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Opera Colorado Young Artists Farewell

Sunday, May 31, 2015 | 2PM – 3:30PM

The Studio Loft at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House

Denver, CO — (April 28, 2015) Opera Colorado announces the Young Artists Farewell Recital & Reception at The Studio Loft in the Ellie Caulkins Opera House on Sunday, May 31 from 2PM to 3:30PM.

Join Opera Colorado to bid farewell to the 2014-2015 Young Artists. This event features an intimate recital followed by a reception with refreshments, light nibbles and a cash bar. As their seven-month residency comes to a close, hear the Young Artists sing a program of their favorite repertoire that they have performed for Opera Colorado, and visit with them following the performance.

“This farewell concert is such a special event; for many different reasons,” says Cherity Koepke, Director of Education and the Young Artists program. “It’s a chance for the community to bid goodbye to the Young Artists they have followed for the past seven months, and a chance for the Young Artists to say thank you to the community for its support. This event gives both the audience and the Young Artists a sense that they have come full circle since starting the program in October 2014.”

This farewell event also gives Opera Colorado the opportunity to honor these emerging artists for the work that they have done during their residency.



“They have each grown and matured as artists and the audience will be able to see that first hand. As they take the next steps in their careers, it is our chance to send them off in style and watch them as they continue to take the opera world by storm.” – Cherity Koepke

Accomplishments during their residency include bringing opera to audiences of all ages in communities across the state, bringing *The Scarlet Letter* to life with a concert reading in March 2015 (in preparation for its world premiere in 2016), and performing in both *Madama Butterfly* and *The Magic Flute* mainstage productions for Opera Colorado's 2014-2015 season. The Young Artists have worked tirelessly to demonstrate throughout their work that the opera is alive and thriving.

The 2014-2015 Young Artists are Soprano Leah Bobby, Mezzo-Soprano Katherine Sanford, Tenor Brett Sprague, Baritone Andrew Paulson, Bass-Baritone Daniel DeVicente. Visit operacolorado.org/education/young-artists/ for more information.

This event is a part of the Red Dot Patron and above Donor Packages. General admission for the performance is \$10 and seating is limited to 100 people. Tickets can be purchased online for this fundraising event at youngartistsfarewell.eventbrite.com

Parking: Street parking is free downtown on Sundays. Or you can park in the Denver Performing Arts Complex or Colorado Convention Center Parking Garages.

Date: Sunday, May 31, 2015

Time: 2PM – 3:30PM

Location: The Studio Loft at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House. Located at 909 14th St, Denver, CO 80202. Entrance to the Studio Loft is on 14th Street at 14th and Champa.

Tickets: This event is free to Opera Colorado Red Dot Patron and above donors. General admission is \$10. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit youngartistsfarewell.eventbrite.com or operacolorado.org.

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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, a seven-month residency for singers at the beginning stages of their careers, provides training for the next generation of American opera performers. Young Artists play a vital role as the voice and face of Opera Colorado in the community. They perform throughout the season in school and community centers across the State. The 2015-2016 Season features performances of *Aida* (November 7-15, 2015) and the world premiere of *The Scarlet Letter* (May 7-15, 2016).

Tickets are still available for this season's final performances of *The Magic Flute* May 2-10. Call 303.468.2030 or visit operacolorado.org.

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