



NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release:
June 15, 2007

Contact: Becky Lathrop, Director of Marketing
blathrop@operacolorado.org
303-778-0214

OPERA COLORADO ANNOUNCES AUDITIONS FOR 2008 EDUCATION AND OUTREACH ENSEMBLE

Denver, Colo.— Opera Colorado announces auditions for the 2008 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** on **September 7 and 8** and **Denver** on **September 14**. Applications must be postmarked by **August 15, 2007**. 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 2008 season are ***Cinderella*** (Rossini) and ***La Curandera*** (Rodriguez), which premiered at 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 ***Don Pasquale***. In addition, Opera Colorado Outreach Ensemble members will have the chance to coach with conductors and directors who are guest artists for the 2008 season.

TO APPLY:

The 2008 Opera Colorado Outreach Ensemble will consist of six singers (one soprano, two mezzo-sopranos, one tenor, one baritone and one bass) and one coach accompanist. Auditions will be held in New York City and Denver in **September 2007**.

Interested applicants should submit the following:

- Cover letter
- Résumé
- Application (download from www.operacolorado.org)
- 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 **August 15, 2007**

Mail completed package to:
Education & Outreach
Opera Colorado
695 S. Colorado Boulevard, Suite 20
Denver, CO 80246

###

Opera Colorado's mission is to entertain our audience by creating the passion, excitement and art of grand opera and to promote opera to the widest possible audience through educational and cultural activities. Opera Colorado is committed to presenting the highest quality live performances of grand operas in their original languages.
Opera Colorado exists to feed the spirit.