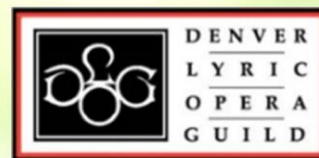


The *Lyric* Letter



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Bill Maclay

2018-2019

DLOG President

Time has a way of moving on and my year as President of Denver Lyric Opera Guild is doing the same thing. It has been a very productive, exciting and rewarding year for me.

Our second annual Flag Day evening at Littleton's The Melting Pot was a successful fund raiser. Next came the Summer Party at Mt. Vernon Canyon Club, which really set the tone for the whole year. The entertainment by celebrated bass, Kevin Langan, was outstanding and highly acclaimed by members and guests.

Other successful fund raisers included "Arias and Love Songs," held at Opera Colorado. Entertainment was provided by Charity Koepke and the Young Artists of Opera Colorado. Another fundraiser, the "Vintage Treasures" sale, was held in conjunction with the ever-exciting Competition for Colorado Singers.

My sincere thanks to all the members of the Guild, but especially to the Board Members and many other volunteers. Thank you for your support, ideas, and suggestions throughout the year.

As we wrap up the 2018/2019 DLOG season, I would like to take a moment to thank Bill Maclay for his leadership, the board of directors, the volunteers and all of the members who work so hard to make this organization great.

Looking into the upcoming season, I am excited about leading us in a positive and productive direction while continuing to maintain the excellent standards that have been established.

This organization has one main objective: To support and encourage young singers. For that to happen, our group must stay financially healthy and maintain strong membership participation and growth. My goal for the next year is to facilitate an increase in new membership, which will help us to meet our goals and objectives, while also sharing our fabulous organization with new friends. I will be working with the board and current members on some strategies that we can all use to help grow our membership and ensure the future of DLOG.

Please keep an eye open for announcements and opportunities to participate and bring guests to our wonderful events, fund raisers and of course to Opera on Tuesdays.



Mary Jo Weiker

2019-2020

DLOG President



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

The 2019 - 2020 Membership Renewal Forms for DLOG were sent out on May 8. If you haven't returned your forms, please send them as soon as possible to be included in the 2019-2020 Directory. Memberships need to be returned by July 15. We would love to have everyone renew to enjoy Opera on Tuesdays, the competition and all the DLOG events.

Please encourage your friends and family to join also!

by Marleen Diamond, Membership VP

2019 COMPETITION FOR COLORADO SINGERS

Denver Lyric Opera Guild wrapped up another successful Competition season in March.

Our first event was the February 16 **Master Class**. The class was taught by Cherity Koepke of Opera Colorado. Cherity did an outstanding job with the singers, who all really appreciated her insights. As always, the audience found the class extremely entertaining and instructive.

The **Preliminaries** were held on March 16. We had 47 singers registered, but seven singers had to withdraw due to illness. The talent level of all the singers was top notch. Our judges must have had a difficult task in choosing 15 singers to move on to the Finals.

At the March 30 **Finals**, all our singers had the benefit of feedback from our outstanding group of judges. In all, the Guild awarded over \$33,000.00 in prize money to our winners. This was only possible through the generosity of members like you.

by Karen Bruggenthies, Competition VP



Jovahna Borboa



Daisha Togawa



Matthew Peterson

THE COMPETITION JUDGES



Ken Cazan, Jacquelynne Fontaine, Alex Richardson

2019 Competition Winners



Matthew Peterson,
Griffin Hogan Tracy

PLACE	WINNER	DONOR	AWARD
1 st	Matthew Peterson <i>Baritone</i>	Galen and Ada Belle Spencer Foundation	\$6,000
2 nd	Griffin Hogan Tracy <i>Bass</i>	Kenneth King Foundation	\$5,000
3 rd	Kyra Dills-DeSurra <i>Mezzo</i>	Myrle F. Hoffman Memorial	\$4,500
4 th	Erin Hodgson <i>Soprano</i>	Carole Johnson in Memory of Mary Wise	\$4,000
5 th	Kyrie Laybourn <i>Soprano</i>	Shirley & Marlis Smith	\$3,500
6 th	Katheryne Baker <i>Soprano</i>	Bernard Polak Memorial	\$3,000
7 th	Eric McConnell <i>Bass</i>	Sherry Shepherd Sargent Memorial	\$2,500
Merit	Amy Maples <i>Soprano</i>	Glo Hess and Members of the DLOG	\$1,000
Merit	Daisha Togawa <i>Soprano</i>	Myrna Denholm Memorial	\$1,000
Merit	Jovahnna Borboa <i>Soprano</i>	Liverpool Card Group	\$1,000
Honorable Mentions	Mary Kettlewell, Nathan Snyder, Zachary Bryant, Christiana McMullen, Christine Ho		



Matthew Peterson, Griffin Hogan Tracy, Erin Hodgson, Kira Dills-DeSurra, Kyrie Laybourn, Eric McConnell, Katheryne Baker, Amy Maples, Daisha Togawa, Jovahnna Borboa



OUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Both the cash awards and judges' feedback are SO valuable to these young singers. Here are their own words:

I am incredibly honored to have won second place in the competition... The support that you and the DLOG offer us young singers is empowering and invaluable for our growth and livelihood. It was so wonderful to see you all again this past weekend.

Warmest Regards, **Griffen Hogan Tracy**

It means a lot to me as an up-and-comer to have the opportunity to sing for DLOG's awards. The time and energy (and funds) you all put into this organization means singers like me get to continue with coaching and taking lessons and traveling to auditions, and it's an amazing help. All the best, and look forward to seeing you soon!

Molly Jane Hill

Thank you so very much for everything that you do. It is always a joy to stand and sing and acquire feedback. It truly is an invaluable opportunity as a young artist in these early stages of our careers.

Best, **Jacob Baker**

This is just a small sample of the appreciation shown by our singers. The support and encouragement of talented young singers like these is what DLOG is all about, and it is wonderful to know that the annual Competition for Colorado Singers helps us succeed in our efforts.

by **Karen Bruggenthies, Competition VP**

APRIL 9 AWARDS LUNCHEON: A DLOG TEAM EFFORT

The Awards Luncheon for the 35th Annual Competition for Colorado Singers was held at Pinehurst Country Club during the April 9 Opera on Tuesday. Every Competition winner treated us to a delightful song. Then, as MC, our Competition Vice-President Karen Bruggenthies presented the young singers with their certificates.



1st place given to Matthew Peterson by Marlene Diamond



Kyrie Laybourn and donor Marlis Smith



Daisha Togawa with the family of donor Myrna Denholm

From behind the scenes, my special thanks go to my hard-working committee members who planned the menu—including Chardonnay Chicken and lemon cake—and generally helped make the Awards Luncheon a success: Lynn Harrington took reservations; Nicole Campbell and Lyn Barber served as greeters, Mary Sharon Wells and Deanna Leino checked everyone in; Becky Gantner and Trish Panze ushered members, singers, and grant presenters to their tables; Wendy Cogdal made our lovely spring table decorations and doubled as photographer; and DLOG Treasurer Kathy Hammer handled checks and Paypal. Thanks also to Nicolle Beige, head of Pinehurst Country Club Catering and her staff, for preparing and serving lunch right on schedule.

by **Maradith Wilkins, Education VP**

VINTAGE TREASURES SALE A SUCCESS!

Held on March 30, this first-time event was a huge success. We raised over \$8,500 for DLOG's mission of supporting young singers, thanks to more than forty Guild members who donated treasures for the sale.



Vintage dolls

A big thank you to the following people:

DONORS

- Mary Bahde
- Marie Belew-Wheatley
- Barbara Berryman
- Ilona Brandt-Sasin
- Karen Bruggenthies
- Lisa Curtis
- Suanne Dell
- Marleen Diamond
- Susan Dodson
- Arline Enchandia
- Joanne Fisher
- Becky Gantner
- Doris Glick
- Sherry Graham
- Anne Hamilton
- Leah Hamilton
- Kathy Hammer
- Lynn Harrington
- Glo Hess
- Julie Johnston
- Anne Kotch
- Leigh & Bill MacLay
- Tracy McCarthy
- Pam Mignol
- Kathleen Ness
- Stephanie Berg Oram
- Rosemary Prieste
- Pat and Rocky Rauchenstein
- Karen Saliman
- Helen Santilli
- Wilhelmina Stemmer
- Karen Stevens
- Pat Sumter
- Jeanette Thrower
- Mary Jo Weiker
- Phyllis Wicklund
- Janet Wise
- Carolyn Wold
- Robin Yeager
- Linda Young
- Pat Zarlengo
- and others!

PLANNING COMMITTEE

- Joanne Fisher & Marie Belew Wheatley (co-chairs)
- Pam Mignoli
- Susan Dodson
- Lisa Curtis
- Becky Gantner
- Karen Bruggenthies
- Marleen Diamond
- Tracy McCarthy
- Karen Stevens
- Janet Wise

A special thank you to David Little, Lisa's husband, who spent about 40 hours pricing our treasures.

HANDS-ON HELPERS

- Peter Johnson
- Vince Szafranko
- Phil Bever (Pam's son)
- Susan and Sandee (Lisa's friends)
- Maria Shanley
- Linda Young
- Kathy Hammer
- Deb Kelly
- Betty Natelson
- Wendy Cogdal
- Stephanie Berg Oram
- Leah Hamilton
- Geri Sheldon and her friend Maggi
- Georgia Becker
- Kathleen Ness
- Aida Souviron
- Trish Pansze
- Karen Saliman
- Patty Price
- Mary Jo Weiker
- Suanne Dell (Joanne's sister)

(Our apologies if we missed someone)

We look forward to another Vintage Treasures event in the future, so start going through your jewelry box or attic to set aside treasures for the next one!

by Marie Belew Wheatley and Joanne Fisher,
Vintage Treasures co-chairs



Jewelry



Depression glass
donated by Glo Hess



Vintage Treasures Sale Volunteers

OPERA ON TUESDAY

The Opera on Tuesday singers and pianist from Colorado State University were Gloria Choi, Santiago Gutierrez, Andrea Weidemann, Angela Lamar, Bridget Perez, all under the direction of Dr. Tiffany Blake. They treated us to a delightful assortment of songs.



ANNUAL MEETING AT LAKEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB

On May 7, Denver Lyric Opera Guild's Annual Meeting was held at Lakewood Country Club, led by Bill Maclay, President. Two items of business were considered by the assembled Guild members: officers for the 2019-2020 Guild year were elected, and certain bylaws amendments were approved.

2019-20 Board

BACK:
Bill Maclay, Linda Young, Maradith Wilkins, Kathy Hammer, Lisa Curtis, Marleen Diamond

FRONT:
Deanna Leino, Mary Jo Weiker,

NOT PRESENT:
Karen Bruggenthies



ELECTED POSITIONS

President	Mary Jo Weiker	Finance Vice President	Linda Young
President Elect	Deanna Leino	Membership Vice President	Marleen Diamond
Competition Vice President	Karen Bruggenthies	Treasurer	Kathy Hammer
Development Vice President	Lisa Curtis	Public Relations	TBA
Education Vice President	Maradith Wilkins	Recording Secretary	Karen Saliman

APPOINTED POSITIONS

Parliamentarian	Phyllis Wicklund
Corresponding Secretary	Sandra Corriere
Communications	Betty Natelson
Photographer (formerly Historian)	Wendy Cogdal

JUNE 18: FLAG DAY AT THE MELTING POT

Put on your Red, White and Blue this June 18, and help us celebrate Flag Day!

Invite your friends and family to join our fourth annual Flag Day celebration and . . .



- ✓ Sing patriotic songs
- ✓ Enjoy a four-course Melting Pot fondue meal
- ✓ Fundraise for the Competition
- ✓ Have lots of fun!

WHEN:

Tuesday, June 18, 2019
5:30-8:30 pm

WHERE:

The Melting Pot
2707 W. Main Street
Littleton, CO 80120

HOW MUCH:

Reservations \$60
by June 13, 2019

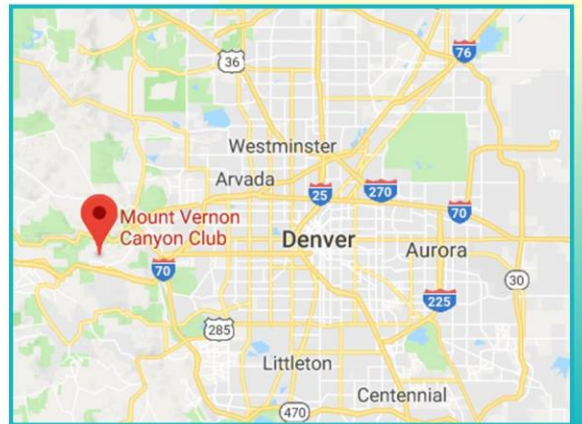
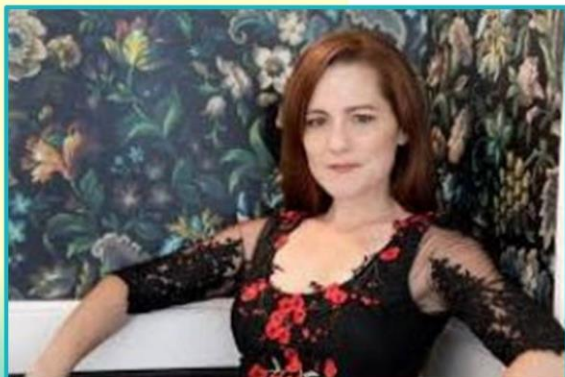
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OR
Send check payable to
DLOG to: Lynn Harrington
9997 Raleigh St.
Westminster, CO 80031,
303-464-065

JULY 9: SUMMER PARTY

We're excited about this year's **Summer Party at Mt. Vernon Canyon Club**, and I hope we'll have a fantastic turnout. It will be on **July 9** and here's the schedule: **10:30 am social time, 11:00 entertainment, 12:00 lunch**. There will be a cash bar and valet parking available.

This is going to be a blockbuster! Under the auspices of the **Metropolitan Opera, Megan Marino** – our own past winner and a DLOG member – will be singing for us. This wonderful, award-winning mezzo-soprano will treat us to a varied program of opera, Broadway and selected famous woman's quotes that a composer has written for Megan to sing. Learn more about her at <https://www.meganmarino.com/>.



Please ask your neighbors, friends and family to join us. We seldom have a star of this quality to sing for us. Save the date!

There will be no reserved seating, but you are welcome to go into the dining room and save a seat by placing your napkin over the back of your chair.

The price is \$50.00 per person. Just pay online through PayPal at DenverLyricOperaGuild.org (under Events tab) **OR** Send check payable to DLOG to Maradith Wilkins, 6194 S. Benton Court, Littleton, CO 80123 (303-795-5644). **Please indicate any dietary restrictions on check or PayPal.**

Reservations MUST be received by July 2.

DENVER LYRIC OPERA GUILD

INVITES YOU TO THE

SANTA FE OPERA TOUR

AUGUST 21 - 25, 2019

Enjoy

*Aug. 22nd - **Cosi Fan Tutti***

*Aug. 23th - **The Pearl Fishers***

*Aug. 24th - **La Boheme***

TOTAL PACKAGE INCLUDES

3 Opera tickets, Hotel and

\$100 Donation to DLOG Competition

Hotel: Inn of the Governors

Double Occupancy \$830 ea./ Single \$1288

\$100 Deposit by June 15, 2019

Full Payment by July 1, 2019

We will carpool to Santa Fe leaving on 8/21/19

Suggested \$40 donation for driver

Contact and Send Check Payable to DLOG to:

Marleen Diamond

1827 Ross Lane

Highlands Ranch, CO 80126

303-683-3609

marleendiamond@gmail.com

DENVER LYRIC OPERA GUILD

invites you to join us for

MADAMA BUTTERFLY

at

CENTRAL CITY OPERA

Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at 2:30 pm

Join DLOG members on a ride on the

Boomer Bus to Central City Opera.

Lunch is included at The Teller House.

\$88.60 for the Bus, Lunch and Opera Tickets

Deadline: July 11, 2019

Please contact: Mary Jo Weiker

303-794-7566

For bus details and pick-up times

Send Check Payable to DLOG to:

Kathryn Hammer

1690 S. Valentine Way

Lakewood, CO 80228

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AROUND TOWN

September 14, 2019 The Colorado Symphony Guild has invited all members of DLOG to attend a luncheon at Lakewood Country Club from 11 am to 2 pm. The speakers will be the Mayor of Central City and Scott Finlay from Central City Opera. They will do a presentation on the redevelopment of Central City and Central City Opera. More details on cost, etc. will be given in the DLOG fall newsletter.

September 15, 2019 The Allied Arts, Inc., will be presenting a fundraising concert in a home (location to be determined) at 4:00 pm. The concert will feature Megan Marino (who has been singing at the Metropolitan Opera) and Sara Parkinson. More details to come in the DLOG fall newsletter.

LIVERPOOL CARD GROUP

If you like to play cards, Liverpool is the game for you. It is a Rummy game which takes about five minutes or less to learn. There are very few rules. We play Liverpool for camaraderie and to have fun, but most importantly to raise money for one of the Competition grants. We would love to have a fairly large group, so we're always happy to welcome new members. Please come join us – it's a fun way to support our singers!

We meet each month on the **4th Tuesday at 11:30 am**, eating lunch at a restaurant, each paying for our own lunch. We also each donate \$10 every time (tax deductible as a donation), which goes directly into the Liverpool Card Group Grant. Just for fun, we also each put in 50 cents every time, which goes into a "pot" to pay the day's game winner.

Want to give us a try? Call Deanna Leino at 303-424-2641 and let her know you're interested. You'll find us a fun, friendly and welcoming group.

by Deanna Leino



Jeanette Thrower, long time member and past President, suffered a stroke recently and loves visitors. She is in The Gardens, on Quail at 64th Ave and Quail St., Room 251.

Feel free to call Lynn Harrington at (303) 464-0659 for more information.



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