

## Measure for Measure

Our aesthetic selves can feast for a long time on recollections of our fantastic Summer Party! Comments continued to roll in at Opera on Tuesday! Satisfying in every way, it offered a truly beautiful and festive room design with outstanding floral arrangements; elevated and truly delicious French food, wine and liqueur; a fun nod to French couture and culture; a singular mostly French vocal program of interesting and challenging repertoire; emotionally engaged and superbly executed performance that left most teary at several points and exhausted at the end due to the incredible intensity of the marvelous afternoon. The committee and performer were swept away by a tidal wave of praise for a truly memorable day! They aimed for the highest level possible, and they achieved it! Congratulations again to all involved!

Remember that psychologist Abraham Maslow, in his "Hierarchy of Needs" placed the aesthetic needs of humans at the TOP of the famous pyramid. Self-actualizing people seek "Peak Experiences" in the aesthetic realm. Don't be satisfied with a hum-drum life! Seek the exquisite artistic, aesthetic realm. Find a live performance to touch your spirit! Cultivate the values you believe in! Contribute to them in ways that are possible for you through volunteerism, membership, encouragement, monetary contribution, and participation. Reach for the TOP! The aesthetic realm will feed you. It will provide the remarkable peak experiences that we need.

How wonderful that we live in a state with a number of operatic options available at the professional level!

Our next Opera on Tuesday will present young singers from the Centra City Opera Company. Plan to join us on October 10 to hear them!

**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.**

## Opera on Tuesday Returns!

**Opera on Tuesday** returned September 12 and featured singers from the University of Northern Colorado Opera Program. The lovely and varied performances ended with the Art song "Taco Man" about the woes of getting the perfect Taco when nothing else will do. A fitting conclusion to a delightful program led by Brian Luedloff and perfect introduction to a Summers End lunch of Tacos and Dulce de Leche ice cream. 62 members and special guests attended.

In a follow up note from Professor Luedloff:

*"We had so much fun! The DLOG is very close to my old operatic heart, and I'm so grateful for your support of our students. We're happy to come anytime, and we hope your members can come see a production. I'm always happy to arrange tickets!"*

- **The next Opera on Tuesday will be held October 10.** We will be treated to the vocal talents of singers from **Central City Opera** presenting *"Puccini on the Go and More...."*. Be sure to register by October 4 and enjoy a menu with a pinch of Italy.
- **Online Registration – Time for an upgrade!** Thank you to **Jessica Loving-Campos** and **Ian Caiozzi** for overseeing the very recent upgrade to our online registration system. It had begun to creak a bit with age and needed revitalizing. The upgrade slightly delayed opening October luncheon reservations so if you have encountered any problems registering for October 10, please call or text Gayle at 303-810-8712 or email [giple@comcast.net](mailto:giple@comcast.net). You'll find the new system easier to use and we will have better tracking for registrations and payments.
- **About the Visuals!** The versatile and talented **Becky Gantner** is the designer responsible for bringing our table décor to life. She puts careful thought and attention to the color scheme each month and nearly always designs and makes our beautiful table arrangements herself. We don't have a budget for décor and to offset the cost, watch for an envelope on the table inviting you to purchase the original *Centerpiece by Becky G!*
- **November Opera on Tuesday.** Please mark your calendar to enjoy the performances by artists from **Denver University's Lamont Opera Theater on November 7**. Registrations requested by November 1.

Gayle Landis

## September 2023 Opera on Tuesday Season Kickoff Recap

Below please enjoy highlights from our September 12, 2023 Opera on Tuesday Season Kickoff! Great Opera and socializing were the order of the day for our first event of the 2023-24 season. Special thanks to **Gayle Landis**, **Becky Gantner**, the wonderful staff of Columbine Country Club, and of course the amazing UNC Opera Theatre performers under the direction of Professor **Brian Luedloff**. Bravi tutti!

All photos courtesy of DLOG Photographer **Linda Young**. Thank you, Linda!



UNC Opera Theatre – Christina Goletti (Dean), Brian Luedloff (director), Conner Williams (mezzo-soprano), Grace Lesniewicz (soprano), Reese Cruz (tenor), Junyuan Chen (bass), Joseph McAllister (accompanist)



Helen Santilli, Mary Jo Weiker, and Deanna Leino





Karen Ritz, Ian Hoyman, Suzanne Bufton. Karen and Suzanne enjoy getting to know new member, Ian Hoyman.



Lynn Harrington, Aida Souviron, Kathleen Meyer, Nijole Rasmussen  
looking forward to the first Opera on Tuesday of the year.

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**Sign up for the October Opera on Tuesday:  
Opera on the Go: Puccini and More!**

*Please join us for*

## Opera on Tuesday

October 10, 2023

*featuring performances by artists from*



*Presenting...*

### "Opera on the Go: Puccini and More!"

10:30 – Social

11:00 – Program

12:00 – Luncheon (with a pinch of Italy)

Columbine Country Club

17 Fairway Lane

Littleton – 80123

\$55.00 per person

**Reservations must be received by October 4**

(online/mail/phone call)

**Online:** [DenverLyricOperaGuild.org](http://DenverLyricOperaGuild.org)

**Mail check to:**

Becky Gantner

2082 Montane Dr. East

Golden, CO 80401

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

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## Requests for Inspirational Message

Several DLOG members, UNC Dean Galetti, and Classic Piano Staff have requested copy of the philosophical statement with which I began my presidency managing OOT September 12. That day I mentioned that many leaders such as CEOs of businesses, coaches, small business owners, teachers, non-profit managers, and many others are encouraged to begin their terms with contemplation of their philosophy. Good to review at key points in life, too. I chose the format of "I believe Statements" about

music.

I BELIEVE...

that life is glorious, and that there is fabulous music for every occasion.  
All people of all times have had a song.

I BELIEVE..

that music builds community. Sharing performances together creates  
moments of shared artistic expression.

I BELIEVE...

that the musical insights of different historic eras and other cultures can  
be ours through learning the music of other times and places

I BELIEVE...

that making music breaks the barriers between us. Being new to the group,  
a successful investor, an athlete or a beauty—the importance of these vanish  
when we hear the music come alive.

I BELIEVE...

that God communicates to us and through us from time to time as we  
sing and listen. Music offers us unique opportunities for spiritual insight.

I BELIEVE...

that through music, many students develop a VOICE—a means of  
personal expression, a new confidence, an artistic connection, a unique  
sense of self, a newfound power, and an avenue for creativity.

I BELIEVE...

in the tremendous power of music to change lives, heal wounds,  
elevate mood, bring peace, express any emotion, and touch the soul.

What do **YOU** believe?

**Kathy Van Arsdale**

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## 2023-2023 Opera on Tuesday Season is Underway!

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*

**BRAY  
TUTTI!!**

**\*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

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## Lamont Opera Theatre presents The Masters of Bel Canto



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LAMONT SCHOOL *of* MUSIC

The Lamont School of Music at the University of Denver would like to let you know about an upcoming event and livestream that may be of interest to the members of the Denver Lyric Opera Guild.

**Lamont Opera Theatre presents “The Masters of Bel Canto”**

**Friday, November 3 at 7:30pm**

**Sunday, November 5 at 2:30pm**

The evening will largely feature returning and incoming graduate students, with music from *La Traviata*, *La Fille du Regiment*, *La Cenerentola*, and much more.

\$5 for reserved parterre, or free general admission - [Click Here to Purchase tickets](#)

[Click here for more info](#), including livestream link

**Angela Mitchell**

Manager of Marketing and Communications  
Lamont School of Music



## 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](mailto:sarahhelenscott7@gmail.com). Thank you.

Helen Santilli

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## DLOG Directory Always 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](http://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](mailto:admin@denverlyricoperaguild.org).

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## Opera Around Colorado



### Final Dress Rehearsal of *Cinderella*

Friday Sept 29, Opera Colorado Opera Center

Enjoy the fairytale which has delighted generations of people across cultures: *Cinderella*. Our Artists in Residence will take this abridged touring production around Colorado for students and communities. **Be the first to experience** this production with a Q&A with the Artists to follow.

[Tickets Here](#)

### Intimate Partner Violence in Don Giovanni

Oct 11, Buell Media Center

Opera Colorado invites you to join us for a collaboration with the **Rose Andom Center** and **Rocky Mountain Public Media**. This panel discussion featuring Rose Andom Center staff, artists from Don Giovanni, and other experts will focus on the treatment and portrayals of women in the arts with a particular emphasis on opera.

[RSVP Here](#)



## Renée Fleming with your Colorado Symphony

Sat Oct. 7, Boettcher Concert Hall

Renée Fleming is one of the most highly acclaimed singers of our time, performing on the stages of the world's greatest opera houses and concert halls. She's also been honored with four GRAMMY® Awards and the US National Medal of Arts. Join Ms. Fleming and your Colorado Symphony for an evening featuring opera favorites and more!

[Click Here for Tickets](#)



## Grand and Glorious, Choruses from the Operatic Stage

Oct. 14 and 15, Centennial and Littleton

As memorable as the great operatic arias are, nothing sets the musical mood on stage like a grand and glorious opera chorus. Whether singing at top volume or in hushed tones, the great choruses of the operatic

stage provide the audience with incredible depth of emotion along with colorful costumes and spirited acting. Many choruses are instantly recognizable, like the Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves from Verdi's *Nabucco* or the Call of the Flowers from *Lakmé* by Leo Delibes or Richard Wagner's Bridal Chorus from *Lohengrin*. Join the members of Voices West as we celebrate our 45th Anniversary with Grand & Glorious opera choruses!

[Click Here for Tickets](#)



Sat, Oct. 21, 2023  
6:00pm-8:00pm  
Enigma Bazaar  
4923 West 38th Ave.  
Suite, Denver CO  
Tickets:  
\$10 door/\$8 adv. &  
students  
Tickets & Info:  
www.operatontap.org/  
colorado

## Spooktacular!



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Sat Oct. 21, Enigma Bazaar, Denver

Come creep it real with Opera on Tap, Colorado and get in the mood to celebrate Spooky Season! It will be bewitchingly boo-tiful, with singers in costume, sharing their best creepy, crawly, costumed entertainment! Costumes not required, but encouraged! Eat, drink and be scary!

[Click Here for Tickets](#)



## College of Music

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## Falstaff

Oct. 27 and 29, Macky Auditorium, Boulder

Verdi's joyous opera celebrates life, love and laughter. Based on Shakespeare's comedy "The Merry Wives of Windsor," *Falstaff* tells the story of a

witty and charming rogue who tries to woo two married women. But his plans backfire as the clever ladies plot to teach him a lesson. With sparkling music, witty dialogue and hilarious situations, *Falstaff* will make you laugh out loud.

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.

[Click Here for Tickets](#)



### ***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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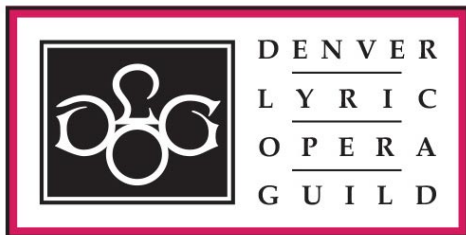
### **Art Song Colorado 2023-24 Season Tickets!**

On the web. Discount available through Oct. 20!

Art Song Colorado now offers season tickets! **To get \$10 off** of your Art Song Colorado season tickets, use the code: `seasondiscount`

This is the cheapest way to get tickets for our shows and the offer ends on October 20th! Don't wait!

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