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**[Photo 1]: (L-R) Mark Rucker as Jack Rance, Melissa Citro as Minnie and Jonathan Burton as Dick Johnson**

**[Photo 2]:(L-R) Jonathan Burton as Dick Johnson and Melissa Citro as Minnie**

**[Caption]: Opera Colorado present *Girl of the Golden West (La Fanciulla del West)*. Spaghetti Western meets Italian Opera. The opera Puccini declared his best!  
Tickets 303.468.2030 or [operacolorado.org](http://operacolorado.org)**

#### **About Opera Colorado**

Great cities need great art, and for more than three decades, Opera Colorado has brought world-class performing arts to Colorado audiences. Today Opera Colorado serves as a cornerstone of Denver's cultural community, bringing grand opera to the Ellie Caulkins Opera House, its Denver home since its opening in 2005. Alongside standard repertoire in the grand opera tradition Opera Colorado presents new works or rarely performed productions each season. The company reaches more than 37,000 students and adults through its many education and community engagement programs throughout the Rocky Mountain region. Opera Colorado's Young Artists, singers at the beginning stages of their careers, perform during their eight-month residency with the company in schools and community centers across the State – including an annual tour on the Western Slope. Recognized nationally for its excellence, the Young Artists program provides training for the next generation of American opera singers.

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The 2016-2017 Season productions at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House will feature Puccini's *La Fanciulla de West* in November 2016 and Donizetti's *Lucia di Lammermoor* in May 2017, and *As One* by Laura Kaminsky, Mark Campbell and Kimberly Reed, at the Performing Arts Complex at PCS in March 2017. [www.operacolorado.org](http://www.operacolorado.org)

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