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OPERA COLORADO ANNOUNCES AUDITIONS FOR 2007 EDUCATION AND OUTREACH ENSEMBLE

Denver, Colo.— Opera Colorado announces auditions for the 2007 Opera Colorado Outreach Ensemble. The Opera Colorado Outreach Ensemble brings opera directly to schools and venues throughout the state of Colorado and the region. Auditions will be held in **New York City** and **Denver** in **October 2006**. Interested artists should complete an application by **September 29, 2006**. For more information, please contact the Director of Education and Outreach, **Leigh Holman** at 303-778-7350, or visit <http://www.operacolorado.org/education>.

The Outreach Ensemble will perform for numerous types of audiences during a five-month residency, January through May. The featured educational programs for the 2007 season are *The Island of Tulipatan* (Offenbach) and *La Curandera* (Rodriguez), which premiered by Opera Colorado in 2006. Artists will also have the opportunity to perform in recitals through the Opera Colorado *Arias and Ensembles* program. Artists will be cast in the main roles for the Student Matinee performance of Donizetti's *The Elixir of Love* as well as possibly covering and/or being assigned roles in Opera Colorado's spring production of Verdi's, *Un ballo in maschera*. In addition, Opera Colorado Outreach Ensemble members will have the chance to coach with conductors and directors who are guest artists for the 2007 season.

TO APPLY:

The 2007 Opera Colorado Outreach Ensemble will consist of six singers (two sopranos, one mezzo-soprano, one tenor, one baritone and one bass) and one coach accompanist. Auditions will be held in New York City and Denver in October 2006.

Interested applicants should submit the following:

- Cover letter
- Résumé
- 8 x 10 black and white head shot
- Non-refundable application fee of \$25 (payable to *Opera Colorado*)
- Preferred audition location: New York City or Denver, CO
- Applications must be postmarked by **September 29, 2006**

Mail completed package to:

Education & Outreach
Opera Colorado
695 S. Colorado Boulevard, Suite 20
Denver, CO 80246

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