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OPERA COLORADO ANNOUNCES 2006-2007 SEASON OPENING GALA Carol Roger and Jeff Potter named as Event Chairs

Denver, Colo.— Opera Colorado will celebrate the 2006-2007 season on **Friday, November 10, 2006** with its second annual Season Opening Gala. The evening includes dinner in the Seawell Ballroom, tickets to the opening night performance of *The Magic Flute*, and a post-performance dessert reception with the cast. Tables, Couples Packages, and Individual tickets are available for purchase now. For gala details and reservations visit www.operacolorado.org/getinvolved or call LeeAnn Foster at the event hotline **303-698-2334**.

The 2006-2007 season, marking Opera Colorado's second year in the Ellie Caulkins Opera House, will open in style with the highly anticipated sequel to one of Denver's most talked about events of the year. Opera Colorado is proud to announce that **Carol Roger** of **Fuller Towne & Country** will serve as Gala Chair and **Jeff Potter**, CEO of **Frontier Airlines** will serve as the Chair of the Corporate Committee. **Kalleen Malone**, last year's Gala Chair, will serve as Honorary Chair. This year's presenting event sponsors are **Charles and Ursula Kafadar** and **Jeremy and Susan Shamos**. The evening will begin in the height of elegance and grandeur with a cocktail reception and dinner catered by **Epicurean Catering** in the Seawell Ballroom at the Denver Performing Arts Complex. **David Squires** of **Design Works** will transform the Ballroom into a fanciful landscape that only Mozart could imagine. Immediately following dinner, guests will be escorted to the nationally recognized Ellie Caulkins Opera House for the opening night performance of Mozart's beloved opera, *The Magic Flute*. Designed by world renowned children's book author and illustrator Maurice Sendak, *The Magic Flute*, with its fanciful pyramids and temple ruins, lush costumes and memorable music, will lead guests on a fantastic voyage to an exotic landscape filled with laughter and mysterious trials. While at the opera, guests will enjoy prime orchestra seating and complimentary intermission cocktails. Directly following the performance, guests will enjoy a festive Champagne Dessert Reception with desserts from **Kevin Taylor's at the Opera House** and an opportunity to mingle with the cast in the Chambers Grant Salon. Prior to the gala, a **Patron Party** will take place on **Sunday, November 5, 2006** from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the home of Opera Colorado Board Chairs, **Jeremy and Susan Shamos**. Guests will enjoy hors d'oeuvres from Epicurean Catering and the cast of *The Magic Flute* will be special guests for the evening. Proceeds from the 2006-2007 Season Opening Gala will support the artistic, education, and community outreach programs of Opera Colorado, serving over 25,000 youth and adults throughout Colorado.

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Tickets Tables may be purchased at the \$5,000, \$10,000, and \$25,000 level. Couples package at \$4,000. Individual tickets at \$500. Please contact the Special Events Hotline at 303-698-2334 or go to www.operacolorado.org/getinvolved to purchase tickets or receive more information.

Event Details

What: Opera Colorado Season Opening Gala with Mozart's *The Magic Flute*

Where: Seawell Ballroom and the Ellie Caulkins Opera House, Denver, Colorado

When: November 10, 2006

Beneficiary: Opera Colorado's artistic and education programs

Chair: Carol Roger, Kalleen Mallone (Honorary Chair)

Corporate Committee Chair: Jeff Potter

Gala Sponsors: Charles and Ursula Kafadar, Jeremy and Susan Shamos.

Gift Sponsors: Tiffany & Co., Neiman Marcus

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