
SINGERS EVENTS CALENDAR**

**FEBRUARY 6, 2016**

LOUISE C. CONTER MASTER CLASS  
9:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. in Choir Room  
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
4500 E. Hampden Ave. at S. Dahlia St.  
Cherry Hills Village, Co. 80113

**FEBRUARY 13, 2016**

PRELIMINARY COMPETITION  
9:00 A.M.—5:00 P.M.  
Bethany Lutheran Church

**MARCH 5, 2016**

FINAL COMPETITION  
1:00 P.M.—5:00 P.M.  
Bethany Lutheran Church

**MARCH 5, 2016**

JUDGES' RECEPTION

***Opera Quotes***

Wagner: "Don't look at the trombones. It only encourages them."

Beethoven: "Music should strike fire from the heart of man, and bring tears from the eyes of woman."

Rossini: "Wagner has lovely moments but awful quarter hours."

"Give me a laundry-list and I will set it to music."

Stravinsky: "Lesser artists borrow, great artists steal."

"Harpists spend 90 percent of their lives tuning their harps and 10 percent playing out of tune."



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