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## 2011-12 NEWS

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# THE ATLANTA OPERA *Extras*

**The Atlanta Opera Extras** are community outreach initiatives that entertain and educate audiences about opera. A complete listing of upcoming spring and summer events is below:

### **The Atlanta Opera @ Cocktails in the Garden**

Thursday, May 19, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

[Atlanta Botanical Garden](#)

Cost: \$18.95 | Garden Members free | Full cash bar

<http://www.atlantabotanicalgarden.org/>

Join us at the [Atlanta Botanical Garden](#) for **Cocktails in the Garden**, an evening of mixing, mingling, and music. Sample complimentary light bites from a top restaurant, groove to sounds from Lethal Rhythms and watch for surprise “pop-up” performances of your favorite opera arias. In addition to full cash bars, monthly themes pair a specialty cocktail with a plant or garden feature. The month of May features “Sprouts & Spritzers.”

### **High School Opera Institute Spring Concert**

Sunday, June 5, 2011 @ 4:00 p.m.

Morningside Presbyterian Church

1411 N Morningside Dr NE

Atlanta, GA 30306

Free and open to the public

For more information, contact [education@atlantaopera.org](mailto:education@atlantaopera.org) or 404.881.8883.

[The Atlanta Opera High School Opera Institute](#) students will showcase their work in this culminating performance featuring arias and small ensemble pieces from some of opera’s greatest works.

**The Atlanta Opera Film Series: “The Audition (2009)”**

Thursday, June 30, 2011 @ 7:30 p.m.

The Atlanta Opera Center  
1575 Northside Drive, N.W.  
Bldg. 300, Suite 350  
Atlanta, GA 30318  
Free and open to the public

On June, 30, 2011, The Atlanta Opera will be showing “The Audition,” by award-winning filmmaker Susan Froemke. This feature-length documentary takes you behind the scenes at the Metropolitan Opera's National Council Auditions, where each year thousands of hopefuls compete for a cash prize, the chance to sing on the Met stage, and the opportunity to launch a major operatic career. The film focuses on three very different tenor contestants including former Atlanta Opera Chorus Member, Ryan Smith, who at the age of 30, and with little formal training, was pursuing his dream of an operatic career before he passed away in 2008. This movie is rated PG-13. Guests will enjoy complimentary treats, activities, and the chance to see a movie in The Atlanta Opera’s air conditioned Rehearsal Hall. Guests also will have the opportunity to enter to win two tickets to The Atlanta Opera’s production of *Lucia di Lammermoor*, November 12, 15, 18 and 20 at the Cobb Energy Centre.

**The Atlanta Opera @ Movies in the Park: “The King’s Speech”**

Thursday, July 21, 2011 @ 8:00 p.m.

[Atlantic Station](#)  
1380 Atlantic Drive  
Atlanta, GA 30363  
Free and open to the public

Join us at Atlantic Station for a screening of “The King’s Speech” at **Movies in the Park**. Watch for performances from Atlanta Opera Chorus members, and visit our booth for drawings, activities, and to receive information on our upcoming season.

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**The Atlanta Opera Film Series: “Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (1971)”**

Thursday, July 28, 2011 @ 7:30 p.m.

The Atlanta Opera Center  
1575 Northside Drive, N.W.  
Bldg. 300, Suite 350  
Atlanta, GA 30318  
Free and open to the public

On Thursday, July 28, The Atlanta Opera will be showing “Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory,” the 1971 American musical-film adaptation of the 1964 novel *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl, directed by Mel Stuart, and starring Gene Wilder as Willy Wonka. The film tells the story of Charlie Bucket as he wins a golden ticket and visits Willy Wonka's chocolate factory with four other children from around the world. This movie is rated PG. Guests will enjoy complimentary treats, activities, and the chance to see a movie in The Atlanta Opera's air conditioned Rehearsal Hall. Guests also will have the opportunity to enter to win two tickets to The Atlanta Opera's production of *The Golden Ticket*, March 3, 6, 9, and 11 at the Cobb Energy Centre.

**The Atlanta Opera Film Series: “Amadeus (1984)”**

Thursday, August 25, 2011 @ 7:30 p.m.

The Atlanta Opera Center  
1575 Northside Drive, N.W.  
Bldg. 300, Suite 350  
Atlanta, GA 30318  
Free and open to the public

On Thursday, August 25, The Atlanta Opera will be showing “Amadeus,” 1984 Oscar® winning film directed by Miloš Forman and written by Peter Shaffer. Adapted from Shaffer's stage play *Amadeus*, the story is based loosely on the lives of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Antonio Salieri, two composers who lived in Vienna, Austria, during the latter half of the 18th century. This movie is rated R. Guests will enjoy complimentary treats, activities, and the chance to see a movie in The Atlanta Opera's air conditioned Rehearsal Hall. Guests also will have the opportunity to enter to win two tickets to The Atlanta Opera's production of Mozart's *Don Giovanni*, April 28, May 1, 4 and 6 at the Cobb Energy Centre.