

As the words from Henry Higgins song in *My Fair Lady* so aptly states: “**You did it.**” Yes, DLOG produced another exciting Competition and the “art of singing” was wonderfully displayed by the competitors on Saturday afternoon, March 18.

The judges had hard decisions to make because of the quality of singers who put their voices and souls on display in front of a good sized appreciative audience. The variety of arias was fun for the listeners as well as educational. Arias included several rarely performed. The audience got a good dose of traditional as well as the more recently composed repertoire.

So many competitions are filled with excellent female voices with a lack of male singers, but not this one! Bravo for the men who were many and performed so well. In fact the grand prize winner was a bass, the type of voice so rare today in the States. The list of winners can be found in the [DLOG web site](#).

So my friends, you will get to enjoy the excitement of these young winning singers at the Opera on Tuesday luncheon at the Columbine Country Club on Tuesday, April 4. The program begins at 11:00 am and believe me, you will not be disappointed! Join us for this wonderful display of the “art of singing”.

Congratulations to the Competition Committee headed by Karen Bruggenthies. The impressive list of competition judges were selected by Scott Finlay. They also appeared at the Judges' Dinner arranged by Karen Bruggenthies after the Competition. This dinner included a question and answer time with the judges for attendees as well as the guest winning singers.

A Judges' Dinner was a return since it had been cancelled by the pandemic and this was a welcome resumption in the Competition schedule.

As this year's DLOG Board finishes its term at the end of May, the organization is looking forward to the new leadership and board headed by Kathy van Arsdale who will be the new president. As of this writing, there are still a couple of board positions which need to be filled.

**I urge you to consider volunteering and offering your services by serving on the board of DLOG.** You will find the time exciting, challenging and FUN, working with other dedicated people who love supporting young singers and the art of singing.

Hope to see you on [April 4 at the Opera on Tuesday luncheon](#). Make your reservation now! You will enjoy some beautiful music to brighten your day.

Thank you all for your service to DLOG and its goals.

**Dennis Jackson**  
**President DLOG 2022-23**

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## **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.

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## **Congratulations to Competition First Place Winner Griffen Hogan Tracy!!**



To watch Griffen's performance at this year's Competition,  
[click this link to visit the DLOG YouTube site.](#)

And to see all winners and results of the 2023 Competition,  
please [visit the 2023 Competition Home Page.](#)



## GRIFFEN HOGAN TRACY

2023 Denver Lyric Opera Guild Competition Winner Griffen Hogan Tracy went directly from our Competition to Amarillo, Texas where he will be performing the role of Sparafucile in Amarillo Opera's production of Rigoletto. Congratulations to Griffen for landing this challenging role!

**MORE INFO**

*Tragedy*

**VERDI'S RIGOLETTO**

**APRIL 1 7:30p**

**GLOBE-NEWS CENTER**

PERFORMED IN ITALIAN  
WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES

*Gilda*

ALISA JORDHEIM

*Rigoletto*

JAMES WESTMAN

*The Duke*

ERIC BARRY

**A TALE OF FATE, REVENGE, AND THE ABUSE OF POWER!**

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*Sparafucile*

GRIFFEN HOGAN TRACY

VERDI'S RIGOLETTO

APRIL 1 7:30p

GLOBE-NEWS CENTER

*Naddea*

SARAH SATURNINO

VERDI'S RIGOLETTO

APRIL 1 7:30p

GLOBE-NEWS CENTER

*Montenero*

SEAN MILLIGAN

VERDI'S RIGOLETTO

APRIL 1 7:30p

GLOBE-NEWS CENTER

*Marullo*

CHANCELOR BARABAREE

VERDI'S RIGOLETTO

APRIL 1 7:30p

GLOBE-NEWS CENTER

*Borsa*

NICHOLAS FLOTT

VERDI'S RIGOLETTO

APRIL 1 7:30p

GLOBE-NEWS CENTER

**Join us April 4th for Opera on Tuesday  
Featuring 2023 Competition Winners!**



## OPERA ON TUESDAY

April 4, 2023

### 39th Annual COMPETITION FOR COLORADO SINGERS AWARDS LUNCHEON

Columbine Country Club  
17 Fairway Lane  
Littleton, CO 80123

10:30 am - Social Time & Cash Bar

11:00 am - Opening Remarks - Dennis Jackson, President  
Followed by Introductions, Performances by 2023 Competition Winners & Awards

12:30 pm- Lunch

For reservations visit our website at [www.denverlyricoperaguild.org](http://www.denverlyricoperaguild.org)  
Or

Send check for \$55.00 to Becky Gantner, 2082 Montane Drive East, Golden, CO 80401

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## Congratulations to Competition Second Place Winner Gloria Palermo!!



To watch Gloria's performance at this year's Competition,  
[click this link to visit the DLOG YouTube site.](#)



## KENNETH KING FOUNDATION AWARD WINNER GLORIA PALERMO

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What a weekend for Mezzo-Soprano Gloria Palermo! Not only did she receive the 2nd Place Kenneth King Foundation Award for her inspiring performance at the 2023 Denver Lyric Opera Guild Competition for Colorado Singers but did a wonderful star turn the following day as the title character in CU's fun and fabulous production of Massenet's Cendrillon. Brava to Ms. Palermo for her stellar achievements!!!



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## The 2023 Competition Judges' Dinner Highlights



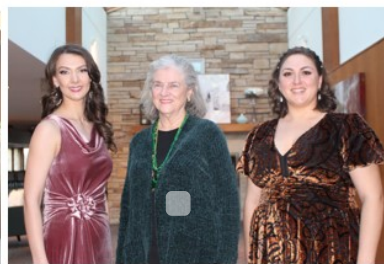
Composer – Gregory Spears, Soprano – Leona Mitchell, Tenor – Cody Austin

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With COVID on the wane, we were once again able to hold our annual Judges' Dinner and fun was had by all! The event took place following the Competition Finals at Glenmoor Country Club. The evening started with a social hour, followed by a lively question and answer session with the judges and top Competition finishers, then a delicious dinner. Attendees were regaled with entertaining stories from our judges while learning about their careers, their experiences in the industry, the business of opera, and what they looked for when judging the Competition. It is always a treat to spend time with our judges! Ms. Mitchell, Mr. Spears, and Mr. Austin were gracious, funny, enthusiastic and very dedicated to helping young singers advance their careers. It was an honor indeed to have them join us!



Cody &amp; Abigail Austin



Dawna Rae Warren, Beth Sorrese, and Gloria Palermo



Jackie &amp; Bob Writz



Jackie Writz, Gregory Spears, and Deanna Leino



Deanna Leino and Cody Austin



Javier Abreu and Lynn Harrington



Margaret Ozaki Graves, Griffen Hogan Tracy



Gayle &amp; Gary Landis



Karen Ritz, Trish Pansze, and Becky Gantner

## Opera Around Colorado



THE ROBERT AND JUDI  
**NEWMAN  
CENTER**  
UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

**Newman Center Presents Michelle DeYoung**

March 30, 7:30 pm

A multi-Grammy award winning artist, join Michelle DeYoung for a vocal recital with pianist Cody Guy Garrison featuring a wide-ranging repertoire including the work of Korngold. DeYoung has performed with the most prestigious orchestras and operas including the Metropolitan Opera and the London Symphony Orchestra.

NOTE! Central City is offering a discount for this performance. Use promo code CCOPERA and save \$5 per ticket!

[Click Here for Tickets!](#)

### MEZZOMANIA - Battle of the Mezzos

April 13th 7pm, Broadmoor Community Church, Colorado Springs

Starring: Sarah Barber, Stephanie Brink, Jennifer DeDominici, and Kira Dills-DeSurra





Dan Brink, piano

#### Program

Carmen Smackdown - the sultry temptress arias by our Divas

Delilah Death by Aria - she took down Samson, can she take down these famous arias?

Sangria and Tapas - the 7 Spanish Folk Songs divided 4 ways makes for a fun trip to

Spain!

Broadway Babies - Some of the most famous Mezzo musical numbers ever written and sung as you've never heard them!

Plus a musical surprise for a laugh or two!

[Click Here for Tickets!](#)



#### Susannah

April 28 and 30 , Timberline Church, Fort Collins

Susannah is an opera in two acts by composer Carlisle Floyd and is based on the Apocryphal tale of Susannah and the Elders. Susannah is one of the most performed American operas, second to Porgy and Bess. Featuring 2023 Competition finalist Nathan Snyder!

[Click Here for Info](#)



#### Spring Fling in Highlands Ranch

May 6th, 7 pm

St. Andrew UMC, 9203 S. University Blvd., Highlands, Ranch CO

Join Art Song Colorado in Highlands Ranch for a fantastic night of song announcing our '23-24 Season along with some of our favorite songs!

[Click Here for Tickets!](#)



#### Opera Colorado 40th Anniversary Gala with Joyce DiDonato

May 13

RSVP Today! Opera Colorado marks its 40th Anniversary Season on Saturday, May 13, 2023, with a spectacular gala celebration in two parts. This magnificent evening begins with a performance from the luminous, internationally-renowned mezzo-soprano Joyce DiDonato at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House, and continues with a glittering dinner and after-party at the Seawell Ballroom, featuring the high-energy funk band, Funkiphino.

[Click Here to RSVP](#)

# COLORADO *Bach* ENSEMBLE

#### Bach Competition for Young Artists

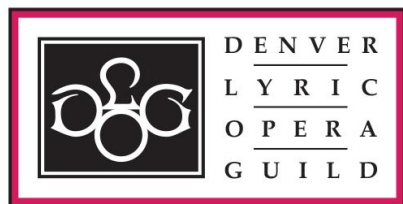
Saturday May 20, 7pm, St. Andrew Methodist Church, Highlands Ranch

For our final event of the year, we are excited to host a Bach Competition for aspiring vocal soloists from around the world interested in the music of J. S. Bach. Following a preliminary round of recorded solo submissions, eight highly qualified finalists will be selected to travel to Colorado and participate in our in-person final round, which will make up the final concert of the season. This concert will feature Bach's well-known cantata 147, Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben (Heart and Mouth and Deed and Life), highlighting one of the most famous chorale melodies, Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring. The soloists will also perform several of Bach's beloved arias from his other cantatas and large works. One First Prize Winner and one Runner-Up will be selected at the conclusion of the concert. They will receive cash prizes, and each will have an opportunity to perform with CBE in future seasons at the discretion of the Artistic Director.



[Click Here for Tickets!](#)

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