

YOUNG FRIENDS OF OPERA

PARTICIPATING CITIES

- Arlington, VA
- Atlanta, GA
- Boston, MA
- Central City, CO
- Charlotte, NC
- Chicago, IL
- Cleveland, OH
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- Detroit, MI
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- Houston, TX
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- Los Angeles, CA
- Memphis, TN
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- Minneapolis, MN
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- Norfolk, VA
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- Saint Louis, MO
- Salt Lake City, UT
- San José, CA
- Santa Fe, NM
- Seattle, WA
- Washington, D.C.
- West Palm Beach, FL

PARTICIPATING COMPANIES

- The Atlanta Opera
- Boston Lyric Opera
- Central City Opera
- Chicago Opera Theater
- The Dallas Opera
- Edmonton Opera
- El Paso Opera
- Florida Grand Opera
- Fort Worth Opera
- Houston Grand Opera
- Los Angeles Opera
- Lyric Opera of Kansas City
- Michigan Opera Theatre
- Minnesota Opera
- Mobile Opera
- New York City Opera
- Opera Carolina
- Opera Cleveland
- Opera Memphis
- Opera San José
- Opera Theatre of Northern Virginia
- Opera Theatre of Saint Louis
- Palm Beach Opera
- Pittsburgh Opera
- The Santa Fe Opera
- Seattle Opera
- Utah Symphony | Utah Opera
- Virginia Opera
- Washington National Opera



The Atlanta Opera's 2005 production of Puccini's *La bohème*. Photos by Tim Wilkerson.



SEPTEMBER E-NEWSLETTER

Dear Young Friends of Opera Member:

We are pleased to send you this September 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 a special lounge area for Friday night performances, member pricing to special events, and more!

The *Comprimarios* will kick off the 2010-2011 season with an "Arte Bohème" event during the monthly Castleberry Hill Art Stroll. Emerging Art Scene Gallery sets the stage for this special evening of Bohemian art. The exhibit will feature Atlanta-based artists, Caroline Pyle, Chery Baird and Vickie Martin. In keeping with a Bohemian artistic spirit, the work is free spirited with vibrant colors and a mix of mediums, along with a music series by Vickie Martin. A highlight of the show is a display of costumes from The Atlanta Opera's upcoming production of *La bohème*.



Comprimarios attending the Emerging Art Scene Gallery — [www.leitchfineart.com](http://www.leitchfineart.com).

For more information and updated event listing, please call 404-881-6866 or follow *Comprimarios* online.  
[www.atlantaopera.org](http://www.atlantaopera.org)  
[www.facebook.com/TheAtlantaOpera](http://www.facebook.com/TheAtlantaOpera)  
[www.twitter.com/TheAtlantaOpera](http://www.twitter.com/TheAtlantaOpera)



Opera Underground members on Chicago Opera Theater's 2nd Annual Boat Cruise on Lake Michigan.

### CHICAGO OPERA THEATER

Chicago Opera Theater's **Opera Underground** is a group of young people (ages 21-45) who get together for cocktails and opera throughout the year, as well as during the regular Spring Festival Season. Chicago Opera Theater is a young, vibrant, edgy and contemporary — and so are our Opera Underground members!

**2011 Opera Underground Memberships are only \$80 and include a ticket to Tod Machover's *Death and the Powers* and Charpentier's *Medea*. Individual tickets to each opera are \$50 each.**

Memberships will go on sale in early fall, and individual tickets in February. (Opera Underground dates TBD.)

An Opera Underground ticket includes:

- Section "A" seating (these are regularly \$80 each for just the seat!)
- A pre-show reception at a local Chicago Loop restaurant.

Opera Underground's next event is our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "Beers and Baritones", which will be held at a local Chicago brewery this fall — details to follow!

**TO SIGN UP FOR OPERA UNDERGROUND UPDATES, INCLUDING EXCLUSIVE INVITES AND DISCOUNTS TO COT PARTIES, E-MAIL [underground@chicagooperatheater.org](mailto:underground@chicagooperatheater.org) or visit [www.chicagooperatheater.org/tix/underground.html](http://www.chicagooperatheater.org/tix/underground.html).**

### THE DALLAS OPERA

The Dallas Opera's Young Professionals group, Amici di Opera, just rounded up their last Happy Hour as part of the Dallas Opera's Summer Event series, "Baritones & Beachballs." Mingling and toasting in various bars and restaurants in Dallas, we had fabulous special guests, such as Artistic Director Jonathan Pell and Choreographer Candace Evans. With the end of The Dallas Opera's Summer Events, Amici is anticipating the opening of the 2010-2011 season, namely the annual Amici di Opera Launch Party on Friday, October 15, 2010. Amici's first gathering of the season will include drinks, hors d'oeuvres, music, raffle prizes and much more! However, the highlight of the evening's networking and festivities is an onstage appearance by Oren Gradus — an Amici exclusive!



Amici members at the summer Happy Hour at Fedora's. Photo courtesy of The Dallas Opera.

Amici Memberships are only \$125 and include:

- A ticket to the Amici Night performance of the 2010-2011 opening opera, *Don Giovanni* (November 5).
- Admission to year-round "Members Only" Educational/Social Events
- Access to exclusive Partner Events
- Dallas Opera Season t-shirt
- Subscription & Single Ticket Discounts



Guests enjoy the ARIA After-Party at the revolving Bona Vista Lounge atop The Westin Bonaventure in Downtown L.A. Photo © Rebecca Rotenberg/DocuVitea, LLC.

## LOS ANGELES OPERA

**ARIA** is a dynamic group of young professionals in their 20s to 40s with an interest and passion for opera. Membership is free and members receive notification about upcoming events, special ticket offers and highlights of all ARIA happenings. Members also have the opportunity to attend special ARIA events hosted during the season. Past event locations include Carolina Herrera, Lambertson Truex, The Regency Club and more.

### ARIA Nights at the Opera

Three ARIA Nights at the Opera are planned for this season. All ARIA Nights include a pre-performance lecture, providing insight into the production you are about to see and a glorious night of opera in the beautiful Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. The ARIA Night continues at one of

L.A.'s hotspots immediately following the performance, where you can relax with a cocktail and hors d'oeuvre and share your opera experience with others.

### Join us for the first ARIA event of the season!

Plácido Domingo stars in the highly-anticipated world premiere of *Il Postino*.

#### **IL POSTINO ARIA NIGHT**

**October 16, 2010**

6:30 p.m. Pre-Performance Lecture

7:30 p.m. Performance of *Il Postino*

Post-opera ARIA Party at **The Mixing Room** of the newly opened JW Marriott Hotel Los Angeles at L.A. Live

### Save The Date For These Upcoming Events!

*Rigoletto*, Verdi's gripping tragedy

**Saturday, December 11, 2010**

*Il Turco in Italia*, the company premiere of Rossini's zany comedy

**Saturday, February 19, 2011**

Each ARIA Night at the Opera starts at just \$40. (Performance tickets start at \$20, and the ARIA party is only \$20 more and includes entry into the venue, drinks and hors d'oeuvres.)

To purchase your ARIA Night at the Opera, call Audience Services at 213-972-8001 (Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.). For more information, visit [www.LAOpera.com/ARIA](http://www.LAOpera.com/ARIA).

## MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE

ACCESS.Opera Young Professionals Wednesday Nights will return in October 2010 with Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Mikado* on Wednesday, October 20 at 7:30 p.m. For only \$20, young professionals receive a main-floor ticket to the Wednesday performance of the opera and a drink ticket for a beverage of their choice at an exclusive post-performance reception to mingle with the cast and other young professionals. In November, ACCESS members will see Puccini's *La bohème* on Wednesday, November 17 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets go on sale two weeks prior to the ACCESS performance. Visit [www.motopera.org/access](http://www.motopera.org/access) or call Felicia Burgess at 313-961-3500, ext. 3200 and mention "ACCESS" for more information.



ACCESS members at a reception for *Tosca* in May 2010. Photo by John Grigaitis.

## OPERA SAN JOSÉ

Opera San José invites all young opera fans to Amici Night at our West Coast premiere of David Carlson's *Anna Karenina*: Join us at the lovely California Theatre in downtown San José on Thursday, September 23 for complimentary drinks and nosh before the performance. Single tickets to this arresting new production start at \$51, or you can become a season subscriber for only \$100, and get a seat to see *Tosca*, *The Barber of Seville* and *La bohème*, too! To order tickets, call the box office at 408-437-4450 or visit our website at [www.operasj.org](http://www.operasj.org).

This season, become a charter member of the OSJ Amici Club! With your minimum contribution of a fully tax-deductible \$50 gift, you'll receive:

- Recognition in the Amici Club listing printed in the theater program;
- Access to exclusive Amici Club events during the season;
- Discounts on single tickets and advanced notice for our popular Opera History course;
- Announcements about other fun social networking events in Silicon Valley;
- A membership card for OPERA America's Young Friends of Opera program, offering access to discounts and events nationwide; and
- A limited edition Opera San José water bottle— something no opera singer or fan should be without!

For more information, contact Margot Helm at [helm@operasj.org](mailto:helm@operasj.org) or "Like" our Facebook page to get event updates and details.

## PALM BEACH OPERA

Overtures, Young Friends of Palm Beach Opera asked, "Why can't we have a Lunch & Learn but at night and with cocktails?" Palm Beach Opera answered with the new series just for Overtures members, "TASTINGS." A taste of opera paired with delicious wine and food while you mix and mingle with Palm Beach Opera's Young Artists. Tuesdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**November 30** — *Nabucco* at III Forks, Palm Beach Gardens

**January 11** — *Orfeo ed Euridice* at III Forks, Boca Raton

**February 15** — *Così fan tutte* in West Palm Beach

**March 15** — *Tosca* in Palm Beach

\$25 Overtures members/\$30 non-members. For tickets call 561-833-7888 or visit [www.overturespbo.com](http://www.overturespbo.com).