



The Lyric Letter

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Measure for Measure

“Now is the month of Maying, When merry
lads are playing, Fa la la la la la la la la, Fa la
la la la la la!

Each with his Bonny Lass, A-dancing on the
grass, Fa la la la la, La la la la la la la, Fa la la
la la!”

Come now, former choir members, you
remember your part to this marvelous Thomas
Morely madrigal! Beloved, even now, for its
lively, joyful spirit of being young in the spring!

How we love being alive!

And while we are, we have an opportunity to give back to our glorious world.

As a teenager, I heard President John F. Kennedy say:

“Ask not what your country can do for you,
but what you can do for your country!”

His speech inspired a generation to leave the world a better place than we found it. To be a giver, not a taker. Opportunities to be a consistent achiever in this area lie all around you! Early visitors to the USA, such as Alexis de Toqueville observed the remarkable amount of volunteerism in American society, in his book Democracy in America (1834). Our country still leads the world in the number of people who volunteer, and the percentage of the populace who regularly participate in building our democracy through volunteerism. There are jobs available, large and small, at the Denver Lyric Opera Guild.

By renewing your membership, you volunteer to be part of an organization that brings beauty to the world, nurtures young talent, and provides us with a social venue to find others of like minds who love Classical Singing. Our support of institutions and individuals who build our art is very successful, and a backbone of the vocal arts community in Colorado.

Consider the small ways you can support DLOG: sitting at a table where you know few people builds our community and offers new friendships; working to make the Summer Party happen involves everything from addressing envelopes to designing a menu; Board Positions range from leadership roles to supporting functions. If you have not been asked to serve, please speak to a member of the board or committee so that we can match your time and abilities to an appropriate position. We ALL have abilities that are needed by DLOG.

Some have served other organizations for years, and feel “burned out” on the idea of volunteering. Have no fear! DLOG accepts your condition. Donations of any size are most welcome, and mean a great deal to Universities, fledgling singers, and members of this organization. If you are able, put your money into what you believe in! Support the arts!

If donation is not possible, consider cultivating love for beauty by sweeping up isolated, infrequent attendees—bringing them to Opera on Tuesday. Gather in those left out of conversation by introducing them to others and including them in the group. Invite your friends to attend and join. Building community is a worthy calling.

Peter and I believe in the power of volunteerism to strengthen our society, undergird the arts, build personal relationships, and (REALLY) make the world a better place! If you agree, accept the call to serve! Live what you believe! Volunteer! It's one of the things that makes America unique!

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.

Registration is Open!
May 14th Annual Meeting and Opera on Tuesday

Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting and

OPERA ON TUESDAY

As we welcome singers from



Martile Rowland, Founder



MAY 14, 2024

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

\$55.00 per person

Reservations must be received by May 8
(online/mail/phone call)

[Click Here to Register Online](#)

Mail check to:

Becky Gantner
2082 Montane Dr. East
Golden, CO 80401

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

April 2nd, 2024 Opera on Tuesday with the 2024 Competition Winners!

CONGRATULATIONS!
Winners!

The annual DLOG Competition Winners Opera on Tuesday was held April 2nd, 2024 at Columbine Country Club. As in the Finals, the singers gave it their all with encore renditions of many of their Competition arias. Look below for

some great photos of the event.

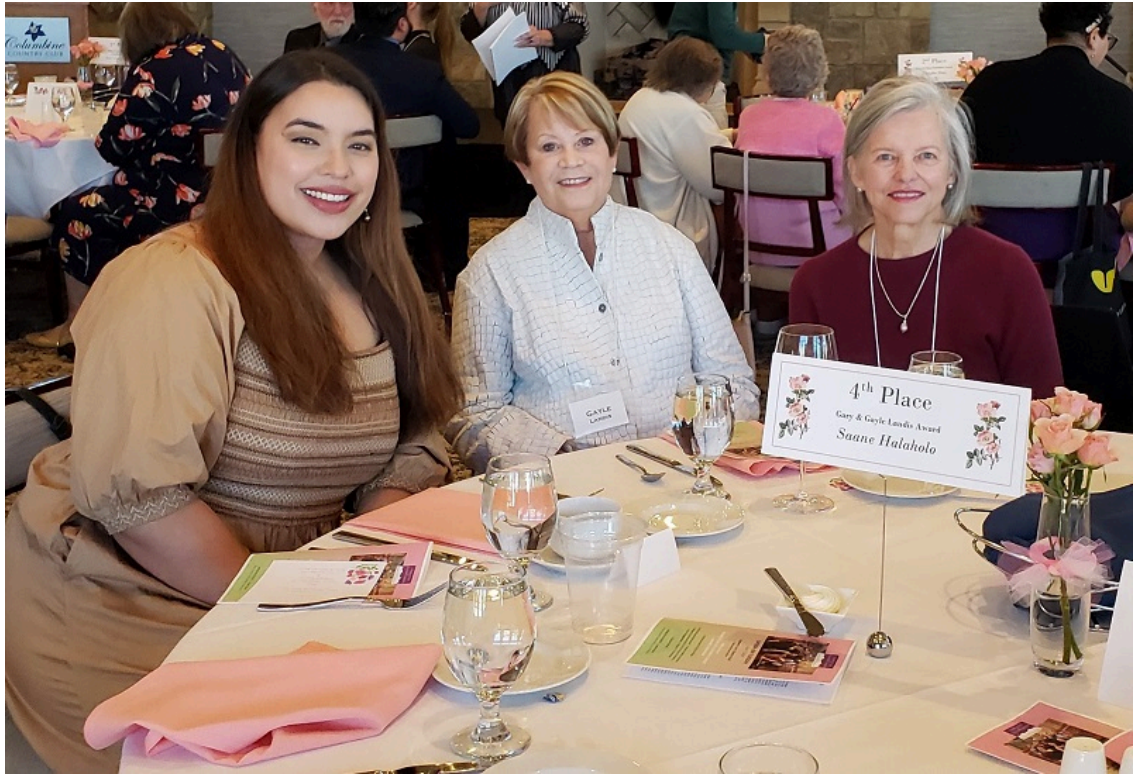
All photos are courtesy of **Linda Young**. To see more photos from this event, make sure to check out the [DLOG Gallery](#).



Leigh Maclay, Peter Van Arsdale, Phyllis Wicklund, Jackie Swenson, Claudia Diaz, Rob Natelson, Marcia Hoehler, Deanna Leino, Betty Natelson



Elijah English, Pamela Mignoli, Jeremy Reger, Becky Gantner



Saane Halaholo, Gayle Landis, Andrea Peterson



2024 Competition Photos by Katia Gelman - The Candids

In addition to the amazing official 2024 Competition Final photos taken by photographer Katia Gelman this year, she also took an amazing set of candid photos. Below are just a few. You may recognize some folks. Many more of these candid photos are available now on the DLOG website. Click below to check them out!

[Click here to see the Candid Photo Series on the DLOG Website](#)













Opera on Tuesday Notes



OPERA ON TUESDAY NOTES....

On April 2 close to 100 members and guests attended the celebratory Opera on Tuesday and had the pleasure of listening to each of the winning young singers who participated in the Annual Competition for Colorado Singers. It was a pleasure to see them receive awards and accept our best wishes as they embark on the next phase of their training and/or career goals.

Looking ahead to the final Opera on Tuesday of the season, we look forward to welcoming the return of -

Opera Theater of the Rockies

May 14, 2024

The Annual Meeting will directly precede the luncheon beginning at 10:00 am

10:30 – Social Time

11:00 – Performance

12:00 – Luncheon

As always, early registrations are appreciated

[Click Here Now To Register](#)

Please plan to Participate in the 2024 DLOG Annual Meeting



The Annual Meeting is held in May for the purpose of electing officers and transacting any business of importance to members.

30 Members constitutes a QUORUM.

DATE: MAY 14, 2024

TIME: 10:00 am

(directly preceding Opera on Tuesday)

LOCATION: Columbine Country Club
17 Fairway Lane

2024 Membership Drive!

Dear DLOG Members,

We really appreciate your membership to DLOG and hope you continue to value our events, the Competition for Colorado Singers and our mission to support Colorado singers through our grants to universities and opera programs. We would like to continue our mission and hope you come along with us. It is our annual membership renewal time. You can renew online now at the DLOG website: denverlyricoperaguild.org/membership. We will be distributing membership renewal forms at the May 14 Opera on Tuesday and will send them to those who don't attend or haven't renewed.

We would like to increase our membership! Wouldn't it be fabulous if each members brought a friend or perspective member to Opera on Tuesday's or the Summer Party?

We want to share our love for opera and music with others. We are continuing our new member campaign - One Member, One New Voice for Opera.

Thanks

Marleen Diamond
Membership V.P.

Bill Maclay

In Memoriam

We are sorry to say that Past President Bill Maclay has passed away. He was always cheerful and loved being involved with DLOG. His wife, Leigh Maclay, remains an active member of DLOG. We send our sincere sympathy for her loss. He will be missed.

An informal ***Celebration of Life*** honoring former **DLOG President**

Bill Maclay

will be held on **May 5, 2024**
3:00 p.m.

DLOG Directory

To access Denver Lyric Opera Guild's current online directory, simply go the DLOG website at: 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.

To inform us of corrections to the directory, please email admin@denverlyricoperaguild.org .

Opera Around Colorado



Lamont School of Music
UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

Guest recital: Gilbert Kalish, piano & Randall Scarlata, baritone
May 1, Newman Center, Hamilton Hall

Join us for this program featuring works by Charles Ives, Franz Schubert, and Claude Debussy!

[Tickets Here!](#)

Faculty Artists Recital Series: Matthew Plenk, tenor & Noah Lindquist, piano

May 5, Newman Center, Hamilton Hall

Songs My Grandmothers Taught Me: a program of music by Finzi, Schumann, and Dvorák

[Tickets Here!](#)



SAINT-SAËNS'S: SAMSON AND DELILAH

May 4, 7, 10, 12, Ellie Caulkins Opera House

Opera Colorado closes the season with Saint-Saëns's operatic take on the biblical story of Samson and Delilah. Samson is a man of super-human strength. He has one true weakness, and it's the sultry Delilah's job to discover it and ensure victory for her people. Indulge in a performance of stunning visuals, epic dance, and some of opera's most gorgeously evocative music culminating in a finale that literally brings the house down.

[Click for Details](#)

Departure

May 30, Studio Loft of the Ellie Caulkins Opera House

Departure will take you on a unique musical adventure. This expertly crafted program showcases the talents of the season's Artists in Residence and delves into unique works that expand beyond the mainstage repertoire. Delight in pieces you know, and others you'll discover in this exploration of opera, art song, musical theatre, and more.

[Click for Details](#)



Amuse Bouche - Skits, Songs and Silliness!

May 10, FUMC, Colorado Springs

May 11, Montview Presbyterian Church, Denver

May 12, St. Andrew UMC, Highlands Ranch

What happens when French Musical Theatre meets a Saturday Night Live skit with live music and frivolity? Enjoy music and merriment to close the Art Song

Colorado season!

[Click for More Info](#)



Opera on Tap at Brewability - I get so emotional, baby

Sat May 11, Brewability, Englewood

Sadness, Anger, Disgust, Fear, Anxiety, Envy, and of course, Joy...

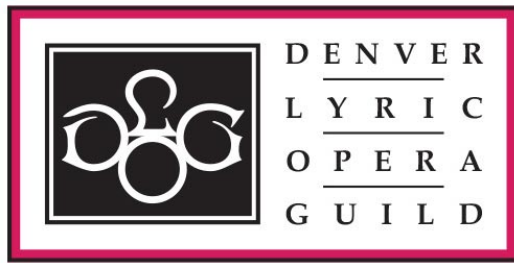
As reflected in Pixar's Inside Out, these are just a few of the emotions that color our days. Because May is Mental Health Awareness Month, our

show at Brewability this month brings you the range of emotions expressed through opera.

As even Jung recognized, our favorite stories reflect the deepest levels of the human experience, where fictional characters have multidimensional thoughts, feelings, and even undiagnosed conditions. Like us, they're navigating the path of their own universe, and through their journeys, they can sometimes help us understand our own emotions—and maybe even begin to destigmatize mental health challenges.

So, join us as we share these emotional expressions and laugh and cry with us to celebrate the broad spectrum of what it means to feel like a human

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