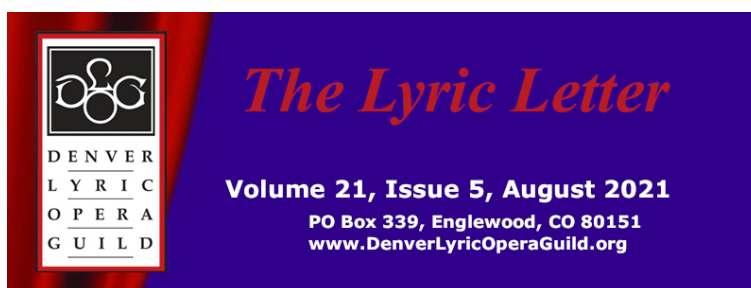


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Our season is now in full swing. Our Summer Party at the Wellshire was a great success with super entertainment provided by Kira Dills-Desurra, Eric McConnell and Jordan Ortman. Thanks to Wendy Cogdal for putting this together. Next up is our first Opera on Tuesday, September 14, again at the Wellshire. Following that is the Arias and Jewels event on September 26, with entertainment provided by 6 of our previous winners.

We have scheduled Operas on Tuesday through December and are working on 2022, assuming no changes in the COVID rules. Keep the Music coming!

Tom Conroy

## Our Mission

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

## Opera on Tuesday is Back!! Join Us!

Even as challenges remain in our month-to-month planning, we are so very happy to be scheduling this Opera on Tuesday.

A presentation by the University of Northern Colorado  
under the direction of Dr. Brian Luedloff - Professor of Music and Director of Opera Theater



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**NORTHERN  
COLORADO**

Tuesday, September 14th, 2021 at 10:30am  
Wellshire Event Center,  
3333 S. Colorado Blvd.  
\$55.00 per person

10:30am Social Time  
11:00am Program  
12:00 Lunch

Reservations can be made on our website at the following link: [Select the "Opera on Tuesday" tickets and submit payment here](#)

You may also mail a check for reservation to:

Becky Gantner  
2082 Montane Drive East  
Golden, CO 80401

Questions please call 303-526-1260

Reservations due by September 9, 2021

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## Arias and Jewels Welcomes you to Cabaret!

DLOG and ARIAS and JEWELS present a celebration of musical numbers and an exciting Jewelry sale with all proceeds supporting the mission of the Denver Lyric Opera Guild. [Click here for more info and links to register.](#)



Denver Lyric Opera Guild and  
ARIAS and JEWELS present

# CABARET

DON'T MISS THIS FESTIVE CELEBRATION OF MUSICAL NUMBERS  
PRODUCED BY DR. JEREMY REGER STARRING WINNERS  
OF THE *COMPETITION FOR COLORADO SINGERS*

**\* Jennifer DeDominici \***

**\* Michael Hoffman \***

**\* Claire McCahan \***

**\* Anna Montgomery \***

**\* Schyler Vargas \***

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

5 – 8 PM

RIVERWALK CLUBHOUSE

2751 RIVERWALK CIRCLE, LITTLETON, 80123

\$75.00 PER PERSON

Complimentary wine, beer, and non-alcoholic beverages

Heavy hors d'oeuvres

Handcrafted dessert bar

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE – [denverlyricoperaguild.org/events](https://denverlyricoperaguild.org/events)

OR

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*Participate in this exciting Jewelry Sale!*

Opera-ready baubles, Southwestern pieces, Costume Jewelry, unique Handbags  
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*Thank You for your Support!*

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## Membership Update

Thank you to all who have renewed your membership for 2021-22. Your updated Membership Directory will soon be in the mail. We have included event dates and locations as of September that may be subject to change based on Covid safety guidelines. Members will be notified of any changes as promptly as possible by email, on our website or by direct mail.

We have 165 members! We want to extend a special welcome to new members:

**Sandy & Richard Gottschalk** and **Steven Shipe**. Young Artist/Professional members **Lillian Cogdal**, **Kira Dills-DeSurra** and **Eric McConnell**. Honorary members **Joanne Davidson**, **Sonja Ellingboe** and **Scottie Iverson** will continue to provide DLOG with important media publicity and support. We also want to welcome as our special Honorary Member for 2021-22 our 2021 1<sup>st</sup> Place Competition winner **Anna Montgomery**. Welcome to DLOG!

Although our renewal period has concluded, new members and returning former members may join at any time and if you know of someone who would like to receive membership information, please contact Gayle Landis, email: [giple@comcast.net](mailto:giple@comcast.net) or cell: 303-810-8712.

Let's make this a truly great year filled with friendship and beautiful music!

**Gayle Landis, Membership VP**

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## DLOG Needs a Treasurer!

Unfortunately, DLOG's Treasurer Gary Landis has had to resign due to health reasons. Please sends Gary your thoughts and well wishes. Of course this means we are in search of a new DLOG Treasurer. Anyone interested please contact:

Thomas F. Conroy  
DLOG President  
[Tom-conroy@strategicre.com](mailto:Tom-conroy@strategicre.com)  
Phone: (303) 884-5035

**Tom Conroy**

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## Competition Donor Profile:

### Galen and Ada Belle Spencer Foundation

Legendary for their generosity, Galen and Ada Belle Spencer touched the lives of Colorado residents through their personal and financial support of sports and music programs. Today their legacy – the Galen and Ada Belle Spencer Foundation – helps sustain the activities that brought them so much joy during their lifetimes.

The foundation annually disburses grants to opera companies, orchestras, higher education vocal music programs, entities that support young people's musical efforts and training, and numerous Denver-area community groups.

Born in the same year, 1905, Galen and Ada Belle grew up in Kansas within 30 miles of each other. Although their paths crossed during their childhood and young adulthood, their lives followed different routes for some 40 years. While Galen worked in the family firm, Ada Belle schooled in opera and, as a vocalist, toured the country.

The story of what eventually brought them together is a mystery. What is known is that when the general manager of the Metropolitan Opera invited Ada Belle to join the company, she declined. Instead, she chose to marry Galen.

When the couple moved to the Denver area in 1951, they set out on a new course. Galen left his family's Kansas companies, and Ada Belle exited the stage. Nonetheless, they continued to pursue their respective passions – sports and music.

Ada Belle focused on assisting young vocalists advance their training. Among her musical activities, she judged auditions for the Metropolitan Opera Association National Council Rocky Mountain District. In 1982, she incorporated the Galen and Ada Belle Spencer Foundation. For two decades, Galen sponsored athletic teams in Englewood, Colorado. His softball teams often advanced to national and international tournaments. In honor of his kindhearted involvement and donations, the City Council of Englewood named Centennial Park's softball complex Spencer Field, and the Colorado Amateur Softball Association conducted him posthumously in 1994 into its Hall of Fame.



Ada Belle performs in the opera "Turandot."

#### Mission Statement of the Galen and Ada Belle Spencer Foundation

The Foundation's mission is to promote the goals and aspirations of Galen and Ada Belle Spencer by granting:

- Awards and prizes to individuals who demonstrate outstanding musical talent, especially singing
- Donations to institutions that advance progress in musical performance
- Financial assistance to established musical, artistic and beneficial organizations that educate and enhance the well-being of all citizens of the community.

Recognizing that the mission of DLOG and the Galen and Ada Belle Spencer Foundation are perfectly aligned, the Foundation has been a generous sponsor of the Denver Lyric Opera Guild Competition for Colorado Singers for many years. We are profoundly grateful for their continued support.

**Karen Bruggenthies**

## Liverpool Card Group Starts September 28th

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**

## Mary Huettner Grimm



May 31, 1924 - June 12, 2021. Mary was passionate about music, opera, the arts, her Creator, and helping/educating others. She had an enthusiasm for life that was unmatched. Fiercely independent, she lived an uncommon life in the 50's and 60's as a career woman, teaching in schools, as well as private lessons in vocal performance, violin, viola, and piano.

Mary lived a life of service to others and spent much of her time volunteering and raising funds for charity through organizations with which she was involved. She was a 50 year member of Alpha Delta Kappa, a teachers sorority and was very active in their altruistic causes. She also had been a member of the Intl Society for Women Educators, Opera Colorado, Denver Lyric Opera, and the Metropolitan Opera Guild. In later years she was very instrumental in promoting the Asian Performing Arts of Colorado. For more on Mary's story, [please click here](#).

From Deanna Leino:

Mary was a long-time DLOG member until she became ill a few years ago. She started the group called "Liverpool Ladies" to provide one of the DLOG Competition grants. A few years ago we changed the name to the "Liverpool Card Group" and we still meet today.

Deanna Leino

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## Opera Around to Town



Saturday, August 28, 6 to 8pm, Colorado's Opera on Tap presents their Farm Opera Picnic.  
Wednesday, September 1, 8pm, Opera on Tap makes their debut in Colorado Springs.

[Click here for all Opera on Tap Details and Registration.](#)



The 2021 Central City Plein Air Festival will take place on Saturday, September 25 and Sunday, September 26, 2021.

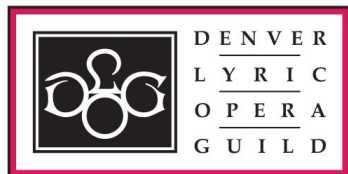
Observe artists at work, and enjoy activities for the whole family! More than twenty specially selected artists from across the country travel to Central City this September to paint the incomparable Colorado scenery and historic atmosphere. [Click here for details!](#)

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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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