



## NEWS RELEASE

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**“MEET THE ARTISTS” LUNCHTIME SERIES  
AT THE TATTERED COVER BOOK STORE, LODO  
With the cast and artistic team of the opera *Un ballo in maschera*  
Wednesday, April 18 at 12:00 pm**

**Denver, Colo.**— Opera Colorado presents its popular “Meet the Artists” series at the Tattered Cover Book Store in lower downtown Denver. On **Wednesday, April 18 at 12:00 pm (noon)**, the principal artists and artistic team for *Un ballo in maschera* will attend a lunchtime chat, moderated by Opera Colorado’s President and General Director, **Peter Russell**. The event is free of charge, open to the public, and offers a fun, casual setting for people to interact with the stars of the production prior to the opening performances.

**WHAT:** Meet the artists of Opera Colorado's upcoming production of Verdi's *Un ballo in maschera* at a free lunchtime chat. Attendees are encouraged to order lunch from the Tattered Cover Coffee Shop, to enjoy during the discussion.

**WHY:** It's fun! Get the inside information on the NEW production of *Un ballo in maschera*, with host Peter Russell, President and General Director of Opera Colorado, and enjoy a vibrant discussion about Verdi's burning tale of passion, staged by Artistic Director **James Robinson**. Attendees can participate in a Q&A session with the artists as well!

**WHEN:** Wednesday, April 18, 2007. Doors open at 11:30, Discussion begins at 12:00 pm (noon). Discussions typically last one hour.

**WHERE:** Tattered Cover LoDo, Special Events Hall, 16th & Wynkoop.

***Un ballo in maschera* will run for five performances, April 26, 29, May 2, 5, 8.**

**Tickets - Single Tickets** for performances of *Un ballo in maschera* are on sale now. Call **303-357-ARTS** or visit [www.operacolorado.org](http://www.operacolorado.org). Tickets available online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), at all Ticketmaster outlets including Macy's, The Official Visitor's Center, and Angelo's CD's. To charge tickets by phone call (303) 357-ARTS. Ticket center hours may vary, contact retailer to confirm hours of operation.

*Un ballo in maschera* is sponsored by Frontier Airlines, the Gay and Lesbian Fund for Colorado, and James Robinson.

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