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## Family Day at the Opera

February 7, 2015 | Ellie Caulkins Opera House Lobby & Stage

1PM Performance SOLD OUT

**3:30PM Performance Added By Popular Demand**

Denver, CO — (January 14, 2015) Added by popular demand and sponsored by the PB & K Family Foundation, this free family performance will feature an abridged production of *Hansel and Gretel* sung in English. Performed by Opera Colorado's 2014 Young Artists, **Family Day at the Opera** features the professional production of *Hansel and Gretel* that Opera Colorado takes directly into schools and community venues across the state of Colorado.

The performance at 1PM sold out in less than two days. By popular demand, a second performance has just been added at 3:30PM on the same day, February 7. Tickets for the performance are free to the public, however space is limited and an RSVP is required.

The performance will take place with the audience seated on the stage of the Ellie Caulkins Opera House in a unique and intimate setting. **Family Day at the Opera** will include a short Q&A session after the 50 minute performance, along with hands-on crafts and entertainment. Don't miss this opportunity to bring your whole family to the Opera and experience the joy of live performance in a fun setting.

Come early to enjoy family fun activities and kid-friendly refreshments, provided by Kevin Taylor's at the Opera House. **Family Day at the Opera** is sponsored by the PB & K Family Foundation.

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## ***Hansel and Gretel***

Follow the trail of breadcrumbs to Opera Colorado's production of the beloved fairytale *Hansel and Gretel*. When they become stranded in the Magic Forest, things look "Grimm" indeed for Gretel and her brother Hansel. What follows is an enchanted odyssey through a magical forest and into a house made of gingerbread. The pair encounters everything from a magical Sandman to a witch with a sweet tooth who really likes kids – well-done, that is! Sung in English and staged traditionally, this enchanting performance is sure to entertain. A unique and creative way to incorporate classical literature and fairytales into your curriculum or fun family activities!

### **Cast List**

Gretel.....	Leah Bobbey	Hansel.....	Katherine Sanford
Father.....	Andrew Paulson	Sandman.....	Leo Rado
Witch.....	Brett Sprague	Director.....	Cherity Koepke

Set Design: Cherity Koepke/Bruce Bergner  
Set Builder: Ron Mueller  
Costumes: Ann Piano

Abridged by: Cherity Koepke  
English Translation by: Cherity Koepke

For more information about Opera Colorado's Young Artists visit:  
[Operacolorado.org/education/young-artists](https://Operacolorado.org/education/young-artists)

**Time: 3:30PM**

**Location:** The Ellie Caulkins Opera House is located at 1101 13<sup>th</sup> Street Denver, CO 80204, at the corner of 14<sup>th</sup> and Champa Streets. Entrance to the Opera House is at Curtis and 14<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Tickets:** This performance is free to the public, however space is limited and an RSVP is required. To print out your free tickets and RSVP, please visit Eventbrite at: <https://ocfamilyday2.eventbrite.com>. You can also make your reservation by calling Opera Colorado's Box Office at 303.468.2030. Find out more at [Operacolorado.org](https://Operacolorado.org).  
**Age Recommendation: K – 12**



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**Greg Carpenter, General Director**

The fourth General Director in Opera Colorado's 31-year history, Greg Carpenter guides both the artistic and administrative operations of the company. His role as General Director began in 2007, prior to which he served as Opera Colorado's Director of Development from 2004-2007, overseeing all fundraising and Board of Directors activities. Carpenter currently serves on the Board of Directors for OPERA America, the national service organization for the opera industry.

**About Opera Colorado** A cornerstone of Denver's cultural community, Opera Colorado presents operas annually at its downtown Denver home, the Ellie Caulkins Opera House. The Company presents new works alongside standard repertoire, and reaches more than 35,500 students and community members throughout the Rocky Mountain region through a variety of education and community engagement programs. Opera Colorado Young Artists, an eight-month residency for singers at the beginning stages of their careers, provides training for the next generation of American opera performers. Remaining performances in the 2014-2015 season include *The Magic Flute* by W.A. Mozart (May 2-10, 2015).

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