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## 2015-2016 Season Chorus Auditions

Denver, CO (May 5, 2015) Opera Colorado announced today that it will hold chorus auditions for its 2015-2016 season productions of Verdi's *Aida* and the world premiere of Lori Laitman's *The Scarlet Letter*. Chorus auditions will take place on Saturday, June 6, 2015 from 1PM to 5PM at the Robert and Judi Newman Center for Theatre Education, located at 1101 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Denver, CO 80204 (at 13<sup>th</sup> and Arapahoe Streets in Downtown Denver).

Opera Colorado will audition all voice types, but preference will be given to tenors, baritones and basses. Singers should prepare two selections from the art song, opera or musical theatre repertoire to perform at the audition. Preferably, one selection should be in a foreign language. Repertoire should be memorized. An accompanist will be provided.

Singers selected for the 2015-2016 Season Chorus will need to be available for weekday evening and weekend rehearsals as indicated below:

*Aida* | September 21<sup>st</sup> – November 15, 2015

*The Scarlet Letter* | March 28 – May 15, 2016

### Chorus Audition Details

**Date:** Saturday, June 6, 2015

**Time:** 1PM – 5PM

**Location:** Robert and Judi Newman Center for Theatre Education, 1101 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Denver, CO 80204

**How to Apply:** For more information or to schedule an audition, please send an email to [auditions@operacolorado.org](mailto:auditions@operacolorado.org). Requests for auditions are on a first-come, first-served basis, and are based on the musical requirements for Opera Colorado's 2015-2016 repertoire and productions.



## Tentative Rehearsal Schedule:

### *Aida*

September 21 & 22, 2015	7PM – 10PM
September 28 2015	7PM – 10PM
October 1, 2015	7PM – 10PM
October 4, 2015	2PM – 5PM
October 5 – 9, 2015	7PM – 10PM
October 10, 2015	10AM – 2PM
October 12, 2015	7PM – 10PM
Staging rehearsals begin on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 (schedule TBD)	
Performances November 7, 10, 13, 15, 2015	

### *The Scarlet Letter*

March 30, 2016	7PM – 10PM
April 1, 2015	7PM – 10PM
April 2, 2016	11AM – 1PM
April 4, 2016	7PM – 10PM
April 6, 2016	7PM – 10PM
April 8, 2016	7PM – 10PM
April 9, 2016	11AM – 1PM
April 11, 2016	7PM – 9PM
Staging rehearsals begin on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 (schedule TBD)	
Performances May 7, 10, 13, 15, 2016	

Opera Colorado's 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 seasons are sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth T. Barrow. The 2015-2016 season sponsors include the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD), Magnolia Hotels, The Edge Restaurant & Bar, The Four Seasons Hotel, Rassman Design and the Denver Post.

### **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 tonight and Friday's performances of *The Magic Flute*, May 5 and 8. The Sunday, May 10 performance is sold out. Call 303.468.2030 or visit [operacolorado.org](http://operacolorado.org).

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