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SINGLE TICKETS NOW ON SALE and 25TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION ON SEPTEMBER 22 PATTI LUPONE, LA TRAVIATA, DON PASQUALE, THE FLYING DUTCHMAN, NIXON IN CHINA

Denver, Colo.— Single tickets are now on sale for Opera Colorado's 2007-2008 25th Anniversary Season. Single tickets range from \$28 to \$157 for "**La Traviata**", "**Don Pasquale**", and "**Nixon in China**". "**The Flying Dutchman**" is a special concert opera; tickets are \$45 and \$65. Tickets for the **Patti LuPone** concert only (not full gala package) range from \$27 to \$57. Single tickets are available by calling 303-357-ARTS, online at www.operacolorado.org, and at all Ticketmaster retail locations including select Macy's stores, select FYE stores, Cherry Creek Shopping Center Guest Services Desk, the Official Visitor's Center at 1600 California Street Ste. 6, Angelo's CD's & More, and Twist & Shout. Ticket center hours vary; contact retailer to confirm hours of operation. Opera Colorado will also be holding a **Birthday Party Open House on Saturday, September 22 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm** (fact sheet below.)

The upcoming offerings combine all of the greatest elements of opera into one season. Opera Colorado celebrates its 25th Anniversary with a gala concert featuring Broadway superstar **Patti LuPone** in concert on November 3. "**La Traviata**", opera's most heartbreaking romance, opens the mainstage opera season on November 9, 2007 and runs for five performances through November 18. Donizetti's rousing tale of disguise and deception, "**Don Pasquale**", is restaged in the wild west of America in the 1800's and runs for five performances February 8-17, 2008. See **Samuel Ramey** as he makes his debut in the title role. Opera Colorado celebrates its 25th Anniversary with a special concert opera of Wagner's "**The Flying Dutchman**" with the world's premiere Wagnerian bass, **James Morris**, as the cursed seafarer. Experience Wagner in an intimate setting with this limited engagement on April 18 & 20, 2008. Concluding the season is Opera Colorado's first contemporary opera, Adams' "**Nixon in China**". This captivating chronicle of Nixon's historic visit to China in 1972 runs June 7-15, 2008.

For a complete list of performance dates, artists, and production information, please visit www.operacolorado.org or call 303-778-1500 to request a brochure. Subscriptions for the 2007-2008 season start at just \$80 and are currently on sale now through November 19. Groups of 10 or more people save up to 20% on single tickets and never pay additional fees.

BIRTHDAY PARTY OPEN HOUSE FACT SHEET

Birthday Party Open House:

Saturday, September 22, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

For one day only, in celebration of Opera Colorado's 25th Anniversary, patrons can purchase single tickets for any performance date and pay NO additional ticketing fees! This special deal is available only at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House Box Office, at the walk-up window, from 10:00am – 2:00pm, Saturday, September 22. The Ellie Caulkins Opera House is located at the Denver Performing Arts Complex in downtown Denver, at the corner of 14th and Curtis Streets.

Big Savings: **The first 25 people in line save \$25 off of one ticket!** Ticket buyers will only be charged the face value of the ticket – no handling fees, no convenience charges, no printing fees, no processing fees, no credit card fees. A savings of up to \$16 in fees for two tickets to one performance! Groups of 10 or more save up to 20% on single tickets and never pay additional fees.

Prizes: Drawings for prizes including round-trip **Frontier Airline tickets**, a **Westin Tabor Center** hotel stay, a **\$100 Kevin Taylor Restaurant Group** certificate, a **free Opera Colorado subscription**, **free tickets to see**

Patti LuPone in concert, **commemorative posters** and more!

Tours, Music, Refreshments: Tours of the Ellie Caulkins Opera House will be available throughout the day and chamber musicians will be playing delightful music in the Denver Performing Arts Complex Galleria. Refreshments will be provided for the first 250 ticket buyers. Costumes from "La Traviata" and "Nixon in China" will be on display. Plus - meet Finn, the friendly Official Dog of Opera Colorado!

The 2007-2008 season is sponsored by Ellie Caulkins, Charles and Ursula Kafadar,
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