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OPERA Shorts! EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT **Opera Colorado and Central City Opera offer new preview event series** **at Alto Restaurant**

Denver, Colo.— Opera Colorado and Central City Opera have teamed up again to provide a new opera preview program. **OPERA Shorts!** is a revealing event held at Alto Restaurant in downtown Denver. Each opera company will present a light overview of their upcoming productions on alternating dates between January and May 2008. The first event will take place on **Tuesday, January 29** and will focus on Opera Colorado's upcoming production of ***Don Pasquale***, running February 8-17 at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House. There is a \$20 per person fee which includes one glass of wine and a variety of appetizers provided by Alto.

Designed as a "Cliff Notes" styled series, the high-energy events will offer short talks, short songs, short clips and short skits – the perfect entrée for the fastest growing art form in the US. At the inaugural event, Opera Colorado's Education and Outreach Ensemble will perform opera skits as well as live music samples from Donizetti's rousing comedy, *Don Pasquale*. Alto Restaurant, located in the heart of LoDo at 15th and Larimer, serves contemporary fine cuisine, fine wines and specialty cocktails presented in a warm and upscale atmosphere, complete with a stage and lighting system to round out an ideal performance space. OPERA Shorts! attendees are encouraged to stay and dine at Alto following the program. Call Alto at 303-893-ALTO for reservations.

What: **OPERA Shorts! like cliff notes, but with live music and good wine.**

Date: Tuesday, January 29, 2008 (remaining dates TBA)

Time: 5:30 pm – 6:45 pm

Location: Alto, 1320 15th Street www.altodenver.com 303-893-ALTO
(valet parking available)

Cost: \$20 per person (includes admission, 1 glass of wine and appetizers)

Program: OPERA Shorts! events begin with a half-hour reception where guests may enjoy wine and appetizers provided by Alto. A 45-minute presentation will feature a brief introductory presentation on Opera Colorado and Central City Opera and a fun, interactive live skit of the opera synopsis, live highlight music samples and interesting tips on the staging, history, and popular influences.

RSVP: Call 303-698-2334 or email info@operacolorado.org (Seating limited to 100)

Designed to increase participation in and appreciation of opera, OPERA Shorts! offers a lively and welcoming introduction to the art form. Opera Colorado, Central City Opera and Alto Restaurant are pleased to kick-off this new and exciting program for Denver audiences to enjoy. More information on each company's season and offerings are available online at the following websites:

www.operacolorado.org

www.centralcityopera.org

www.altodenver.com

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