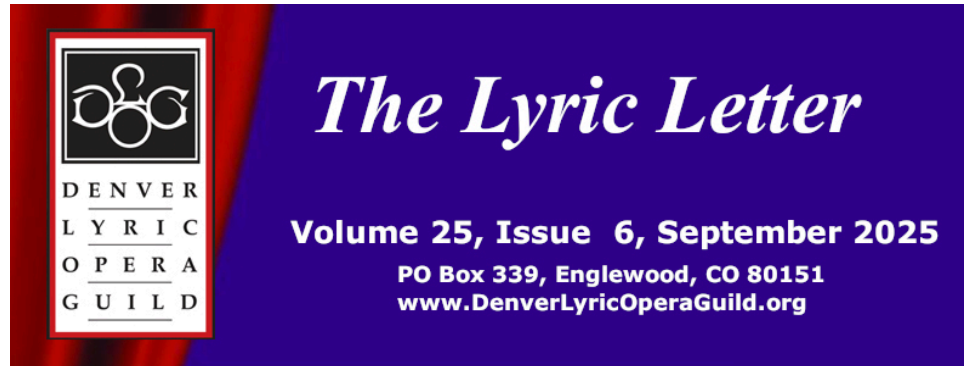




President's Note

Dear DLOG Members:

WELCOME FALL and the start of our Opera on Tuesday luncheon season. It was a pleasure to welcome singers from the University of Northern Colorado. UNC often opens our luncheon season in consideration of their long drive while Colorado weather is still commuter friendly. The singers were delightful and enthusiastically joined in for lunch.

Thanks to our Education VP Rebecca McAllister, our luncheons will include short presentations by our guest Directors on a variety of topics to enhance our understanding and appreciation of Opera and the many facets of this beautiful art form. Dr. Brian Luedloff of UNC graciously presented our first **Tidbits over Dessert** offering insights into the challenge of writing a libretto, matching inflexible words with the fluidity of musical notes and still tell a great story.

We usually think of opera as a stately art form with velvet curtains, soaring arias and often tragic fates. Behind all of that is a hidden world of wardrobe disasters, flying props and misfired notes. We hope to reveal some **High Notes of Hilarity** along with our more educational Tidbits. Even with this addition to our programs, our luncheons are designed to conclude at 1:00.

Our next Opera on Tuesday on October 14 will feature singers from University of Denver under the direction of Matthew Plenk. **Please remember to register by October 9.**

Enjoy the cooler weather and the unique Colorado pleasure of 'Leaf Peeking'. - Gayle

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.

**Register Now for the Next Opera on Tuesday
with DU's Lamont Opera Theatre!**



Lamont School of Music
UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

Tuesday October 14, 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 October 9

[Click Here to Register Now!](#)

OR By Mail:

Checks payable to DLOG can be mailed to:

Linda Rosales

PO Box 36152

Denver CO 80236

Questions? Call Rebecca 303-489-5774 or Linda 720-454-2075

Opera on Tuesdays Recap September 9th with UNC Opera Theatre

DLOG's 2025/2026 Season! **Opera on Tuesday** kicked off with a stirring presentation from the University of Northern Colorado's Opera Theatre program singers, under the direction of Brian Clay Luedloff. As part of our first installment of "Tidbits Over Dessert", Dr. Luedloff shared his experience writing a libretto for a new opera premiering at UNC this season. Get your tickets now for [221B: a Sherlock Holmes Opera](#).

Enjoy a few candid's below courtesy of DLOG Photographer Linda Young. And you can see even more photos by [clicking here to go to the DLOG Gallery](#).



UNC Opera Theatre - Prof. Brian Luedloff, Connor Williams, Ryan Ostlund, Luis Valensia Zamora, Carley Goggans, Danielle Brown, Joe McAllister (pianist)



Lisa Curtis and Tim Cox--soon to be married!



Diane Graham, Jeanie Davis, Laurie Barnes (new member), Ryan Ostlund
(tenor)

An Update on DLOG Finalist: Christian Mark Gibbs

Denver Lyric Opera Guild
Competition for Colorado Singers
WHERE ARE THEY NOW



Christian Mark Gibbs (2016-2018 DLOG Competition) is currently starring as Enjolras in the national touring production of "Les Misérables".

"I have no words on how excited I am to be a part of the legacy of this show. . . . This cast is insanely talented and some of the kindest people ever. I am beyond honored to join this tour coming to a city near you!"

Other credits for Christian Mark Gibbs:

Christian Mark Gibbs (Enjolras: "Les Misérables") Broadway: Camelot. New York: Follies (**Carnegie Hall**), Porgy and Bess, Hamlet (Metropolitan Opera). Off-Broadway: Intimate Apparel. Regional/International: West Side Story (Savoy-teatteri), Pirates of Penzance (Glimmerglass). Concert: London Symphony Orchestra, Symfónia Umenia (Slovakia). TV: WU-TANG: An American Saga. Tillamook Cheese TV commercial. Film: The Woman King.

Karen Bruggenthies

DLOG Directory Updated for 2025

An updated 2025-26 DLOG directory has been published and is online now, 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.

A NOTE ABOUT DENVER LYRIC OPERA GUILD'S GENEROUS ACADEMIC SUPPORT



Along with the Competition for Colorado Singers, DLOG annually awards grants to Colorado colleges, universities and young artist programs. Many thanks to Jackie Writz and the Finance Committee members for their dedication to managing distribution of our annual grants. I'd like to share excerpts from some of the thank you letters underscoring the value DLOG brings to our song filled community.

- *At **DU**, it has made a profound difference in the lives and education of so many students, and its support sustains an art form all of us treasure.*
- *By investing in their education and artistic development, you are not only nurturing their talent but also contributing to the vibrant future of opera.
(**Opera Colorado**)*
- *We are deeply grateful for the generous grant awarded to the Bonfils-Stanton Young Artists Training Program for 2025. Your support is instrumental in advancing our effort to nurture and develop the talents of young singers at the beginning of their careers.
(**Central City Opera**)*

- *Opera Fort Collins* was thrilled to receive your letter and check. We deeply appreciate the Denver Lyric Opera Guild's continued support as we offer young artists opportunities to perform in our productions, events and outreach activities.
- Your continued scholarship support has been instrumental in empowering young singers to pursue their passion for opera performance. (**University of Northern Colorado**)

Randy Ho, Our New Social Media Manager



Many of you may know Randy, he's from Denver, graduated from DU, was our 3rd place winner in 2024 and was an Artist in Residence with Opera Colorado among his many accomplishments. Although he has a busy performing schedule, Randy has agreed to take on managing our social media presence with monthly updates to Facebook and Instagram. We're looking forward to expanding community awareness of the Denver Lyric Opera Guild and our mission to support young singers. .

COMIC CURTAINS: Humorous Anecdotes from the World of Opera



ANIMAL ANTICS: USCRIPTED CO-STARS

Opera's grand tradition occasionally calls for live animals, adding excitement – and unpredictability - to the stage. During a production of Mozart's *The Magic Flute*, a pair of trained doves was supposed to flutter gracefully across the stage. But on opening night, one dove decided to perch atop the Queen of the Night's elaborate headdress, refusing to budge. The soprano gamely continued her demanding aria, while the feathered interloper stole the spotlight. The audience cheered the impromptu duet, and the dove became a local celebrity, appearing in news stories and even receiving fan mail.

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A BLACK LACY WRAP WAS FOUND FOLLOWING THE SUMMER PARTY. IF YOU ARE MISSING IT, PLEASE CONTACT GAYLE LANDIS AT giple@comcast.net WHO WILL ARRANGE TO RETURN IT.

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

Opera Around Colorado



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](#)



Voices of the Wild

Oct 12 3pm, Montview Blvd Presbyterian Church, Denver

Join DLOG Competition Finalist Alice Del Simone and Matthew Sebald for their 2025 Art Song Colorado Prize winning recital.

Alice Del Simone and Matthew Sebald invite you into a world where birdsong, blossoms, and beasts become storytellers. Through music and poetry, composers

have long turned to the natural world to express everything from joy and mischief to longing and awe. Join us for a journey through songs that are sometimes playful, sometimes profound, and always deeply human—rooted in the wild beauty of the world around us.

ONE NIGHT ONLY!

[Buy Tickets](#)



***La traviata* Sitzprobe Brunch**

Oct 26, Ellie Caulkins Opera House, Denver

Join us on Sunday, October 26, at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House for an exclusive experience: the *La traviata* Sitzprobe and Brunch!

Begin your day by indulging in a delicious brunch, complete with mimosas and bloody marys, before witnessing the magic of opera come to life. You'll have the rare opportunity to observe the Sitzprobe rehearsal, where the cast, led by Maestro Ari Peltó, unites with the Opera Colorado Orchestra and Chorus for the first time on stage..

[Info and Tickets](#)



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](#)



L'ESPIT DE NOËL: Holiday Home Tour

Nov 21, 22, 6:30pm, Hilltop Neighborhood, Denver

As the Holiday Season approaches, we are thrilled to invite you to be part of one of Colorado's most beloved traditions - the 49th Central City Opera Annual L'Esprit de Noël Holiday Home Tour, taking place in the historic and charming Hilltop neighborhood.

Each year, this magical event brings together our community and friends to celebrate beauty, tradition, and the spirit of giving. Five architecturally diverse, elegant homes will be creatively decorated by top local florists and table designers, offering you a festive experience like no other.

[Click for Tickets](#)

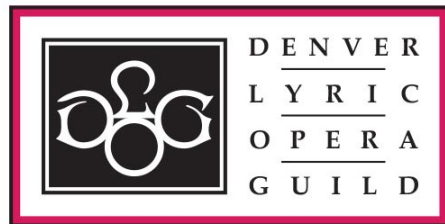


All is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914

Dec 11, 12, 6:30pm, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Steamboat

The Western Front: Christmas 1914. Out of the violence of World War I, a silence, then a song. A German soldier steps into No Man's Land singing “Stille Nacht (Silent Night).” Thus begins an extraordinary night of camaraderie, music, and peace. This production on December 11 & 12, 6:30pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Church features 10 men playing 37 characters in an all-acapella performance perfect for the acoustic of the space. This will be a magical night of music-making.

[Click to RSVP](#)



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