

YOUNG FRIENDS OF OPERA

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PARTICIPATING COMPANIES

The Atlanta Opera  
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 Washington National Opera



The Atlanta Opera's production of *Porgy and Bess*. Photos by Tim Wilkerson.



JUNE E-NEWSLETTER

Dear Young Friends of Opera Member:

We are pleased to send you this June issue of the Young Friends of Opera e-newsletter. As a member of your company's young professionals group, you can enjoy the special ticket and social event offers described below when visiting any of the cities listed on the left.

Kindly note that admission and purchase restrictions are different for each participating organization, so please contact the company you are visiting prior to making your ticket purchases. Also, remember that all ticket offers and discounts are available at the discretion of the participating company.

Visit [www.operaamerica.org/content/education/yfo.aspx](http://www.operaamerica.org/content/education/yfo.aspx) for a complete list of and links to all companies participating in OPERA America's Young Friends of Opera.



YOUNG FRIENDS OF OPERA PARTICIPATING COMPANY OFFERS

THE ATLANTA OPERA

The Atlanta Opera *Comprimarios* is a group of young professionals interested in socializing, networking and having fun with fellow arts enthusiasts. Membership benefits include special *Comprimarios* ticket deals, access to The Atlanta Opera's Intermezzo Lounge for Friday night performances, member pricing to special events and more!

Most recently, the *Comprimarios* hosted a season-end celebratory happy hour for The Atlanta Opera Chorus. This was a great opportunity for artists and fans to mingle and reminisce about their favorite opera moments of the season, as well as talk about ideas for the coming year. Attendees enjoyed a video tribute to the chorus, and beverages and nibbles at the Opera Center. *Comprimarios* and chorus members decided that this will be an annual tradition!



The Atlanta Opera *Comprimarios* enjoying their recent chorus happy hour. Photo courtesy of The Atlanta Opera.

For more information and updated event listing, please call 404-881-8801 or follow us online.

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## CENTRAL CITY OPERA

Central City Opera is shaking things up with a slew of innovative and sinfully fun events catering to the Young Professional set. They are hot, edgy and opera as you've never seen it.

This year, there's been something for everyone including Comedy Night at Lannie's Clocktower Cabaret, "Untitled" at the Denver Art Museum, a fashion show with Project Runway's Mondo Guerra at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Denver and a pecha kucha presentation at Ignite Boulder at the Chautauqua Auditorium called "Getting in touch with your inner sinner." To see what you might have missed, check out our latest YP blog.



Central City Opera event with Mondo Guerra at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Denver. Photo courtesy of Central City Opera.

If you are in Colorado for the summer, join Central City Opera for more great events:

### **Mixed Taste at the Museum of Contemporary Art (Friday, June 10, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.)**

Tag Team Lectures on Related Topics

Presenting *Amadigi di Gaula* British Conductor Matthew Halls and Baroque Opera paired with a presentation on Kimchi.

Tickets are just \$20 / \$15 Members. [Click here for tickets.](#)

### **Central City Opera's SinFest — A touch of opera and a big splash of sin! (Saturday, July 16 and Sunday, July 24, 4:00 - 8:30 p.m.)**

Ready to get in touch with your inner sinner? Join Central City Opera for this summer's hottest happening...

Catch the 37-minute Kurt Weill opera *Die sieben Todsünden (The Seven Deadly Sins)* then experience sin! Fire dancer Melinda Rivers will lead you to the historic Williams Stables for an edgy dance from Ballet Nouveau Colorado; poetry from National Poetry Slam Champion Ken Arkind and LuciFury; experiential art like our sin graffiti wall and a photography exhibit organized by Mark Sink, renowned photographer, curator and co-founder of the Museum of Contemporary Art. Dine on gluttonous fare from Kevin Taylor and the 7 Deadly Zins wine from Michael David Winery. Feed your greed with a fit of gambling at Dostal Alley Casino and Brewpub and a glass of the next deadly sin, the Number 8 mountain brew.

*Want a taste of the great outdoors?* Search for the seven deadly sins on our Geocaching course. Grab your GPS and a partner in crime. Decode the clues and you might find yourself a winner. Prizes include memberships to the Museum of Contemporary Art, the Denver Art Museum and Museo de las Americas; treasures from the Wizard's Chest; the 7 Deadly Zins; a book entitled *Lust: Part I of the Rising Deadly Sins* and much more!

Tickets are on sale now for just \$50, if you dare. The party bus to SinFest is only \$20. Jump on the bus at the Four Seasons in downtown Denver for a glass of bubbly or beer and head up to sin in style. The bus heads up to Central at 1:00 p.m. and leaves Dostal Alley at 9:00 p.m.

To purchase tickets, call the Central City Opera Box Office at 303-292-6700. Add another one-act opera to the SinFest adventure to complete the festival experience. One-act tickets start at \$10.

Don't miss out! Send any YPs you know to [www.centralcityopera.org](http://www.centralcityopera.org) to sign up for our eMail club. Contact our YP Project Manager Heather Brecl with questions at [hbrecl@centralcityopera.org](mailto:hbrecl@centralcityopera.org) or call 303-292-6500.



Opera Underground members enjoying the 2010 cruise. Photo courtesy of Chicago Opera Theater.

### CHICAGO OPERA THEATER

#### Embark on your Best Summer Ever with COT's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Opera Cruise

Exclusive Opera Underground Pricing!

Tuesday, June 28

Join Opera Underground members for an evening on Lake Michigan!

Tuesday, June 28, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. (boat departs promptly at 6:00 p.m. from Kanan Cruises on Navy Pier

\$65 Opera Underground tickets for young persons ages 21-45! (Regular price is \$85! ID required when checking in at boat.)

#### TICKET DETAILS:

Exclusive discounted Opera Underground tickets include a short concert, dancing, hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine and COT's signature cocktail, the "Opera-tini." BUY NOW! Or call the COT Box Office at 312-704-8414.

*Generously sponsored by New Amsterdam Gin and Goose Island.*

### LOS ANGELES OPERA

ARIA is a group of opera enthusiasts in their 20s-40s who are interested in learning more about opera. Through elegant, fun gatherings, ARIA members have an opportunity to gain behind-the-scenes connections with artists and mingle with like-minded individuals. ARIA strives to create a rich operagoing experience through special parties following select performances.

We have created a special ARIA Subscription for the 2011-2012 season. The 2011-2012 ARIA Subscription package includes a ticket to three Saturday evening productions: *Roméo et Juliette* (November 12, 2011), *Simon Boccanegra* (February 11, 2012) and *La bohème* (May 12, 2012).

ARIA subscribers receive these special benefits:

- Reserved seating in the ARIA Section (subject to availability)
- Complimentary entry to exclusive ARIA After-Parties featuring hors d'oeuvres and specialty drinks at a downtown hotspot (\$60 savings)
- Subscription to *Los Angeles* magazine (\$20 value)
- Discounts to restaurants and hotels
- Convenient ticket exchange
- Lost ticket replacement
- Flexible payment plans

This special offer expires September 1, 2011.

To order, call Audience Services at 213-972-8001. For more information about ARIA, visit [LAOpera.com/ARIA](http://LAOpera.com/ARIA).



LA Opera Aria members at *The Magic Flute*. Photo courtesy of Los Angeles Opera.



*Turandot.* Photo courtesy of Lyric Opera of Kansas City.

## LYRIC OPERA OF KANSAS CITY

*Turandot* Trip: October 5-8, 2011

This unique trip to experience the opening opera in the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts should not be missed.

### ***Our FIRST production in the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts***

Be a part of history in the making! The 2011-2012 season of the Lyric Opera of Kansas City will be the first season in the new Muriel Kauffman Theatre in the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts. The opening of the Kauffman Center is a once in a lifetime experience. The all-new opening production of *Turandot* will utilize

the combination of a spacious orchestra pit, a 5,000 square foot stage, fly space that reaches an amazing 74 feet tall and cutting edge technology will accommodate the largest and most spectacular operas ever to be produced in Kansas City.

### **Trip Includes:**

- Three nights' accommodation at the **Residence Inn by Marriott Kansas City Country Club Plaza**, including full buffet breakfast
- **Section A** Grand Tier seating for the Friday, October 7 production of *Turandot*
- **Opera Preview** at the state-of-the-art Kauffman Center
- One dinner and one lunch at spectacular Kansas City restaurants
- Post-production reception **with members of the cast**
- Guest symposium by Lyric Opera Guild Preview Speaker Dr. Richard Byrum
- Private guided tour by a curator at the **Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art**
- Private Coach Limo transportation for events (gratuities included)

To receive more information about this trip, contact Daren Stimpert at [dstimpert@kcopera.org](mailto:dstimpert@kcopera.org).

### **Upcoming Trip:**

*Nixon in China*: March 13-17, 2012

Fresh from their Metropolitan Opera run as Richard Nixon and Henry Kissinger, James Maddalena and Richard Paul Fink will make their hall debuts in the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts this March. Some details for this trip are still pending. Let us know you are interested in receiving information on this trip by contacting Daren Stimpert at [dstimpert@kcopera.org](mailto:dstimpert@kcopera.org).

## MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE

Access.Opera for young professionals had a successful run this spring season, with great turnouts at *The Magic Flute* in April and *Rigoletto* in May. Tickets begin at \$20 for young professionals and include a main floor seat, plus a complimentary beverage at an exclusive post-performance reception with the cast. Next season's first Access.Opera event will be the company premiere of an all-new production of *Carmina Burana* in October 2011. Visit [www.michiganopera.org/access](http://www.michiganopera.org/access) for more information.



Access.Opera Young Professionals after *Rigoletto* in May 2011. Photo by John Grigaitis.

## SEATTLE OPERA

Seattle Opera's BRAVO! Club is the premier Seattle-area arts organization for young people between the ages of 21 and 39. With a mission to develop new generations of opera lovers in Seattle, BRAVO! provides its members with a variety of exciting social and educational events and discounted performance tickets. We have a passionate commitment to creating a community for our members to interact, get involved, learn more, and get excited about opera. Since its inception in 1996, BRAVO! has grown into a diverse, 700-member group of people in their 20s and 30s, making BRAVO! one of the largest clubs of its kind nationwide.

## WASHINGTON NATIONAL OPERA

With over 16,000 members, Washington National Opera's *Generation O* is D.C.'s largest young professionals program for arts lovers, inviting those ages 18-35 who are interested in opera to connect with each other through WNO performances and programs. *Generation O* seeks to inspire a lifelong interest in opera by making it accessible through specially priced tickets and educational initiatives.

*Generation O*'s full season subscription, Series O, returns for a second year in the 2011-2012 season. Series O subscriptions are now on sale with three price levels available and savings of approximately 50%. Purchase by June 30 to take advantage of our three-month payment plan.

Membership is free. Visit [www.dc-opera.org/generationo](http://www.dc-opera.org/generationo) for more information and sign up for *GenO* e-mails to receive ticket offers.