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OPERA COLORADO ANNOUNCES CASTING CHANGE FOR “UN BALLO IN MASCHERA / A MASKED BALL,” Erin Wood to sing role of Amelia

Denver, Colo.— Opera Colorado’s President and General Director **Peter Russell** announces a casting change for the upcoming production of *Un ballo in maschera*. The role of Amelia will be sung by American soprano **Erin Wood** replacing **Doina Dimitriu** who is indisposed.

Erin Wood is quickly becoming a notable talent in the US. She came to public attention in recent seasons when she replaced Deborah Voigt at both San Francisco Opera as Amelia in *Un ballo in maschera*, and at Lyric Opera of Chicago as Sieglinde in *Die Walküre*. As a member of Chicago’s Lyric Opera Center for American Artists she performed Lisa in *The Queen of Spades*, Berta in *Il Barbiere di Siviglia*, Guttrune and the Third Norn in *Götterdämmerung*, Ortlinde in *Die Walküre*, the Lady-in-Waiting in Verdi’s *Macbeth*, Marianne in *Der Rosenkavalier*, plus roles in *Street Scene* and *Susannah*.

Elsewhere, Ms. Wood has performed Lisa in *The Queen of Spades* for Opera Grand Rapids, Lady Billows in *Albert Herring* for the Music Academy of the West, Mavis in *The Fantastic Mr. Fox* for Los Angeles Opera, and productions of *The Flying Dutchman* and *The Magic Flute* for Opera Pacific. She has appeared on the concert stages of the Ravinia Festival, Grant Park Music Festival, the Pacific Symphony, Milwaukee Symphony, Toledo Opera, Lake Forest Symphony, the Angeles Chorale, and the Joffrey Ballet of Chicago. She has presented recitals for the Dame Myra Hess Foundation in Chicago and the Marilyn Horne Foundation in New York.

***Un ballo in maschera* Performance Schedule:**

Thursday, April 26, 7:30 pm

Sunday, April 29, 2:00 pm

Wednesday, May 2, 7:30 pm

Saturday, May 5, 7:30 pm

Tuesday, May 8, 7:30 pm

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***Un ballo in maschera* is sponsored by:**

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Tickets – Tickets are on sale now and are available through Ticketmaster via www.operacolorado.org, by phone at **303-357-ARTS**, or at a variety of walk-up locations posted on the Opera Colorado website. Ticket prices range from \$27 - \$157. Discount rates are available to groups of 10 or more.

Opera Colorado performances take place at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House at the Denver Performing Arts Complex, 14th and Curtis Streets in downtown Denver.

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