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OPERA COLORADO ANNOUNCES BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S GROUP

Denver, Colo.— Opera Colorado announces the formation of the Business and Professional Women of Opera Colorado, a networking group dedicated to supporting opera and women in the arts.

This initiative combines social networking opportunities and allows its members a "backstage pass" to the world of grand opera. Members are invited to special opera-related events, including a quarterly luncheon featuring a guest artist or production artist. The membership is comprised of women from a variety of professional fields, allowing members to meet women outside their current social and business circles.

Rene Morgan, Opera Colorado board member and founder of the Business and Professional Women of Opera Colorado, says: "This group offers its members a look into the opera world beyond the stage lights. We wanted to create an environment where businesswomen could come together and meet different people while learning more about opera and supporting one of Colorado's premiere arts institutions."

The group supports the company's programs through annual membership fees. Donations made to Opera Colorado go to support not only the production of opera performances, but also the Education and Outreach programs. These programs are designed to spread the love of opera and to support the next generation of opera performers.

The group's first luncheon, which honored acclaimed soprano **Maria Kanyova**, was held on February 15th at the Chambers Grant Salon in the Ellie Caulkins Opera House. The inaugural event resulted in 24 charter memberships. The next luncheon will be held at the same location on **April 19th**; the guest speaker will be soprano **Heidi Stober**, who sings the role of Oscar in the upcoming production of *Un ballo in maschera*.

For more information on joining the Business & Professional Women of Opera Colorado, contact Heather Tinley in the Development office at 303-698-2334 or visit www.operacolorado.org.

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