



THE ATLANTA OPERA

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

THE ATLANTA OPERA TO OPEN 2011-2012 SEASON WITH DONIZETTI'S *LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR* AT THE COBB ENERGY CENTRE

On November 12 at 8:00 p.m., The Atlanta Opera opens its 2011-12 season with Donizetti's [*Lucia di Lammermoor*](#). To celebrate Opening Night, and the Company's fifth season at the [Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre](#), patrons are invited to attend an [Opening Night Party](#), immediately following the performance. Tickets for the party can be purchased at atlantaopera.org. Other performances will be on November 15 at 7:30 p.m., November 18 at 8:00 p.m., and November 20 at 3:00 p.m. Single tickets are on sale now, and can be purchased online at atlantaopera.org or by calling (404) 881-8885.

In Donizetti's dramatic tragedy, Lucia is forced to marry against her will, setting off tragic events that lead to the most spectacular mad scene in opera. Soprano [Georgia Jarman](#) sings Lucia, with baritone [Stephen Powell](#) in the role of her brother, Enrico. Edgardo is sung by tenor [Jonathan Boyd](#), and tenor Timothy Culver performs the role of Lucia's bridegroom, Arturo. Mezzo-soprano, and Atlantan, [Susan Nicely](#) sings the role of Lucia's handmaid, Alisa. [Arthur Fagen](#), in his inaugural season as Atlanta Opera music director, conducts. Stage direction will be provided by [Tomer Zvulun](#), who delighted Atlanta Opera audiences with his engaging staging of *The Magic Flute* in 2010 and *The Flying Dutchman* in 2009. [*Lucia di Lammermoor*](#) will be sung in Italian with English supertitles projected above the stage.

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TICKET INFORMATION

Single Tickets

\$25 - \$140 plus tax, convenience and venue fees

Online -- Visit www.atlantaopera.org

By Phone -- Call 404-881-8885 or 1-800-35-OPERA (Mon-Fri, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.)

In-person -- Visit the Bank of North Georgia Box Office at the Cobb Energy Centre (Mon-Fri, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; and one hour prior to a performance on day of show).

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LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR

Music by Gaetano Donizetti

Libretto by Salvatore Cammarano

Sung in Italian with English Supertitles

Sets from Opera Cleveland

Previous Atlanta Opera Performances: 1986, 1992, 2000

Approximate Running Time: 3 hours, with 2 intermissions.

Four Performances at the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre

Saturday, November 12, 2011 at 8 pm

Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 7:30 pm

Friday, November 18, 2011 at 8 pm

Sunday, November 20, 2011 at 3 pm

Creative Team

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| Conductor | Arthur Fagen |
| Stage Director | Tomer Zvulun |
| Set Designer | Erhard Rom |

Cast

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| Lucia | Georgia Jarman* |
| Edgardo | Jonathan Boyd* |
| Enrico | Stephen Powell* |
| Raimondo | Arthur Woodley Arturo |
| Bucklaw | Timothy Culver* |
| Alisa | Susan Nicely |
| Normanno | Nathan Munson* * Atlanta Opera Debut |

Description

Lucia's forced marriage sets off tragic events that lead to the most spectacular mad scene in opera. Donizetti's *Lucia di Lammermoor* reveals chilling tragedy on a grand scale. It will leave you breathless.

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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 events is below. For more information on The Atlanta Opera Extras, visit www.atlantaopera.org or call 404-881-8801.

Opera Chat

Tuesday, October 25, 2011 @ 7 p.m.

[Barnes & Noble Buckhead](#)

2900 Peachtree Rd. NE

Suite 310

Atlanta, GA 30305

Free and open to the public

Select members of the cast, artistic and production crews will discuss the multi-faceted roles they play in mounting the Atlanta Opera's upcoming production of [Lucia di Lammermoor](#).

Evening at Emory

[The Atlanta Opera: The Life of Donizetti: Joy, Tragedy and Madness](#)

Tuesdays, October 25 – November 15 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

[Emory University Center for Lifelong Learning](#)

Emory Briarcliff Campus

1256 Briarcliff Rd.

Atlanta, GA 30306

Tuition: \$200 (includes performance tickets)

Carter Joseph's popular [Evening at Emory](#) class will explore the tragic life of composer Gaetano Donizetti, and examine whether the mad scene in [Lucia di Lammermoor](#) was a case of art imitating life. On November 15, the class will attend the Atlanta Opera's production of this masterpiece.

Opera with an Edge – Free Season Preview

Sunday, November 6, 2011 @ 7:30 p.m.

[Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre](#)

2800 Cobb Galleria Parkway

Atlanta, GA 30339

Free and open to the public

In conjunction with [National Opera Week](#), The Atlanta Opera will offer a live sneak preview of the 2011-2012 season. "Opera with an Edge" features opera aficionado and long-time Atlanta Opera supporter Bob Edge, providing brief overviews of each of the season's titles. Mr. Edge's witty commentary will be interspersed with performances by Atlanta Opera singers of some of the memorable musical moments in *Lucia di Lammermoor*, *The Golden Ticket*, and *Don Giovanni*. Reservations are requested, and can be made online at atlantaopera.org, by email at education@atlantaopera.org, or by calling (404) 892-3132.

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Opera 101

Monday, November 7, 2011 @ 7 p.m.

[The Atlanta Opera Center](#)

1575 Northside Drive, NW

Bldg. 300, Suite 350

Atlanta, GA 30318

Free and open to the public

In this multi-media presentation by opera aficionado and Atlanta Opera Board Member Carter Joseph, audiences learn about the history, background, and story line of *Lucia di Lammermoor*. Reservations are requested, and can be made by calling (404) 343-7016. Opera 101 is sponsored by UBS and the 680 Group.

Pre-Opera Talk for *Lucia di Lammermoor*

Saturday, November 12, 2011 @ 7 p.m.

Tuesday, November 15, 2011 @ 6:30 p.m.

Friday, November 18, 2011 @ 7 p.m.

Sunday, November 20, 2011 @ 2 p.m.

[Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre](#)

Free to ticketholders

Pre-Opera Talks are held one hour prior to each performance inside the John A. Williams Theatre at the Cobb Energy Centre and provide opera attendees a free sneak peek into the opera they are about to see.

Opening Night Party

Saturday, November 12, 2011

Immediately following *Lucia di Lammermoor*

[Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre](#)

2800 Cobb Galleria Parkway

Atlanta, GA 30339

Subscribers – In advance \$35

Non-Subscribers – In advance \$40

All tickets will be \$45 at the door

Purchase tickets at atlantaopera.org.

Help The Atlanta Opera celebrate the opening of the season and our fifth anniversary at the magnificent Cobb Energy Centre. Mingle with the cast, enjoy a glass of bubbly, and indulge in a luscious dessert.

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The Atlanta Opera Artist Luncheon

Thursday, November 17, 2011 @ 12 p.m.

Onstage at the [Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre](#)

2800 Cobb Galleria Parkway

Atlanta, GA 30339

\$65/guest

The public is invited to attend an Artist Luncheon with the Carl and Sally Gable Music Director Arthur Fagen and Principal Singers from the production of *Lucia di Lammermoor*. For more information, please contact Amanda Wilborn at (404) 591-2928.

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About The Atlanta Opera

Founded in 1979, The Atlanta Opera is one of the finest regional opera companies in the nation, drawing audiences from the entire metropolitan Atlanta area as well as from the Southeast region.

Led by Zurich General Director Dennis Hanthorn, The Atlanta Opera strives to expand the experience of its patrons with memorable and exciting opera performances reflecting the highest musical and theatrical standards, while supporting community and educational programs. The company also works to attract the finest international, national, and regional singers, conductors, stage directors and designers. The Atlanta Opera presents three productions with four performances each at the Cobb Energy Centre. For more information on The Atlanta Opera, please visit www.atlantaopera.org.

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