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Opera Colorado Young Artists Showcase

Friday, October 2, 2015 | 5:30PM

The Studio Loft at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House

Denver, CO — (September 23, 2015) Opera Colorado announces the Young Artists Showcase at The Studio Loft in the Ellie Caulkins Opera House on Friday, October 2 at 5:30PM.

Join Opera Colorado to welcome the 2015-2016 Young Artists. This event features an intimate recital with refreshments, light nibbles and a cash bar before the performance. Hear the Young Artists sing a program of opera favorites and take advantage of this opportunity to meet them.

Opera Colorado's Young Artists are emerging professional opera singers taking steps to transition from students to performing artists. 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.

This event sets the stage for the season ahead. "It's a fun, informal event, but so much more under the surface," explains Program Director Cherity Koepke. "The Young Artist Showcase is the official debut for the Young Artists. It is their first opportunity to perform for the public and it is our first opportunity, as a company, to showcase their incredible talent. Having the public welcome them to Colorado and cheer them on sets the stage for the next eight-months and creates a sense of community."



This season's Young Artists are Soprano Emily Louise Robinson, Mezzo-Soprano Danielle Lombardi, Tenor Casey Candebat, Baritone Charles Eaton and Bass-Baritone William Lee Bryan. Visit operacolorado.org/education/young-artists/ for more information. This season Opera Colorado also welcomes new Resident Coach Accompanist Alaina DeBellevue.

This event is free to patrons who donate at the Red Dot level and above. General admission for the performance is \$10 and seating is limited to 100 people. Tickets can be purchased online for this fundraising event at my.operacolorado.org

Parking: Parking is available in the Denver Performing Arts Complex or Colorado Convention Center Parking Garages.

Date: Friday, October 2, 2015

Time: 5:30 PM

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 operacolorado.org or operacoloradoyoungartistsshowcase.eventbrite.com.

Opera Colorado's 2015-2016 season is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth T. Barrow. Season sponsors for the 2015-2016 Season include the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD), The Denver Post, 5280 Magazine, Yellow Scene Magazine, Magnolia Hotels, KCNC-TV CBS4, The Edge Restaurant & Bar, The Four Seasons Hotel and Rassman Design.

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

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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).

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