

Measure for Measure

Most of the world is returning to a Fall Routine as patterns of daily life shift as the leaves change. Change can be good. In the case of Denver Lyric Opera Guild members, we rejoice to observe that this renewed routine includes our famous Opera On Tuesdays! Hooray! Luncheon with friends! Entertainment by Grant Recipients presenting examples of wonderful classical singing! Affirmation of the high artistic values we seek to support and expand. We come away from each OOT fulfilled, enlightened, and refreshed, socially, artistically, and psychologically.

Consider putting all those [OOT events](#) on your calendar NOW so that you can plan on gathering friends and attending every one! Registration for the next event is available a few days after the last one, so you can be certain to avoid missing a deadline. Deadlines are about a week before each event. Get in the routine of planning ahead to avoid disappointment: several were turned away from our recent Summer Party because they were too late to register. The chef and servers must know in advance how many guests to count on and cook for, so be sure you're in the count! Your receipt or cancelled check will prove you are counted! Thank you, Gayle Landis, Education Vice President, for arranging these performances for DLOG members. Join us!

How about those wonderful Competition for Colorado Singers events? Be sure those get on your calendar, too! I look forward to seeing you all more regularly now that OOT is part of our new Fall Routine!

Don't you love the new [Membership Directory](#) (password is "Opera!")? Right there online. Secure. Ready to be adjusted every quarter, adding new members and correcting any errors. Great work, Marleen, Jessica Loving-Campos, and Ian! If you have difficulty with the new system, please contact Marleen Diamond, our Membership Vice President, for assistance.

Kathy Van Arsdale
President DLOG 2023-24

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.

Vive La France: Oooh La La!

Summer Party!

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WOW! What a Party!

Lots of excitement during and after our Summer Party! Gorgeous decorations with stunning flowers! Fabulous French Food designed by the Summer Party committee and executed by the Columbine Country Club Chef Jeff Kenser! Interesting selection of French wine and liqueurs by the glass requested by the Committee and presented by Sommelier Dan Goettge! Fun and fascinating French-related attire included berets, jewelry from France, attire in colors of the French flag—many conversation starters! Attentive, professional service by the CCC staff! Outstanding entertainment from Jeremy Reger and Mark Van Arsdale, characterized by over a dozen people as, “The best performance in 20 years at DLOG!” The overall party was described by many as, “The best Summer Party ever!” Everyone present can live for years with the aesthetic recollections of such a special afternoon! This event was memorable!

Hearty congratulations to the Summer Party Committee: Suzanne Bufton, Jeane Becker Davis, Lynn Harrington, Geri Sheldon, Peter Van Arsdale, and Chair, Kathy Van Arsdale. Every member of the committee was a donor to the event, as well as additional anonymous donors. Lynn Harrington's Wine Pull earned \$1075—thank you wine donors! The entire event earned \$4450 for DLOG, and a grand time was enjoyed by all!

Kathy Van Arsdale

Make certain to check out the incredible write-up and photo spread on the DLOG 2023 Summer Party in the current issue of The Villager. Thanks to Scottie Iversion for a great article!! To read the article click on the link below:

[Bonjour From Denver Lyric Opera Guild!](#)

Below are a few shots (Thanks Logan!) of the DLOG summer party. Starting from top left and clockwise: Amy Edwards (Mark's Sister) and Mark Van Arsdale. Mark Van Arsdale performs at the DLOG Summer Party. Kathy Van Arsdale does some last minute prep before the DLOG summer party. Spectacular French themed table settings.



**Sign up for the September Opera on Tuesday:
2023 Season Kickoff!**

You won't want to miss the return of...

Opera on Tuesday

September 12, 2023

To kick off our new season, we welcome singers from



University of Northern Colorado Music Program-Opera Theater

Brian Luedloff, Director

UNC Opera Theater trains singers, directors, prepares educators and brings the most collaborative of art forms to public and educational audiences. Each season they present two fully staged operas with orchestra. This season includes *Cabildo* by Amy Beach, *In the Penal Colony* by Philip Glass, *L'Elisir d'amore* by Donizetti. UNC Opera Theater alumni regularly appear around the globe. Recent alumni have enjoyed placement in some of the finest young artists programs in the country including Colorado's Central City Opera.

10:30 – Social
11:00 Program
12:00 Luncheon

Columbine Country Club
17 Fairway Lane
Littleton – 80123

\$55.00 per person

Reservations must be received by September 6
(online/mail/phone call)

Online: DenverLyricOperaGuild.org

Mail check to:
Becky Gantner
2082 Montane Dr. East
Golden – 80401

Call: Gayle 303-810-8712 or Becky 303-526-1260

Missed Connection: A Musical Mystery Adventure

The Setting: Two people met randomly in the park and really connected with each other, but didn't trade contact details.



Now one of them wants to find the other and needs your help!

MISSED CONNECTION:
A Musical Mystery Adventure
September 9-22, 2023

Missed Connection is a limited-run, outdoor immersive experience in downtown Denver's Commons Park and features DLOG Competition finalist and member Kira Dills-DeSurra!

Attendees take part in the adventure directly by getting to know several characters and attempting to solve the mystery of a missed connection. Over 90-minutes they explore the park and interact with potential connections who convey clues and stories through operatic storytelling and unique, interactive activities.

Learn more and get tickets at the following link: <https://www.luster-productions.com/missed-connection>

MISSED CONNECTION
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Sept. 9-22, 2023
Commons Park, Denver
More info and tickets at bit.ly/missedconx

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This program is funded by Denver Arts & Venues' Denver Music Advancement Fund.

A DLOG Visit With Competition Finalist Wei Wu

On August 2nd, 2023 DLOG members (Deanna Leino, Linda Young, Gene Young and Marcia Hoehler) visited with Wei Wu and his wife after the performance of Romeo and Juliet at Central City Opera; he played the Friar. A few years back, Wei Wu was a finalist in our Competition. He is having a terrific career. He won a Grammy Award and will be at the Met for several weeks this year. He was always one of our favorites in the Competition. He was also a judge for the Competition several years ago. We all enjoyed hearing his wonderful bass voice again this year. He is now living in Boulder.



Linda Young

Creede Musical Arts Collective: Third and Final 2023 Weekend!

September 1-3, Third Festival Weekend, Creede CO

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For more information
CreedeMusicalArtsCollective.org

SEPT 1-3

Grande Orquesta Navarre

Zachary Nelson
BARITONE
John Arida
PIANO

Creede Hotel and Restaurant • Sunnyside Chapel
Creede Community Church • Music in the Park

@CreedeMAC

Featuring: Denver's premiere nuevo tango band Grande Orquesta Navarre (Evan Orman, Sara Parkinson, Susan Cahill, Tom Hagerman), collaborative pianist John Arida & baritone Zachary Nelson

Join us for our third festival weekend of the summer featuring the Grande Orquesta Navarre, combining the heartbeat of an old cabaret orchestra with the modern feel of cutting edge new music, classical remixes and nuevo tango. The musicians of Grande Orquesta Navarre (Sara Parkinson, piano; Tom Hagerman, accordion & violin; Susan Cahill, double bass; Evan Orman, bandoneon & cello), begin their residency on Friday night, joined by CMAC favorites, baritone Zachary Nelson and pianist John Arida, in an evening showing off their classical chamber music personas at the intimate, idyllic Sunnyside Chapel.

Saturday afternoon kicks off at the Creede Hotel Tent with a free short-form concert specifically for children (and their adults). Artists will pick their favorite songs to share. It features classically rooted music that kids of all ages can relate to and enjoy. Shortly thereafter is a masterclass in voice with baritone Zachary Nelson and collaborative pianist John Arida at the Creede Community Church. Please let us know asap if you'd like to officially sing with Zak and John. The day culminates with Grande Orquesta Navarre: Live from the Creede Hotel for an evening of classic to nuevo tango, featuring classic arrangements, to Astor Piazzolla and beyond.

On Sunday afternoon, join us for the final concert of our summer festival season, Music in the Park (*in partnership with Creede Arts Council*). Bring your lawn chair and enjoy CMAC's Artists in this free, variety style, multi-genre show. And as always, keep an eye and ear out for our many, surprise pop-up concerts around town. You just never know where music will find you in Creede.

For more Info and Tickets, [Click Here](#)

Reminder! Mark Your Calendars for the 2023-2023 Opera on Tuesday Season!

Please mark your calendar, it's going to be a great season and, oh yes, another please, do bring a friend!

2023-2024 Opera on Tuesday Schedule

Columbine Country Club

10:30 social 11:00 program 12:00 lunch

Cost: \$55.00/person

***September 12** University of Northern Colorado: Opera Theatre

reservation due September 6

***October 10** Central City Opera

reservation due October 4

***November 7** University of Denver: Lamont Opera Theatre

reservation due November 1

***December 5** University of Colorado: Eklund School of Music

reservation due November 29

***January 16** Opera Colorado: Artists in Residence

reservation due January 10

***April 2** 2024 winners: *Competition for Colorado Singers*

reservation due March 27

***May 14** Opera Theatre of the Rockies

reservation due May 8

Reservation options:

- online website: [DenverLyricOperaGuild.org](https://denverlyricoperaguild.org)
- mail check to: Becky Gantner/2082 Montane Dr. East/ Golden Co.80401

Becky Gantner

DLOG and the Piano Issue

The Summer Party planning brought up a familiar issue to the Committee. What to do regarding our need for a piano. We love working with the Columbine Country Club, and we are more than satisfied in most arenas. The fact that they choose not to own a piano creates a logistical and budgetary issue for DLOG eight times a year at OOT + the Summer Party. The cost of moving and rental has risen from \$350 per rental to \$1400 per rental over the past three years. Classic Pianos has graciously waived the rental fee for this year due to our professional status in the community and the name exposure they receive in working with us. We only pay for the moving, which is now \$1,000 per rental, times eight, equals a budget item of \$8,000 per year. Two years of rentals and we could almost purchase a fine instrument of our own! An anonymous donor covered this expense for the Summer Party when they discovered the high cost.

What to do? The DLOG Board has discussed this issue several times. Members of CCC have asked their board to consider a piano purchase. ALL performers, Music Department Heads, and most listeners prefer the full, rich acoustic tone of a fine piano to sound produced by an electronic item, no matter how fine their digital sampling.

Some have suggested we put the issue in the minds of the membership hoping some generous soul would donate money for an instrument that would be housed in the CCC banquet room. It is also possible a DLOG member might own a fine instrument (Steinway, Boesendorfer, Baldwin, certain Yamahas, Chickering's, Mason & Hamlin's—musical ears are PICKY!) that they could choose to donate to DLOG, receiving a tax benefit. If you, members and friends, have additional ideas for this increasingly expensive yet vital budget item, please let the Board know.

Thank you for cogitating on this...

Kathy Van Arsdale

A Note from the DLOG Corresponding Secretary

Please inform Helen Santilli if you know of any illnesses, deaths or other life-changing events of our members so that the Guild can recognize them. Please call 720-520-6917 or email to sarahhelenscott7@gmail.com. Thank you.

Helen Santilli

DLOG Directory Now Available for Download!

Denver Lyric Opera Guild has a new 2023-24 online directory. It is easily accessible on the DLOG website by going to: denverlyricoperaguild.org/directory.

Please note this is a password protected area of the site so as to only be accessed by DLOG members. Please do not share the password or use the directory for any business or marketing purposes. The password is "Opera!". That's capital O, "Opera" followed by an exclamation point.

Once on the directory download page, click the bordered directory image and the full directory will be available for you to scroll down the pages. We will update the Directory quarterly to add new members. If there are any needed corrections for the directory, please email admin@denverlyricoperaguild.org.

Opera Around Colorado



25th Anniversary Celebration

Aug 27 and Aug 29, Colorado Springs

Aug 27 - 25th Anniversary Concert at First United Methodist, Colorado Springs. Opera Theatre of the Rockies cordially invites you to an afternoon of opera favorites. World-renowned soloists will be accompanied by Thomas Wilson and the Chamber Orchestra of the Springs. Joining the soloists will be our own Opera Theatre of the Rockies chorus.

Aug 29 - Honoring Martile Rowland. Join us for a Special Evening at the Penrose Garden Pavilion, El Pomar Foundation, 1661 Mesa Avenue, Colorado Springs CO 80906 from 5:30-8:30 pm that includes Dinner, Program and Singers Met soprano Brittany Renee, mezzo, Stephanie Brink and tenor, Eric Botto accompanied by Dan Brink.

[Click Here for Tickets](#)



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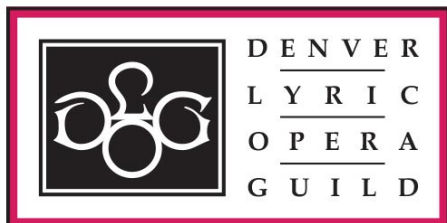
The Magic Flute By Mozart

Oct. 28 and 29, Dairy Arts Center, Boulder

The Boulder Opera Company presents a family friendly performance of the iconic Magic Flute by Mozart. Enter the magical world where Prince Tamino is confronted with strange and fantastical creatures. Tamino meets his friend Papageno and the two of them set off on an adventure to save the beautiful Pamina from her evil mother The Queen of the Night. They join forces with The King of the light Sarastro. Will they be stopped by the evil three ladies who work for the Queen? Will the young Spirits be able to aid them on their journey of heroism? Can Papageno finally find his Papagena?

Sung in German with English subtitles and featuring an ensemble orchestra on stage led by Maestro Steven Aguiló-Arbues.

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