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Tempo presents “The Rogue Song” on March 23

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throws its largest event of the season

- What:** The Rogue Song, a Prohibition-themed party with operatic undertones
- Where:** The Pourhouse, Lumber Exchange Building, 10 South 5th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55402
- When:** Saturday, March 23, 7-10pm
- Tickets:** \$35/general admission; \$25/Tempo members; \$75/VIP.
Call the Minnesota Opera Ticket Office at 612.333.6669, Monday–Friday, 9am–6pm, or purchase online at mnopera.org/roguesong.
- Media:** An online press kit (available now on Dropbox at bit.ly/mnoperapressroom) includes The Rogue Song publicity photos, marketing artwork and other useful resources.
- Follow Tempo and The Rogue Song on Facebook at facebook.com/mnopera.tempo; on Twitter with [@mnopera](https://twitter.com/mnopera) or [@tempomnopera](https://twitter.com/tempomnopera) (#roguesong); or on the Minnesota Opera blog at blog.mnopera.org for weekly Rogue Song fashion posts.

Minneapolis–Tempo, Minnesota Opera’s membership group for young professionals, announces its largest event of the season, The Rogue Song. On Saturday, March 23, 2013, The Pourhouse will be transformed into a Prohibition-era speakeasy with operatic undertones. Knock twice and tell them Figaro sent you. With six bars, tasty eats, live music, gambling and bookcases that open up to an exclusive VIP area, fellas and dames should have no problem getting in touch with their swanky side.

Feeling lucky? Guests will have the chance to “bet it all” on Blackjack or Texas Hold ‘Em while sipping martinis made of bathtub gin. Light appetizers provided by The Pourhouse. Enter The Rogue Song raffle to win prizes that would make a mobster proud.

Entertainment throughout the evening will be provided by the Jeremy Walker Trio and Sole to Soul Dance Conversion. The jazz trio will play 1920s standards (Cole Porter, Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington) with Sole to Soul dancers partnering and performing solo.

The Rogue Song’s centerpiece performance will be swell, with musical numbers ranging from clever covers to classic show-stoppers featuring Angela Keeton (mezzo-soprano), Minnesota Opera Teaching Artist

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Bergen Baker (mezzo-soprano) and two former Minnesota Resident Artists: Brad Benoit (tenor) and Rodolfo Nieto (bass-baritone).

Tempo and Minnesota Opera have partnered with Uber to provide attendees (new Uber clients only) with a ride to or from The Pourhouse, up to \$25 off.

Vintage attire admired but not required. Retail discounts available to The Rogue Song attendees at Via's Vintage, Goorin Bros., Denny Kemp Salon & Spa, Twin Cities Magic and Costume and CostumeRentals. Prizes will be awarded, so get your glad rags on! Best Dressed Fella will win a handmade hat from Goorin Bros. (a \$125 value) and Best Dressed Dame will win a hair fascinator from L'AVENIR (an \$85 value) and a gift certificate from Via's Vintage (a \$75 value). "Best Dressed" will be chosen by the Twin Cities' premiere Image Consultant, Alice Sydow. More information on her at ivegotyourstyle.com.

Feeling especially naughty? Purchase VIP tickets for free hooch, scantily clad women and all sorts of other sinful delights! Say the password to unlock the hidden door to The Hooch Room and enjoy the following benefits: exclusive burlesque performances by Les Folies Risque and local/national superstar Sweetpea; complimentary tastings of Absolut Hibiskus vodka, Beefeater gin and Jameson whiskey plus a champagne fountain courtesy of Southern Wine & Spirits; complimentary passed hors d'oeuvres; gift bags; and savings up to \$40 off Uber transportation to and from The Pourhouse. VIP also offers a direct view of the main stage. Space is very limited for The Hooch Room and VIP tickets.

Purchase tickets at mnopera.org/roguesong or call the Minnesota Opera Ticket Office at 612.333.6669, Monday–Friday, 9am–6pm.

Not a Tempo member? It's not too late to join with this special offer. Become a Tempo member for only \$25 (regularly \$50) and get up to two Rogue Song tickets at the member price, and enjoy \$30 tickets (valued up to \$90) to Minnesota Opera's production of *Turandot* on Friday, April 19. Questions? Email Tempo at tempo@mnopera.org or call the Minnesota Opera Ticket Office. Additional Tempo benefits include access to after parties and reciprocal benefits with opera companies nationwide.

Tempo is Minnesota Opera's program for both new and seasoned opera-goers ages 21-39. More information at mnopera.org/tempo.

The Rogue Song media partner is *Minnesota Monthly*.

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