

YOUNG FRIENDS OF OPERA

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PARTICIPATING COMPANIES

The Atlanta Opera  
 Boston Lyric Opera  
 Central City Opera  
 Chicago Opera Theater  
 The Dallas Opera  
 Edmonton Opera  
 El Paso Opera  
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 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  
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 Opera San José  
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 Pittsburgh Opera  
 The Santa Fe Opera  
 Seattle Opera  
 Utah Symphony | Utah Opera  
 Virginia Opera  
 Washington National Opera



Krassen Karagiozov stars as Figaro in Opera San José's production of *The Barber of Seville*, opening Saturday, February 12, 2011. Photo by Chris Ayers Photography. • Torlef Borsting and Rebecca Davis in Opera San José's 2010 production of *Tosca*. Photo by Pat Kirk Photography.



JANUARY E-NEWSLETTER

Dear Young Friends of Opera Member:

We are pleased to send you this January 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 are excited about the many upcoming events surrounding The Atlanta Opera's production of *Porgy & Bess*, including Friday Jazz at the High Museum (February 18) and special opportunities to talk with select members of the *Porgy & Bess* cast, artistic and production crews about their experiences performing the show abroad and here in Atlanta.



The Atlanta Opera Comprimario members at a special wine tasting event. Photo courtesy of The Atlanta Opera.

Join us for these fun events and see you on Comprimarios night at The Atlanta Opera on Friday, March 4!

For more information and updated event listings, please call 404-881-8883 or follow us online.

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encore! Welcome Dinner 2010. Photo courtesy of Edmonton Opera.

### EDMONTON OPERA

encore! is Edmonton Opera's unique and vibrant association of young arts patrons in the City of Edmonton.

Driven by a passion for Opera and filling a unique niche in Edmonton's arts community, encore! strives to cultivate the next generation of opera patrons, leaders and ambassadors. encore!'s activities range widely, from hosting supper clubs before each opera production, to providing its members with all kinds of exclusive access to the opera. encore! also works hard to develop strong ties with other arts organizations in Edmonton.

encore! is currently in the middle of its second full season. So far this year, encore! has hosted a Welcome Dinner with Brian Deedrick, the artistic director of the Edmonton Opera, and has given its members the opportunity to explore behind the scenes of the Edmonton Opera's production of *La bohème* in October. In January, encore! will be hosting an intimate and exclusive members-only soirée at Brian Deedrick's house, where hopefully secrets about the upcoming production of *Abduction from the Seraglio* will be divulged over scotch. In April, encore! will be hosting its biggest event of the season — Storm the Stage — a party right on the set of the Edmonton Opera's production of *Tosca*! This year's party follows last year's Storm the Stage, where encore! members had free reign of the set of *Otello*, where they tried on costumes of productions past and rubbed elbows with the cast.

encore! can be reached at [encore@edmontonopera.com](mailto:encore@edmontonopera.com).

### FLORIDA GRAND OPERA

Florida Grand Opera's young professionals group, Crescendo Circle, dedicates itself to bringing together South Florida's up-and-coming leaders through a love of the time-honored art of opera. These blue jeans-wearing, event-hopping influencers promote the art form in the elite business community while raising funds to support Florida Grand Opera and its continued success. Within the Circle, patrons benefit from exclusive events, networking opportunities and behind-the-scenes exposure to the world of opera.

Celebrating the arrival of *Turandot*, Florida Grand Opera provided a special offer to Circle members. On November 19, 2010, the privileged group met at 7:00 p.m. for an invitation-only event featuring complimentary wine and a preview opera lecture by resident expert Justin Moss before embarking to Asia with Puccini's most dramatic and powerful opera.

The Circle will begin the New Year in style at the Winter Friendraiser on January 19, 2011. This members-only event kicks off with complimentary drinks followed by a sneak peek of the company's next production, *The Tales of Hoffmann*, featuring seats to the first act of the production's Orchestra Tech Rehearsal with ticket prices starting at \$50.

For more information on Florida Grand Opera's Crescendo Circle and details on how to join, please contact Alberto Perez-Barrios at 305-854-1643, ext. 1207 or e-mail him at [crescendocircle@fgo.org](mailto:crescendocircle@fgo.org).



Winter Friendraiser co-chairs, Monica Rangel and Eduardo Ojeda at Florida Grand Opera's Opening Night Performance of *Turandot*. Photo courtesy of Florida Grand Opera.



Leadership FWOpera Costume Event. Photo courtesy of Fort Worth Opera.

### FORT WORTH OPERA

Leadership FWOpera recently invited members to join in an interactive discussion about costumes. Not only did special guests Kurt Howard, producing director of Fort Worth Opera, and Steven Bryant, wig and costume designer, give members the inside scoop on how costumes come to life for a new production, where you find costumes for a rented production, how they are designed and how much it all costs, but members were encouraged to try on costumes from our 2011 *Il trovatore* production, as well as some from *Turn of the Screw*, which were designed by Steven Bryant for Fort Worth Opera in 2003. FWO Young Artist Meghan Deiter was also a special guest, and demonstrated just how difficult it is to get into the Mikado dress! Next month, LFWO invites General Director Darren K. Woods and Managing Director Keith Wolfe to talk about casting singers for the mainstage productions and FWO's young artists program.

### LYRIC OPERA OF KANSAS CITY

In addition to attending the Saturday night performance of *The Daughter of the Regiment* February 19 at 8:00 p.m. and *The Marriage of Figaro* April 9 at 8:00 p.m., Bohemians go out to dinner prior to the opera at the restaurant partners of the Lyric Opera where they receive discounted meals on opera performance nights. Pre-performance dinner schedules are listed on the events calendar page at [www.kcopera.org](http://www.kcopera.org).

#### Third Friday Happy Hours:

The Bohemians meet the third Friday of every month (September through May) at local bars to socialize and network. Third Friday Happy Hours are listed on the events calendar page.

#### Special Events:

The Bohemians will be enjoying many special events throughout the remaining 2010-2011 season, including dress rehearsal events and trips to regional opera companies.

#### Current Bohemian events:

- **Dinner and the Final Orchestra Dress Rehearsal of *Daughter of the Regiment*** on February 17, 2011.
- **Lyric Opera Guild Trip - New York, February 20-24, 2011**, Join the Lyric Opera Guild and Bohemians once again in New York for more operas at the Metropolitan Opera. This trip will include performances by Joyce DiDonato and Juan Diego Flórez in a rare performance of Rossini's *Le Comte Ory*, Verdi's *Il trovatore* with Marcello Alvarez and Dmitri Hvorostovsky, Wagner's *Die Walküre* with Bryn Terfel, Deborah Voigt and Jonas Kaufman; and Strauss's *Capriccio*, starring Renée Fleming. For information about all the 2010-2011 trips, contact Don Dagenais by phone at 816-444-7407.
- **Lyric Opera Guild Trip — Germany, Switzerland and Austria July 21 - August 3, 2011**, Travel to Europe with the Lyric Opera Guild and the Bohemians! Join Eileen Broadie, a guild member and Kansas Citian who formerly sang opera for 12 years in Germany, as she serves as your travel guide throughout the opera houses and festivals in Germany, Switzerland and Austria. Four opera venues and three cities make this a can't-miss trip. For information about all the 2010-2011 trips, contact Don Dagenais by phone at 816-444-7407.

To receive e-mails regarding the location of the pre-performance dinners, Third Friday Happy Hours and upcoming special events, please e-mail [bohemians@kcopera.org](mailto:bohemians@kcopera.org) or visit the events calendar page at [www.kcopera.org](http://www.kcopera.org).



Members of the Lyric Opera of Kansas City Bohemians.

### Bohemian membership benefits include:

- Invitations to special Bohemians-only parties and volunteer opportunities
- A 15% discount on season tickets to Lyric Opera of Kansas City
- Full Lyric Opera Guild membership benefits including complimentary wine in the Guild Room at performances
- Become a Bohemian to meet other people interested in opera in Kansas City by completing the Bohemians application and sending it to Lyric Opera of Kansas City, Attn: Bohemians, 1029 Central, Kansas City, MO 64105.



OSJ chorus member Jillian Boye (R) and friends at the opening night of *Anna Karenina*. Photo courtesy of Opera San José.

### OPERA SAN JOSÉ

Thursday is Amici Night with Opera San José: OPERA America's Young Friends of Opera are invited to join us for a pre-performance reception in the VIP lounge! Remember to take advantage of your Amici Club Member discount, and bring your friends to the California on Thursday, February 24 to see Rossini's classic, *The Barber of Seville*. Tickets for OPERA America's Young Friends of Opera and OSJ Amici Club members (opera fans 35 and under) are only \$30 — call our box office at 408-437-4450 for more information. See you at the opera!

### PALM BEACH OPERA

Palm Beach Opera announces a new young friends group for the new year: *it's operatastic!*

## PBO young friends

PBO Young Friends is a member group of young people between 21 and 40 who want to meet new friends, have fun, and experience opera. Join today and receive **FREE** and discounted tickets to the opera, exclusive invitations to behind-the-scenes events, and super fun social and networking opportunities.

Membership is \$100 per year and includes the following benefits:

- A FREE ticket to one Saturday night performance
- Saturday Night Special tickets for \$25
- FREE or low cost admission to fun social events
- Complimentary Cocktail at the opera
- Exclusive invitation to a FREE backstage tour
- PBO Young Friends ticket discounts
- Invitations to Palm Beach Opera social events
- Reciprocity with other OPERA America Young Friends groups

*Proof of birth date required.*

For membership information, contact 561-835-7554 or e-mail [youngfriends@pbopera.org](mailto:youngfriends@pbopera.org).

Can't make it on Saturday night? Members save up to 20% on all single tickets! Purchase online with your member promotion code or call the box office at 561-833-7888.