

I'd like to welcome all our members to the start of our 2021-22 year. A big thanks to Deanna Leino, who led us through the "Year of the Pandemic" and a lot of unknowns and a big thanks to the Competition Committee who put on a great Competition under very difficult circumstances. Thanks to all our other volunteers for all their efforts.

We are looking forward to getting back to our normal activities and our plans are moving forward. Thanks to Wendy Cogdal, our Summer Party is planned for August 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Wellshire Event Center and Opera's on Tuesday are scheduled for September and November and we are still working on the schedules. Thanks to Lisa Curtis and her committee, the Arias & Jewels Event is scheduled for September 26<sup>th</sup>. I look forward to seeing you all for these events.

Please join me in welcoming a return to normalcy.

**Tom Conroy, DLOG President**

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At the beginning of this crazy COVID year I reached out by telephone to each DLOG member just to say hello and to keep in touch since we were not allowed to gather at Opera on Tuesdays. Unfortunately it turned out that we couldn't meet at all during the year.



We were fortunate to have members who excelled in technology so that our competition could take place through livestreaming on YouTube. Thus, we carried out our mission statement of helping young singers with grants. I hope you were all able to watch it.

Also, we have tried to keep you informed through email and mail “blasts” and through our wonderful newsletter.

I just wanted to reach out to everyone to say thank you. I truly enjoyed being your President this past year. I wish we could have met, talked, listened to good music, and enjoyed good food in person. Hopefully next year (June 1, 2021, to May 31, 2022,) we will sort of be back to normal. Thanks again for all the good memories.

**Deanna Leino, Outgoing President, 2020-2021**

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## **Our Mission**

**The encouragement and support of young singers, and the continuing educations of members in the appreciation and knowledge of opera.**

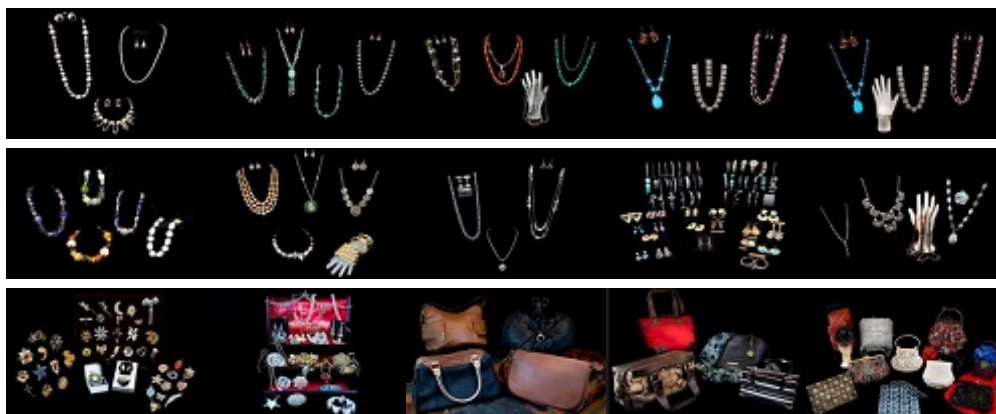
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## **Arias and Jewels is Back!**

We are delighted to announce the return of the Denver Lyric Opera Guild's festive party and fundraiser -

**Arias and Jewels  
Sunday, September 26, 2021  
5-8 pm  
Riverwalk Clubhouse  
2751 West Riverwalk Circle  
Littleton, CO 80123**

[Click here to see details:](#)



As you can see, our generous members have donated many wonderful pieces of jewelry ranging from Southwestern pieces, fine jewelry and a colorful array of costume jewelry. Our fundraising sale will also include unique handbags and other opera-ready apparel just in time to dress for the return of events we've all missed during the past year. Please note that any additional donations of fine jewelry, designer handbags and evening purses are still welcome. Contact Lisa Curtis for pick up if you wish.

In addition to the items on offer, the evening will feature beverages, tasty edibles and most exciting of all, live cabaret entertainment organized and presented by the wonderfully talented **Jeremy Reger**, truly a special evening to look forward to.

All magical evenings must end on a sweet note - you can also look forward to special desserts created expressly for **Arias and Jewels**.

Your support of the Arias and Jewels fundraising event contributes greatly to our mission to encourage and support young singers and the continuing education of members in the appreciation and knowledge of opera.

**Lisa Curtis**

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## **DLOG Summer Party**

Join us for our first event of the year.

DLOG Summer Party

Wellshire Event Center, Tuesday, August 3, 2021

10:30 Social

11:00 Program featuring Denver's Dynamic Duo Kira Dills-Desurra, Mezzo Soprano & Eric J. McConnell, Baritone, both past Competition winners

Noon Lunch

Cost is \$55.00 per person

Reservations can be made on our website at the following link: [Select the Summer Party in the "Event Registration" section of the DLOG website membership page to submit payment](#)

You may also mail a check for reservation to:

Becky Gantner  
2082 Montane Drive East  
Golden, CO 80401  
Questions please call 303-526-1260

**Wendy Cogdal**

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## **University of Denver Lamont School of Music Convocation**

It was a pleasure to represent DLOG at the Denver University Lamont School of Music Convocation on June 4, 2021, via Zoom, with over 300 participating. The program began with the orchestra playing Aaron Copland's "Fanfare to the Common Man." Keith Ward, school director, read the name of every single graduate and encouraged cheering after each name. Robert Wolff received the distinguished alumni award. There were special awards outside the university (winners of competitions), university honors, Lamont school awards, monetary awards (including DLOG), and closing remarks. The convocation ended with music: an original jazz composition called "Sleek" by student Quinn Dymalski.

Prior to presenting the DLOG award, I gave short talk about the mission of DLOG, our grants, our up-coming competition, and our website. Then with the assistance of Sara Bardill, head of the voice department, we presented the \$4000.00 award given by DLOG to DU to three very deserving voice students (they each received \$1333.33). They are Justin Given, baritone, performer's graduate certificate (he also completed his undergrad at DU) from Parker, CO; Kimberly Gnagey, soprano, MM graduate from Plymouth, MI; Julianne Perkins, soprano, MM graduate from Milwaukee, WI.

The entire convocation was well done and far from dull. It was very exciting with constant cheering--displaying the closeness and camaraderie among the students and faculty.

After the meeting ended, I received several emails from the director and members of the faculty thanking DLOG for participating and for giving the grant to the school. We are very much appreciated by the school staff and all the students.

**Deanna Leino**

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## Mary Hayes

Mary Hayes, who died at the age of 95, always lit up a room with her wonderful presence and wicked sense of humor. She was also an avid cat lover for years. Mary was President of the guild from 1994-95 and 1998-99 and was an opera lover through and through.

Before her tenure as a High School English teacher in Mapleton Public schools she was a nun for many years. I know she would appreciate any donations to the guild in her memory.

**Lynn Harrington**

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## Join the Liverpool Card Group

Help fund one of the competition grants and have fun at the same time -- join the Liverpool Card Group. Meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 11:00 am. Will start in September meeting at Panera Bread on Hampden a few blocks east of I-25.

Liverpool is a rummy-type game and very easy to learn (takes about 5 minutes to learn). It is fun to play, and the camaraderie is terrific!!! We eat lunch and then start playing. Bring \$10 each time as your tax-deductible donation toward the grant. We also put 50 cents in a pot for the day's winner.

Call Linda Young if you plan to come or have questions. 303 778 1906

We hope you will join us!

**Deanna Leino**

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## Please Renew!

Thank you to our many members who have renewed their membership for 2021-22. To be included in the updated Membership Directory, please submit your renewal no later than July 15, 2021. You may renew online at [www.denverlyricoperaguild.org](http://www.denverlyricoperaguild.org) or you may send your check to:

Gayle Landis, Membership VP  
1 Wilder Lane  
Littleton, CO 80123  
Phone: 303-810-8712

You are welcome to include a donation to the General or Competition Funds with your renewal. Thank you and we look forward to a year filled once again

with the sounds of music.

**Gayle Landis**

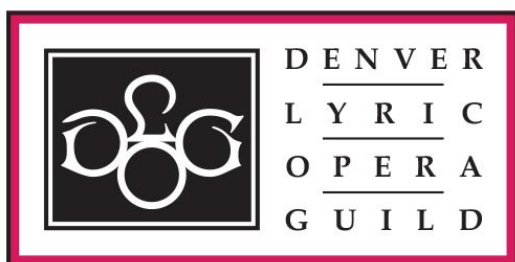
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## Competition Recordings Available

### Accessing 2021 Competition Recordings

As a reminder, all sessions of the 2021 Competition Master Class and Competition Final are available for viewing on the [DLOG YouTube site](#). Please watch, share, like, and subscribe. You can watch at any time and as often as you like.

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