



DENVER
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November 2015

Dear Fellow DLOG Member,

Enthusiasm and anticipation are in the air as the Denver Lyric Opera Guild prepares for its annual Competition for Colorado Singers. If you are a new member who has not yet experienced this amazing Master Class and Competition, you are in for a treat!

Encouraging and supporting young singers is DLOG's primary objective. The Competition is a chance for the singers to experience coaching from a renowned voice teacher, to win cash awards (\$31,500 last year), and to perform before a panel of qualified judges. This is a chance of a lifetime for many of these young singers!

The purpose of my letter is twofold. First, to ask you to SAVE THE DATES for this year's Competition. The Master Class is Saturday, February 6, 2016, and will be conducted by Dr. Robert Harrison, formerly of CU Boulder and Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University. The Master Class offers members the opportunity to hear each young singer perform an aria, receive coaching from Dr. Harrison, then repeat the aria. It is such a wonderful learning experience, both for the singers and for the audience. Also, save Saturday, February 13 and Saturday, March 5 for the Preliminaries and Finals, respectively. Let me emphasize that all three days are FREE and open to the public! Plan to bring your friends and family!

My second purpose is to ask you to contribute to the Competition. As you are aware DLOG's investments have suffered from the economic climate since 2008. Members are encouraged to sponsor an award of \$1000 or more in their name or in memory of a loved one. Contributors of \$500 or more will be listed in the Competition program (with permission) in recognition of their support. Contributions of any amount are appreciated. Since DLOG is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit corporation all contributions are tax deductible.

Your contribution check made payable to DLOG and mailed to Denver Lyric Opera Guild, P.O. Box 339, Englewood, CO 80151 is greatly appreciated. I hope you will include this worthy cause in your year-end giving.

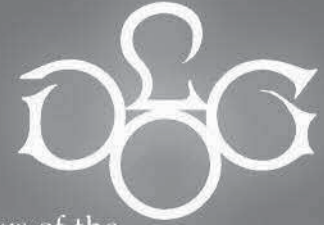
Thank you very much,

Dick Bronowski, President

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Denver Lyric Opera Guild

President's Message:



Greetings and salutations to all. This saying has been heard for years and years and I guess it still holds true. During my 26 year career in the United States Air Force, I was reminded of this philosophy, "keep it short and to the point": also known as "KISS". So here is

my report:

Our 50th Anniversary celebration in September, was, as I was told, "darn good and very enjoyable". Plans have been discussed to continue this type of event.

Your present board is half way through their elected term. We will be searching for new candidates to replace the current members. Please consider volunteering to accept a board position. If interested, contact Marleen Diamond or myself. Our opera on Tuesdays have been a joy to attend. Excellent entertainment and very good food to also enjoy. Make it a good effort to attend this activity. You will have a great time. If you are interested in joining one of our committees, please contact me and I will have the chair of that committee contact you. I wish to thank all of the members that have provided support and good wishes to me and those on the board. Thank you. As we approach the end of the year, I hope you had a happy Halloween and a great Thanksgiving. I wish you a very merry and joyful Christmas, and of course, a happy New Year.

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

Dick Bronowski
President

Happy Holidays!

Opera on Tuesday, December 2015

Celebrate the holiday season with your DLOG friends at Cherry Hills Country Club in December. We'll enjoy a program presented by UNC Opera Theatre, don't miss hearing these wonderful and talented singers.

11:00 am	Program
12:00 noon	Lunch
Cost	\$35.00

Cherry Hills Country Club is located at 4125 S University Blvd., Cherry Hills Village, CO 80113

Reservations must be received no later than Wednesday, November 25, 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

Opera on Tuesday, January 5, 2016

Start the New Year with a special Opera on Tuesday with our guest speaker, Greg Carpenter from Opera Colorado. Greg will talk about what goes into putting on an Opera, and the planning process for the world premiere of The Scarlett Letter. We'll get to hear a couple of his Young Artists give excerpts from The Scarlett Letter, this is sure to be a terrific program.

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 Wednesday, December 30, 2015.

Mail checks to Mary Sharon Wells, 3081 Kendrick St, Golden, CO 80401-1335 or pay through PayPal on the DLOG website:

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"In The Limelight . . . "

We're introducing a new column which will, from time to time, present comments from some who have benefited directly from DLOG. Your membership in and generosity to the Guild has been and is still, a unique and valuable means of support to our Competition singers and our Colorado opera programs. Give yourself a pat on the back as you read a response from Megan Marino...herself, a Competition winner (twice) and a career success!!

Greetings from sunny Florida!

"Competitions have opened many exciting doors for me throughout my formative life as an emerging singer. One of the first competitions I participated in was the Denver Lyric Opera Guild. It was through the encouragement, feedback of the visiting adjudicators and financial support of the organization that I had the means to continue to pursue my "opera addiction" and devote more time and effort to my studies. As young artists, we encounter so many hardships, disappointments and setbacks. But because of the good folks at DLOG, when those blows came down, I still had the means and encouragement to push through. With every role, concert, competition, etc., I learn and grow exponentially. I'm very proud and fortunate to say that it all started for me in Colorado."

Please send my love and best wishes to everybody :-)

Very best and many thanks,

Meg (Megan Marino)

50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION . . .



Many long time, newer members of DLOG, and their guests enjoyed the 50th Anniversary celebration of DLOG. The Lakewood Country Club was as elegantly attired as were the attendees. Chairman Jean Krusemark with the assistance of President-elect Marleen Diamond handled the ceremonial duties of welcoming and introducing as well as presenting a comprehensive history of DLOG and its current objectives.

DLOG Competition winners Thomas Kittle and Teresa Castillo accompanied by Ruth (Sissy) Baker entertained the gathering with arias by Massenet, Gounod, Rossini, Mozart topped off with selections from **Oklahoma**.

Another great DLOG even!!!



Members in the Community:

Imagine.....250,000 plastic bags = 500 blankets for the homeless in our community.

In 2009, our DLOG member, **Bev Mundil** and her friend, created **Bev's Bag Brigade**. Enlisting the busy hands of willing volunteers (including DLOG members **Mary Bahde** and **Peg Drake**), blankets or mats are crocheted using plastic shopping bags....a creative means of recycling and a caring gift to homeless centers. Each blanket requires about 50 hours to complete before donating them to shelters.

For her effort, Bev was awarded **7Everyday Hero** recognition. You can view the story on the Channel 7 website www.thedenverchannel.com/news/7everydayhero.com

Congratulations Bev from your DLOG friends!

50TH ANNIVERSARY GALA



Harry & Jane Gibson, Helen Santilli, Glo Hess, Nicole & Natale Campbell



Becky Gantner, Marlis & Shirley Smith, Gary Gantner and Beverly Fernald



Jeanette Thrower, Mike and Carole



Standing: Richard and Suzanne Bufton, Frank Stewart. Seated: Marian Colliander, Ginny & Frank Leitz



Peter Johnson, Marie Belew Wheatley, Sherry Kass and Scott Tracy



Neal Engel, Lynne & Jon Montague-Clouse

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER OPERA ON TUESDAYS



Standing: Deb Kelly. Seated: Peg Drake, Laura Gottschalk, Anne Hamilton



Mary Sharon Wells and Lyn Barber



Karen Stooddy, Schyler Vargas, Ingrid Johnson, Marissa Rudd, Lydia Bechtel, Dr. Tiffany Blake



Sara Lin Yoder, Jeremy Reger coach-(in back), Joshua Horsch (pianist), Meagan Mahlberg, Rebecca Robinson, Max Hosmer, Ekaterina Kotcherguina, Joshua DeVane



Front: Marie Belew Wheatley, Trish Mihara, Phyllis Wicklund

Back: Mary Sharon Wells, Sherri Wulf, Anne Kotch

YOUR CHANCE TO BE A LEADER

The DLOG Nominating committee asks that all members consider volunteering to fill one of the positions for 2016/2017 as follows:

- ◆ President-elect (serves on the Board for one year for preparation/learning)
- ◆ Vice President of Education (Opera on Tuesday Chair; has a committee for assistance)
- ◆ Treasurer
- ◆ Vice President of Competition (committees cover all aspects with many seasoned volunteers)

This is an excellent way to ensure the future of this wonderful organization by using your talents while serving and getting to know other members. Fun and fellowship are guaranteed with assistance from previous office holders if necessary. Job descriptions and lots more information can be found in your rosters. Please check it out.

For more information or suggestions of possible nominees (with their permission), please contact :

Jeanette Thrower, Nominating Committee Chairman
at 303-421-0684 or email: jjtsoprano@comcast.net.

—CORRECTION—

The editor apologizes to Rob Natelson and Stan Saliman for putting Rob's name with Stan's picture in the Fall issue of the Lyric Letter.

**LIVERPOOL CARD GROUP!!!****WANTED: MORE CARD PLAYERS**

WHY? The purpose of the group is to accumulate \$1,000 each year for a Competition winner's award and for our own fun, enjoyment, and camaraderie. Each player contributes \$10 (a tax deductible donation) each month.

WHAT IS LIVERPOOL? A fun and easy to learn rummy game—it takes about five minutes. Eleven cards are dealt to each person. The game consists of melding various combinations of books (three of a kind like three eights, etc.) or runs (four consecutive cards of the same suit). After melding the players play on each other's cards until one person goes out (has no more cards left in his/her hand). The people left with cards count so many points for each card. Play ends around 3:00 or 3:30 p.m. The person with the lowest score wins the day pot (50 cents per player).

WHEN AND WHERE? The group meets at 11:30 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Each month one of the players acts as the host making arrangements with a place to meet (usually a restaurant) where we first enjoy lunch (each paying for his/her own lunch) and conversation. On November 24, 2015, we will be meeting at the Fresh Fish Company on east Hampden near Tamarac in the same shopping center as Whole Foods and Wells Fargo on the south side of the street.

SO COME AND JOIN US AND HAVE LOTS OF FUN!!!!

For more information and a schedule of meeting places through June 2016 contact Glo Hess. phone: 303-340-2602, email: glo362@juno.com

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**HAVE YOU INVITED A FRIEND TO JOIN YOU AT A
DLOG FUNCTION???**
CHECK THE MANY EVENTS PLANNED FOR THE TERM

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

3081 Kendrick Street, Golden, Co. 80401

PayPal-DLOG website: denverlyricoperaguild.org

Your check is your reservation

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**New members not previously recognized**

Toshiko Mihara

Michael Simmons

New Members:**Vicki Baur**

10415 Wadsworth Blvd.

Broomfield, Co. 80021

303-324-4322

leefis@comcast.net**Sara Linden**

4505 Everett Ct.

Wheat Ridge, Co 80033

720-425-0904

sara.robison.linden@gmail.com**Roster Changes:*****Hoffman, Carol: email change to:**cahsoprano@reagan.com***Jackie Writz: add name to Finance Committee*****Mary Polak: correct phone number - 303-284-4462*****Contact person for Liverpool Card Group:**Glo Hess 303-284-4462 glo362@juno.com

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
6:00 - 8:00 P.M.
WELLSHIRE INN

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2016

COMPETITION WINNERS LUNCHEON
Reservation Deadline — March 31, 2016

10:30 a.m. -social time
11:00 a.m. -program
12:00 Noon-lunch

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RESERVATION FORM FOR MASTER CLASS AND PRELIM
LUNCHESES WILL BE INCLUDED WITH THE COMPETITION
ISSUE OF THE LYRIC LETTER IN JANUARY 2016.

DON'T MISS ANY OF THESE GREAT EVENTS!!

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