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OPERA COLORADO ANNOUNCES ART SONG RECITAL SERIES

DENVER, CO - Opera Colorado announces the **Art Song Recital Series** featuring Young Artists of the 2008 Opera Colorado Ensemble. These free duet concerts are open to the public and will take place **May 3, 11, and 16** at locations around Denver. The artists will perform a blend of art songs and lieder by contemporary and classical composers and poets.

Education Director Leigh Holman says, "These recitals are an excellent way for classical music fans around Denver to experience live vocal music by the world's best composers and poets for free. At the same time, these recitals offer audiences a chance to experience a more intimate and in-depth introduction to the talents of our young artists. We are thrilled to offer these high-quality performances to the community and hope to reach new audiences.

The Opera Colorado Outreach Ensemble is comprised of a select group of young professional opera performers who are auditioned nationally to partake in a residency with Opera Colorado's Education department, performing in schools and other venues throughout the state of Colorado. The 2008 Ensemble includes **Michelle Trovato**, *soprano*; **Kristin Behrmann**, *mezzo-soprano*; **Eve Orenstein**, *mezzo-soprano*; **Hak Soo Kim**, *tenor*; **Carlos Aguirre**, *baritone*; **Rodolfo Nieto**, *bass-baritone*; and **Steven Aguiló-Arbues**, *pianist*.

ART SONG RECITAL DATES

Saturday, May 3 at 7:00 pm

Church of the Ascension,
600 Gilpin Street, Denver

Featuring Eve Orenstein (mezzo-soprano) and Rodolfo Nieto (bass-baritone) with Steven Aguiló-Arbues, pianist.

Sunday, May 11 at 3:00 pm

St. Paul's Lutheran Church,
1600 Grant Street, Denver

Featuring Kristin Behrmann (mezzo-soprano) and Hak Soo Kim (tenor) with Steven Aguiló-Arbues, pianist.

Friday, May 16 at 7:30 pm

St. John's Cathedral,
1350 Washington Street, Denver

Featuring Michelle Trovato (soprano) and Carlos Aguirre (baritone) with Steven Aguiló-Arbues and Mutsumi Moteki pianists.

For more information, visit the "Education" section of our website,
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