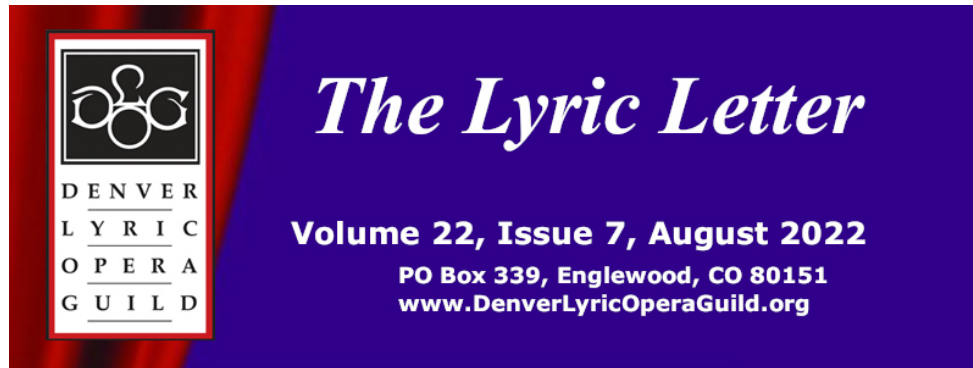


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Greetings from your President:

Happy rainy day! It is such a beautiful rain as I write these notes. I hope you are having a wonderful summer full of your "favorite things" as the song goes.

We had a wonderful Summer Party on August 7, put together by Becky Gantner, Lisa Curtis, Marleen Diamond and Gayle Landis. The attendance was excellent with 130 persons enjoying food and superb entertainment provided by former DLOG Competition participants, a friend of DLOG and a CU faculty member which was directed by Jeremy Reger. Thank you to the committee and all you attended. It was a special evening!

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Opera on Tuesday luncheon on September 13 at the Columbine Country Club. The University of Northern Colorado Opera program will be providing the program.

Karen Bruggenthies has an article in the newsletter regarding some regional trips for members who want to go as a group to some university opera program productions. I invite you to visit this article and seriously consider seeing some of our future stars and competition singers in action.

The board will be holding meetings this fall and you as members are welcome to attend as well as offer your comments to the workings and growth of DLOG as we focus on the development and support of the art of singing.

The next board meeting is September 12 at 10:00 am - 11:30 am at the Englewood Public Library, located at 1100 Englewood Parkway, Englewood, CO.

Enjoy the rest of your summer before the Labor Day break. I look forward to seeing you September 13 at the Opera on Tuesday Luncheon.

Dennis Jackson
President DLOG 2022-23

Our Mission

Denver Lyric Opera Guild's mission is to support and encourage young opera singers through grants to University Opera Programs and Young Artist Programs; to provide continuing education for members' appreciation and knowledge of opera; and by sponsoring an annual Competition for Colorado Opera Singers.

Silver Circuit Summer Party Delights Members and Guests!



Over 130 members and guests enjoyed a fun-filled evening of delightful and educational entertainment written and produced by CU's Dr. Jeremy Reger. Jeremy introduced each performance with a bit of history on Colorado's Silver Circuit mountain opera houses and the diverse entertainment they offered.

The cast of singers included celebrated star Marcia Ragonetti, CU voice professor Andrew Garland, and 2022 Competition winners and finalists Lauren Bumgarner, Jenna Clark, Tessa McQueen and Paul Wolf.

Staging for the performances included replicas of hand-painted scenery discovered in 2020 at the Leadville Tabor Opera House.

Over 40 guests of our members attended, and some joined the Guild that evening. We hope those of you who brought guests will encourage them to join the Guild and our mission to support and encourage young opera singers.

Many thanks to the Summer Party Committee: Becky Gantner, Lisa Curtis, Gayle Landis and Marleen Diamond,

and our Sponsors: Gary & Gayle Landis, Kathy & Peter Van Arsdale, Kevin O'Connor, Becky & Gary Gantner, Lisa Curtis Dennis Jackson, Linda Bjelland, Linda & Gene Young, Karen Bruggenthies and Jackie Writz.



Happy Birthday Anne Kotch!!

Above: A surprised Anne celebrates her 100th at the DLOG Summer Party 2022.

Below: DLOG Members and Guests Pose for Summer Party Photos

Photos courtesy of Linda Young, Gayle Landis, Becky Gantner





Opera on Tuesdays Returns! September 13th, 2022



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The first Opera on Tuesday of the 2022-23 season kicks off our fall events. Come and enjoy performances by the University of Northern Colorado Opera Theater.

This event will be held Tuesday, September 13th,
10:30am at the Columbine Country Club, 17 Fairway Lane, Littleton, CO 80123

10:30 AM Social Hour / 11:00 Program / 12:00 Lunch – \$55.00

[Click Here to Register](#)

The Sketch Behind the Scenery



When the ever-creative Jeremy Reger suggested **The Silver Circuit** program for the Summer Party, we were taken back to the early years when 'culture' was just beginning to appear in towns generally better known for their saloons and dance halls.

Each early Colorado opera house has a unique story to tell but one thing they had in common during the late Victorian era was scenery hand painted by traveling artists. Many of you may have read about the discovery in 2020 of rare hand painted scenery in the attic of the Leadville Tabor Opera House where it had been stored and overlooked for 100 years. The discovery received national attention and is a true Colorado treasure. Much of it was painted by a well-known artist of the era, T. Frank Cox. As good fortune would have it, there were many little surprises slipped into unexpected places by the good-humored and slightly mischievous Frank Cox. The photo left is a pencil sketch of himself from the late 1800s penciled onto the back of a piece of his scenery. What a delight to see the artist himself with his paints and brushes off to work on another production. If you are interested in learning more and seeing additional photos of the [Tabor Opera House Scenery](#) visit the [Tabor Opera House website](#).

Gayle Landis
Education Vice President

Creede Musical Arts Collective Inaugural Concert Series

Colorado has a new music festival and it has opera! Many DLOG members may remember Competition singer and past DLOG member [Megan Marino](#). Megan (pictured left), along with her baritone husband [Michael Mayes](#) have founded the [Creede Musical Arts Collective](#) in the old mining town of Creede. The first of the inaugural concert series was held the weekend of August 12-14 in the stunning mountain town. If you missed the first concerts, fear not, as the second round will be going on Labor Day weekend Sept 2-4, with plans to make this an annual concert series.

Megan and Michael bring incredible talent to these concerts not only of themselves, but also of the professionals and friends they attract. The first concert night in the acoustically gorgeous Creede Sunnyside Chapel featured soprano [Alexandra Lobianco](#) as well as Megan. Also performing on marimba was [Gregory Zuber](#), the Principal Percussionist for the MET Orchestra, his partner and flutist [Patricia Wolf Zuber](#), and your friend and mine on piano [Jeromy Reger](#) (he is indeed everywhere). Arias performed included Puccini's "Vissi d'arte" and "Un bel di vedremo". Debussy pieces were performed on marimba and flute with Mr. Reger accompanying and soloing on piano.



As most singers and performers had just come from Santa Fe Opera (7000ft) and were "taking a break" to sing in Creede (8800ft), a situation straight from an opera played out on day two. Unfortunately, the main soprano could not continue and required vocal rest. This put Megan, who had not been planning on it, in the position of covering the bulk of the vocal work. But wouldn't you know, a young singer was in the audience. Nisha Caiozzi, DLOG member, this author's daughter, and 4th year vocal undergrad at Oberlin, stepped forward and volunteered pieces she'd been working on. As is often remarked..."showing up is 80 percent of life" and to utter amazement, they put the rookie in. Although this was a festival in Creede and not opening night at La Scala, the tension and uncertainty were palpable. To continue the evening, Nisha and Megan performed a duet of "Barcarolle" ("Belle nuit") from *Les contes d'Hoffmann* to much applause and the show went on. The third and final day involved an outdoor concert in the park with singers Megan, Nisha, Emily Murdock, and Michelle Richardson with accompaniment by the Zubers, Jeromy Reger, and accordionist Debbie Whitmore. Of note to DLOG members, Emily is the current Central City Education and Community Programs Director and Podcast Host. Like Megan, she was a multi-year DLOG Competition Finalist (2015, 2012). Colorado is truly blessed to have this new music showcase.



Ian T. Caiozzi
DLOG Communications Chair

Watch the "*El Rebelde*" Album Launch

On August 5, 2022 Art Song Colorado launched a new album "*El Rebelde*", starring Andrew Garland, Jeremy Reger, Javier Abreu performing works by Gabriela Frank and Dmitri Shostakovich.



The album includes the world-premiere recording of Cantos de Cifar y el Mar Dulce (Songs of Cifar and the Sweet Sea) by Gabriela Frank, works that Andrew has performed across the country.

[Watch the recorded album launch here and help support Art Song Colorado.](#)

DLOG Field Trips

This year Denver Lyric Opera Guild will be offering our members access to informal "field trips" to area opera events. The primary focus will be on productions from those organizations receiving grants from the Guild but,

from time to time, other fun opera related events may be offered. Transportation to each of these events will be either carpool or self-drive. These outings will give our members a chance to see our young singers in action, enjoy each others' company and see wonderful productions, while at the same time offering further support to these great organizations.

Details on upcoming trips will be posted in DLOG's newsletters and email blasts as they become available.

Registration will be through the events page of our website at www.denverlyricoperaguild.org. The number of tickets available for events may be limited so be sure to sign up early. Our first outing will be to CU's fall production of *La Bohème* (see details below). Registration opens in early September. Mark your calendars and join us for a fun time!



La Bohème

An opera by Giacomo Puccini

- Presented by: CU Boulder College of Music
- Venue: [Macky Auditorium](#)
- Macky Auditorium Concert Hall, 1595 Pleasant St, Boulder, CO 80309

Composed by Giacomo Puccini

Libretto by Luigi Illica and Giuseppe Giacosa

One of the most beloved operas of all time.

Visit the Latin Quarter of Paris, where an idealistic poet falls for a frail but resolute milliner. In "La Bohème," Puccini - known for his self-proclaimed ability to write the "great sorrow in little souls" - depicts the exuberant lives of struggling young artists in the throes of love, envy, betrayal and heartbreak. It's no wonder this timeless, sweeping tale is one of the most beloved operas ever written.

Sung in Italian with English supertitles.

Great repertoire, lavish scenery, amazing voices and outstanding value - these are the hallmarks of the [CU Boulder College of Music Eklund Opera Program](#). Director Leigh Holman and Music Director Nicholas Carthy bring you the best of classical and contemporary opera in these fascinating productions.

Performance Date and Time

Sunday, Oct. 23, 2 p.m.

A Survey for DLOG Members

At its work session in early June, the Board asked that a survey be taken at the first Opera on Tuesday in September. We ask everyone in attendance to take some time to participate in the survey during the lunch time so the board can ascertain some of your thoughts about gatherings and travel this coming year.

Dennis Jackson
President DLOG 2022-23

Membership Update

A big welcome to our new DLOG members. We're excited to have you join us.

Thank you for renewing your membership to DLOG. We really appreciate your membership! We hope to see more members at Opera on Tuesday's, the Competition for Colorado Singers and other events. We are working on a new Directory and it should be sent to you by the end of the month.

Marleen Diamond
Membership VP

Opera Around Colorado



Opera on the Green - *Frida Khalo and the Bravest Girl in the World*
August 19 and 20, 6pm Central Park Neighborhood Founders Green

Central City is doing two shows featuring DLOG's own Kira Dills-DeSurra at the Central Park Neighborhood Green. Free and Open to the Public! [Click for Details](#)



Too Darn Hot
August 20, 6pm Enigma Bazaar

August is always pretty toasty around here. But woah. This summer has been a whole new level. That means that this August we'll be singing the steamiest opera hits we can come up with. [Get Tickets Here](#)

Inaugural Season 2nd Weekend
September 2-4, Creede, CO

Our second weekend has a wide assortment of performers and musical styles including: pianist John Arida,



harpist Grace Browning, soprano Sara Gartland, "jack of all trades" (mandolin, guitar, bass, vocals) KC Groves of Uncle Earl, cellist Benjamin (Ben) Krug, mezzo-soprano and pianist Megan Marino, and baritone and guitarist Michael Mayes.

[Click Here For Details and Tickets](#)



Cavalleria rusticana

One night only! Sept 10, The Ellie Caulkins Opera House

Opera Colorado celebrates its 40th anniversary by presenting Mascagni's opera as a special one-night-only, semi-staged concert. The tale shines a light on life in an idyllic Sicilian village - a closer look reveals jealousy, betrayal, and secrets lurking beneath the pastoral facade.

Rebuked by both the church and her lover, Turiddu, the pious Santuzza must decide whose secrets to keep. What consequences lie ahead for the faithless Turiddu and the adulterous Lola?

[Click Here For Tickets](#)

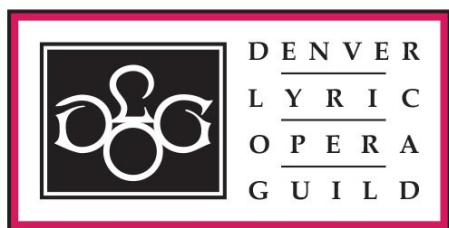


Brigadoon

October 14-23, Rialto Theater

Two American tourists, stumble upon Brigadoon, a mysterious Scottish village that appears for only one day every 100 years. While most of the villagers of Bridagoon are happy with their situation, some are not. Tommy, one of the tourists, falls in love with Fiona, a young woman from Brigadoon. How can love triumph over such

odds?. [Get Tickets Here](#)



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