

President's Note

Dear DLOG Members:

I hope you've had a happy summer albeit a rather warm one! Before our thoughts turn to Fall, I do want to thank our **Summer Party** Committee Chair Lynn Harrington along with Lisa Curtis and Norelee Bush for presenting a wonderful Summer Party that filled the festive room with an array of Latin melodies and a delicious menu.

You may notice that in a nod to the magic of technology, my photo was taken using Snapchat creating an imaginary image much as opera creates a magical world of romance, intrigue, tragedy and comedy that we all love and can't imagine life without. It's also a very easy way to grow a pair of pointed ears.

Plans for the coming year include continuing our long tradition of **Opera on Tuesday** with a bit of operatic spice. Our website will be getting a new look, and we will broaden our social media presence by launching an Instagram account. You may see a little more Snapchat and perhaps a bit of AI sprinkled here and there, keep an eye open.

As always, your Board remains committed to our mission of supporting young singers through our Competition and other supportive opportunities and to our generous members who make what we do possible. Thank you to all who



have renewed your membership, have volunteered your time and serve as our community ambassadors to keep our membership growing. I look forward to seeing you again soon.



Gayle Landis

DLOG President 2025-2026

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.

The Return of Opera on Tuesdays! OOT Starts September 9th - Register Today!

Welcome to DLOG's 2025/2026 Season! **Opera on Tuesday** resumes with the presentation from the University of Northern Colorado's Opera Theatre program, under the direction of Brian Clay Luedloff. Professor Luedloff will share his experience writing a libretto for a new opera (see flyer below). Attendees will also hear from Barbara Davison, new Director of Opera Colorado, and Dennis Robinson, Jr., new Director of Community Engagement. Don't miss out, register now!

SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

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 Sept 3

[Click Here to Register Now!](#)

OR By Mail:

Checks payable to DLOG can be mailed to:

Linda Rosales

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DLOG Summer Party Recap: Viva la Musica!

The DLOG 2025 Summer Party, Viva la Musica! was a resounding success! Wonderful Latin songs, arias, and food. A huge thank you must go out to our Committee Chair Lynn Harrington along with Lisa Curtis and Norelee Bush. Also a huge Bravi tutti! to our singers Javier Abreu, Claudia Diaz, and Miguel Angel Ortega Bañales. And of course Bravo, Bravissimo! to our ever-incredible hardest working pianist in showbiz, Jeromy Reger! And finally, thank you to the incredible and helpful staff at Columbine Country Club for another great year!

This year, some truly lovely photos (too numerous to include in this Letter) were taken of our event by photographer Martha Wirth of [Martha Wirth Photography](#).

[Click Here for ALL the DLOG Summer Party: Viva la Musica! Photos](#)



Claudia Diaz Strikes a Pose at the DLOG Summer Party



Our Summer Party Performers: Jeremy Reger (standing), Javier Abreu, Claudia Diaz, and Miguel Angel Ortega Bañales

In Memoriam: *Zoraide Scordo* 1932-2025



Zoraide was a member of DLOG, as President in 1987-88, and serving on many committees. As her obituary stated, she was “a woman of family, faith, culture and enduring grace”. She created an interesting, full life, with enormous accomplishments and always presented herself with that added touch of quiet elegance.

[To read the full Obituary, Please Click Here.](#)

Becky Gantner

Your 2025-2026 DLOG Board Officers

Presenting our official 2025-2026 DLOG Board:

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If You Haven't Renewed, Please Renew Before the Season Starts!

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

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



CMAC Summer Season - Final Weekend!

Aug 28-31, Creede, CO

An incredible summer season comes to a close!

Friday Voice Class:

Aug 29 12-1pm

Featuring DLOG mezzo-soprano finalist Meg Marino and bariton Mike Mayes!

Music in the Park:

Aug 31 2-4pm

Plus a whole lot more!

[Info Here](#)



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](#)



Me Alquilo para Soñar (I Sell My Dreams)

Sept 7, Montview Blvd Presbyterian Church, Denver
Sept 14, FUMC, Colorado Springs

Inspired by Gabriel García Márquez's short story of the same name, Dr. Melissa Lubecke Sarabia and Steven Aguiló-Arbues create a musical journey from Colombia to Cuba with stops in Mexico,

Spain and more. Experience art song newly curated by the Canciones Project, as part of their ongoing mission to share the gorgeous music of South America with a larger audience.

[Buy Tickets](#)



Falling in Love with Cree Carrico

Sept 26, 6:30pm, Bud Werner Library, Steamboat

Celebrate the beauty of autumn with a magical evening of music! Join the enchanting soprano Cree Carrico and the brilliant pianist Aaron McAllister for a concert filled with love songs that will warm your heart and stir your soul.

[Click to RSVP](#)

The Sound of Music

Oct 10-18, Various Times, Rialto Theater, Loveland

The hills are alive...Join us for our mainstage production of *The Sound of Music* playing at the Historic Rialto Theater for 6 shows. This timeless musical will



feature some of Colorado's top local talent and young performers from our community in northern Colorado. Longtime friend of LOT, Peter Muller, will be directing this production as maestro A.J. Wulf joins us again leading the music with our fabulous singers and orchestra. .

[Reserve Now](#)



La traviata

Nov 1,4,7,9, Ellie Caulkins Opera House, Denver

La traviata opens Opera Colorado's 2025-26 Season, inviting audiences to discover why it remains one of the most celebrated operas of

all time. When Violetta, a beloved courtesan, experiences love for the first time, society's expectations and her own failing health threaten to destroy her chance at happiness. Set against the backdrop of glamorous 1850s Paris, *La traviata* is filled with unforgettable melodies, including the rousing "Drinking Song" and the sorrowful "Addio, del passato." Don't miss this poignant tale of love, sacrifice, and redemption, brought to life with Verdi's exquisite music.

[Info and Tickets](#)



The Elixir of Love

Nov 15-16, Dairy Arts Center

Join us for a delightful hour-long adaptation of Donizetti's *The Elixir of Love*, perfect for young audiences and families! This heartwarming and hilarious tale follows the lovable Nemorino as he tries to win the heart of the clever and confident Adina—with the help of a mysterious "love potion." Filled with beautiful melodies, playful characters, and a touch of magic, this opera is a fun introduction to the world of classical music and storytelling..

[Click for Tickets](#)



2026 Season Announced!

The Marriage of Figaro

Mozart's masterful score propels this tale of desire and

deception, as wedding plans spark a cascade of romantic chaos among masters and servants alike.

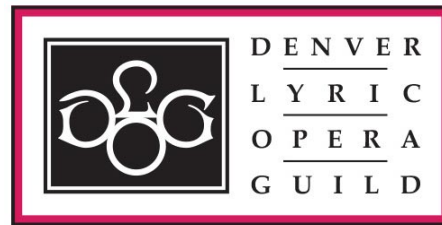
The Ballad of Baby Doe

Celebrate Colorado's 250th birthday, and the 70th anniversary of our World Premiere, with an epic love story that plays out against the backdrop of the Colorado frontier.

Master Class

Terrence McNally's Tony-winning drama transforms a simple voice lesson with Maria Callas into an unforgettable evening of drama, music and revelation.

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