


Greetings! I don't have a headshot to add to my first  as your incoming president for 2025-26. I am humbled by the compliment paid to me by electing me to this position following a remarkably long line of talented and dedicated Past Presidents.

I am very pleased to list the volunteers who have agreed to serve on the Board for the coming year and were duly elected at the Annual Meeting in May.

- Karen Bruggenthies – Past President
- Noralee Bush – President Elect
- Linda Bjelland – Recording Secretary
- Kevin O'Connor – Finance VP
- Deb Roth – Membership VP
- Rebecca McAllister – Education VP

- Pam Mignoli – Public Relations VP
- Lisa Curtis – Development VP
- Competition – Open – Karen Bruggenthies is primary contact

DLOG relies entirely on **Volunteers!** so please consider volunteering in any way you can. Each Board VP may assemble a committee to assist them. There are so many ways to help from joining a committee with ongoing responsibilities to serving as a greeter for any of our events. Don't hesitate to contact any of the Board members if you would like to volunteer and express your areas of interest.

Membership! If you haven't already done so, [please renew your membership](#) as soon as you can. DLOG's finances are very carefully managed by our Finance Committee but we all know basic costs continue to rise. Please consider an additional donation along with your renewal to help offset costs associated with basic operations and our ***Competition for Colorado Singers***.

Communication! We always strive to improve communications, and our website will be getting a refresh in the coming months. We plan to add software for improved membership management and email functionality. Ian Caiozzi does a wonderful job with our Newsletter, and we can all help him by contributing articles or news of interest to our members.

Summer Party! **Save the Date! Sunday, July 20.** Lynn Harrington and her Committee members Lisa Curtis and Noralee Bush are planning an event that promises to **SIZZLE**. Watch for details, you won't want to miss this special Summer Party.

Wishing you a happy summer and I look forward to seeing you on July 20!

Gayle Landis

DLOG President 2025-2026

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.

May 13 Opera on Tuesday and Annual Board Meeting Featuring the Central City Touring Artists Recap

And we finish off yet another grand DLOG season with our final Opera on Tuesday and our annual "changing of the guard"! Our musical event featured the fabulous Central City Touring artists. Congratulations to our new DLOG President Gayle Landis and a million thank you's to our outgoing President Karen Bruggenthies. Also, thank you to all past and newly elected board members. DLOG would not run without you. Please enjoy a few photos from the event.

Photos by Linda Young and Becky Gantner . To see more photos from DLOG events, make sure to check out the [DLOG Gallery](#).



Karen Bruggenthies 2024-2025 DLOG President, Gayle Landis newly elected 2025-2026 DLOG President



Central City Touring Artists Errol-Wesley Shaw, Bella Mallow, Allison Wang (accompanist), CodyLaun, Ekaterina Kotcherquina, Megan Quilliam



Becky Gantner, Ian Caiozzi, B.J. Elliso, Rebecca McAlistair, Gayle Landis, Kathy Van Arsdale, Peter Van Arsdale, Phyllis Wicklund, Karen Bruggentheis



Bruce Budy, Julie Johnston, Jennifer Heglin, Barbara Berryman

**Please Attend Allied Arts with
Stephen West and Daughter Eden West**



Dear Arts Lover,

Please mark your calendar and ***save the date*** for June 22 to celebrate 100 years of The Allied Arts with Stephen West in concert with his daughter, Eden West, at the piano.

More information and tickets can be purchased online at thealliedarts.org/support or purchased by check made out to "The Allied Arts" and sent to:

Linda Young
934 S. Cove Way
Denver, CO 80209

Please claim your spot by June 16 and help honor the hundreds of grant-receiving artists who have benefited from The Allied Arts since 1920.

It's Membership Renewal Time!

It is that time of year to renew your membership!

Please go online at any time to renew. We will be sending out a mailer, but you can save time by going to the website and renewing now. Please give some consideration to taking it to the next level and increasing your membership amount.

Let's all try to find one friend to invite to join DLOG. We are more than just a few luncheons. We encourage young opera singers and award many grants to universities and opera programs all over the state of Colorado. We are proud to say that our Annual Competition awards the highest prizes in the US.

[Click Here to Renew Your Membership Now!](#)

Deb Roth
Membership Vice-President

DLOG's Corresponding Secretary

Hey Members!!

Do you know a member of the Guild who needs to hear from us to let them know that we are thinking of them?

If so, contact the Corresponding Secretary at the email below.

Thank you.

Becky Gantner
becky.gantner@comcast.net

A Chauffer Offer

Calling all Denver Lyric Opera Guild members in the Highlands Ranch, Lone Tree, Littleton, and western (of I-25) Centennial areas! Ian Hoyman is offering to drive anyone with transportation difficulty to public Denver Lyric Opera Guild events, including luncheons, the competition and judges' dinner, masterclasses, Encore Circle gatherings, and special concerts. No compensation is expected. If this offer receives particular interest, priority will be given first to those who cannot attend events without help and second to those who live closer to his home. Multiple passengers are welcome.

Please call or send a text to 720-626-6197, or send an email to ianhoyman@gmail.com if you're interested.

Ian Hoyman

Join the Liverpool Card Group

The Liverpool card group meets at the Riverpoint Panera once a month on the 4th Tuesday to have lunch and play cards. We have lots of fun and are always happy to be joined by new members. Each meeting we donate \$10 toward the Competition, and the winner gets a small prize. Think about becoming part of this group.



Front row: Marleen Diamond, Helen Santilli, Phylis Wicklund, Deanna Leino
Top row: Linda Young , Marcia Hoehler, Jeannie Davis, Karen Bruggentheis

Linda Young

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Denver Lyric Opera Guild relies on volunteers to run the organization. A Nominating Committee is formed in the Fall to identify candidates for Board and Committee positions for the following year. Volunteers are needed to fill Board positions, to assist with the Competition for Colorado Singers, the Summer Party and Special Events such as Head Shot Day and the recent Cynthia Lawrence Concert. Volunteering provides the opportunity to forge new friendships, become familiar with the governance of the organization and most importantly to learn and appreciate the value of our mission to support aspiring professional singers through our collegiate grants, the

annual Louise Conter Masterclass, and the Competition for Colorado Singers.

If you have a particular area of interest, please email Gayle Landis, giple@comcast.net
The Nominating Committee members will soon begin making calls, please consider volunteering!

Gayle Landis

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

Graduate Voice Repertoire presents Czech & American Art Songs

Jun 7, Newman Center Hamilton Recital Hall, Denver

This concert will feature Czech and American English songs. Works by Antonín Dvorák, Leoš Janáček, Bohuslav Martinu, Amy Beach, Florence Price, William Bolcom, and Aaron Copland.

[More Info Here](#)



Free Concert! - CCO Presents Drag Me to the Opera

Jun 15, Levitt Pavilion, Denver

Join us at Levitt Pavilion Denver for a fabulous FREE concert! Unleash your inner diva and shine like royalty with iconic anthems by a killer lineup of amazing drag stars, opera talent, and musical theatre powerhouses! This show is going to be so much fun- don't miss out!.

[Details Here](#)



Singer's Choice

Jun 21, New Image Brewing, Wheat Ridge

When given the choice, what will singers choose to sing? What do singers listen to? Is it always opera? What do singers sing at karaoke? Do we sing karaoke? If you were to ask a singer to sing the piece that would tell you the most about them, who they are, where they came from, what they want, what would it be? Come find out the answers to all of these questions, and more.. along with a VERY special announcement!

[RSVP Here](#)



2025 RSVP New Commission Announcement Reception

June 25, Wildhorse Cinema + Arts, Steamboat

Join us for a fun and festive evening as we reveal our next commissioned opera and celebrate an upcoming world premiere. We'll have wine, beer, soft drinks, and tasty bites to keep things lively, plus a short presentation to give you a glimpse of the magic we're cooking up.

[Click to RSVP](#)



CMAC Summer Season

Various Dates, Creede, CO

Our Season Announcement is in full swing!

First up:

Westward Bound Festival Weekend:

June 27–29, 2025

Saddle up for a genre-defying celebration of the American West, where jazz, classical, opera, musical theatre, and American standards ride side by side.

CMAC's Westward Bound weekend weaves frontier charm with unexpected musical adventures across three unforgettable days of performances, community, and creativity.

Three Mainstage Concerts:

- 1.) Westward Bound Listening Room Concert – Friday at CMAC HQ
- 2.) Happy Hour, Live @ Saturday at the Creede Hotel
- 3.) Music in the Park – Sunday afternoon at Basham Park

Featured Artists:

Craig Verm, baritone

Karen Rothlisberger Verm, piano

Amy Owens, soprano

Dan Weisselberg Jazz Trio

Dan Weisselberg, double bass

Iftah Kary, piano

Aleksi Heinola, drums

Educational & Community Events:

- 1.) Voice Class – open to singers of all levels, guest taught by husband-and-wife duo Craig Verm and Karen Roethlisberger Verm
- 2.) Instrument Petting Zoo – a hands-on musical playground for kids, in collaboration with San Juan Sports/Sunnyside Bar
- 3.) Sound Bath Cave Yoga – immersive wellness meets music in Creede's storied geology, featuring soprano Amy Owens and led by Jo Johnson

Whether you're a classical connoisseur, jazz junkie, or simply in search of something new, Westward Bound invites you to explore the wide-open possibilities of sound and story—where every note carries a little dust and a

lot of heart.

[Info Here](#)



The Alps Meet the Rockies

July 11, 20, 25-2, Loveland and Greeley

The hills are alive...Classical Music festivals are a centuries old tradition in Austria and Bavaria set in the picturesque Alps. We share the landscape so why not share the classical music favorites from that part of the world with our audiences? This program will feature Art Song, Opera, Operetta, and musical theater with origins in or inspiration from Germany and Austria.

Free to the public!

[More Info](#)



Let's Make a Scene

July 20, Packard Hall, Colorado College, Colorado Springs

The 2025 Vocal Arts Festival kicks off with Let's Make a Scene featuring opera scenes from the repertory.

[More Info](#)

Opera in the Park 2025: Bella Voce

Aug 2, 3, Boulder Bandshell, Boulder



Join us for Opera in the Park 2025: Bella Voce, a magical open-air concert celebrating the grandeur of Italian opera and the brilliance of American classics. Featuring stunning arias, duets, and ensembles, this program showcases the beauty of the operatic voice in a spectacular outdoor setting.

[Click for Details](#)

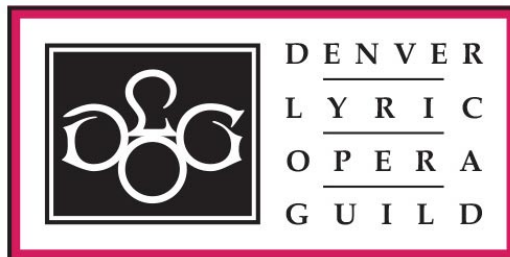


A Tribute to Elizabeth Elliott

Sept 6, Foothills Unitarian Universalist Church, Fort Collins

Join us for an afternoon of performances and more celebrating our founder

[Details](#)



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