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## **Single Tickets for Opera Colorado’s 2022-23 Season Go On Sale August 1**

**Our 40th Anniversary Season features Verdi’s *Rigoletto*,  
Korngold’s *Die tote Stadt*, and Puccini’s *Turandot***

**Denver, CO (July 25, 2022)**—Opera Colorado is excited to announce that single tickets for the 2022-23 Season will be available starting Monday, August 1 at 10:00 a.m. MST on [operacolorado.org](http://operacolorado.org) or by calling 303.468.2030 (10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.).

Celebrating the 40th anniversary of the company’s inception in 1983, the mainstage season features Verdi’s *Rigoletto*, a new production of Korngold’s *Die tote Stadt*, and Puccini’s *Turandot*. A one-night-only concert production of Mascagni’s *Cavalleria rusticana* kicks off the festivities on September 10. The 40th Anniversary Season is generously sponsored by Marcia & Dick Robinson.

“It has been such a thrill working with Music Director Ari Pelto to plan a celebratory 40th Anniversary Season,” says Greg Carpenter, The Ellie Caulkins General & Artistic Director. “With classic operas we all love and a rarely performed work, this season represents an artistic vision for our future. We have assembled some of the finest singers, directors, and designers, many of whom will be making their company debuts. The entire season will highlight our exceptional Opera Colorado Chorus and Orchestra. It is a season of grand opera at its finest, one our patrons will long remember.”

In addition to the mainstage season and *Cavalleria rusticana*, the following 2022-23 Season events are also on sale:

- The first public performance of our 2022-23 Artists in Residence on Friday, September 30 at the Studio Loft at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House
- A recital by mezzo-soprano Michelle DeYoung on Thursday, March 30, 2023, co-presented by The Newman Center for the Performing Arts
- A magnificent 40th Anniversary Gala featuring Joyce DiDonato on Saturday, May 13, 2023
- Delectable add-on dinner experiences at Kevin Taylor’s at the Opera House before opening night of each mainstage performance
- A 40th Anniversary Celebration Cocktail Hour and Dinner on Saturday, September 10, 2022

On August 1 only, all ticket buyers will receive one free drink voucher per ticket purchased (up to four per single ticket order and one per subscription seat) with promo code FREEDRINK.

Tickets for our mainstage season start at just \$39, and subscriptions to all three productions start at \$96. For more information on all programs and prices, visit [operacolorado.org](http://operacolorado.org) or contact Jennifer Colgan at [jcolgan@operacolorado.org](mailto:jcolgan@operacolorado.org) or 303.468.2025.

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## 2022-23 Mainstage Season

Prices, programs, and artists subject to change.

*\*indicates Opera Colorado mainstage debut*

### ***Rigoletto***

Music by Giuseppe Verdi

Libretto by Francesco Maria Piave

**November 5, 8, 11, 13 | 2022**

Ellie Caulkins Opera House at the Denver Performing Arts Complex

*Performed in Italian, with English and Spanish subtitles at every seat*

#### **Price**

\$39-210

#### **Revenge is a Fool's Game**

Verdi's Italian masterpiece opens Opera Colorado's 40th Anniversary Season, featuring unforgettable music including the effervescent "La donna è mobile." The jaded jester Rigoletto serves the reckless Duke of Mantua and his hedonistic court. Little does Rigoletto know the womanizing duke has seduced his naive daughter, Gilda. How far will Rigoletto go to protect his only family?

Join Opera Colorado on opening night of *Rigoletto* in the Chambers Grant Salon for our first Opening Night Dinner of the season! A ticket to Opening Night Dinner includes a delectable three-course meal before the performance. The *Rigoletto* Opening Night Dinner is sponsored by Zach T. Smith.

#### **Cast**

Stephen Powell\* | Rigoletto

Sharleen Joynt\* | Gilda

Joshua Dennis\* | Duke of Mantua

Christian Zarembo\* | Sparafucile/Monterone

Sandra Piques Eddy | Maddalena

#### **Creative Team**

Conductor | Ari Pelto

Stage Director | Christopher Mattaliano\*

Scenic Design | Lawrence Shafer

Costume Design | Howard Tsvi Kaplan  
Lighting Design | Joe Beumer  
Wigs & Makeup | Ronell Oliveri  
Costumes provided by Sarasota Opera Association, Inc.  
Sets provided by the New Orleans Opera Association.

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## ***Die tote Stadt (The Dead City)***

Music by Erich Korngold  
Libretto by Julius Korngold

**February 25, 28, March 3, 5 | 2023**

Ellie Caulkins Opera House at the Denver Performing Arts Complex  
*Performed in German, with English and Spanish subtitles at every seat*

### **Price**

\$39-210

### **Portrait of Obsession**

Opera Colorado presents a new production of composer Erich Korngold's rare operatic gem, *Die tote Stadt (The Dead City)*. We follow Paul, a widowed artist unraveled by grief. Life is turned upside down when Paul meets the bright and passionate Marietta—the mirror image of his late wife, Marie. This haunting drama filled with lush cinematic music will leave you questioning what is real and what is only a dream.

Join Opera Colorado on opening night of *Die tote Stadt* in the Chambers Grant Salon for our second Opening Night Dinner of the season! A ticket to Opening Night Dinner includes a delectable three-course meal before the scheduled performance. The *Die tote Stadt* Opening Night Dinner is sponsored by Elizabeth Caswell Dyer & Matthew Dyer, and Edward Jones.

### **Cast**

Jonathan Burton | Paul  
Sara Gartland\* | Marie/Marietta  
Daniel Belcher | Frank/Fritz  
Betsy Bishop\* | Brigitte  
Jonathan Johnson | Victorin/Gastone

### **Creative Team**

Conductor | Ari Pelto  
Director | Chas Rader-Shieber\*  
Scenic & Costume Design | Robert Perdziola\*  
Lighting Design | Yi Zhao\*  
Wigs & Makeup | Ronell Oliveri

*Die tote Stadt* is sponsored by an Anonymous Donor in honor of Dr. James K. Todd.

The Orchestra for *Die tote Stadt* is sponsored by Kevin O'Connor and Janet Ellen Raasch.

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## ***Turandot***

Music by Giacomo Puccini & Franco Alfano  
Libretto by Giuseppe Adami & Renato Simoni

**May 6, 9, 12, 14 | 2023**

Ellie Caulkins Opera House at the Denver Performing Arts Complex  
*Performed in Italian, with English and Spanish subtitles at every seat*

### **Price**

\$39-210

### **Uncover Love's True Name**

Opera Colorado closes its 40th Anniversary Season on a high note with a breathtaking production of *Turandot*. Puccini's fantastical tale features a magnificent chorus and the iconic tenor aria, "Nessun dorma." Those who wish to marry the fearsome and beautiful Princess Turandot must win a deadly game of riddles. Though she has sworn never to marry, the clever Prince Calàf has a riddle of his own, which may open the door to love.

Join Opera Colorado on opening night of *Turandot* in the Chambers Grant Salon for our final Opening Night Dinner of the season! A ticket to Opening Night Dinner includes a delectable three-course meal before the performance. The *Turandot* Opening Night Dinner is sponsored by Elizabeth Caswell Dyer & Matthew Dyer, and Edward Jones.

### **Cast**

Kara Shay Thomson\* | Turandot  
Jonathan Burton | Calàf  
Janai Brugger | Liù  
Harold Wilson | Timur

### **Creative Team**

Conductor | Ari Pelto  
Director | Aria Umezawa\*  
Scenic Design | Allen Charles Klein  
Costume Design | Willa Kim  
Lighting Design | J. Isadora Krech  
Wigs & Makeup | Ronell Oliveri

This production of *Turandot* is owned by the Lyric Opera of Chicago, and was originally created by Bliss Hebert and Allen Charles Klein for Florida Grand Opera, The Dallas Opera, Houston Grand Opera, and San Francisco Opera.

Costumes originally designed for and created by the Santa Fe Opera.

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## **Other 2022-23 Events – On Sale Now**

### **More to be announced!**

Prices, programs, and artists subject to change.

## ***Cavalleria rusticana***

### **Semi-Staged Concert Performance**

Music by Pietro Mascagni

Libretto by Giovanni Targioni-Tozzetti and Guido Menasci

### **Saturday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m.**

Ellie Caulkins Opera House at the Denver Performing Arts Complex

*Performed in Italian, with English and Spanish subtitles at every seat*

### **Price**

\$39-185

### **Passion's Consequence**

Opera Colorado celebrates its 40th anniversary by presenting Mascagni's opera as a special one-night-only, semi-staged concert. The tale shines a light on life in an idyllic Sicilian village—a closer look reveals jealousy, betrayal, and secrets lurking beneath the pastoral facade. Rebuked by both the church and her lover, Turiddu, the pious Santuzza must decide whose secrets to keep. What consequences lie ahead for the faithless Turiddu and the adulterous Lola?

Join Opera Colorado for an unforgettable evening to commemorate our 40 years of opera. A ticket to the Celebration Dinner will include pre-performance cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, plus an elegant and delectable three-course meal immediately following the performance. The 40th Anniversary Celebration Cocktail Hour is sponsored by Vectra Bank. The 40th Anniversary Celebration Dinner is sponsored by Lisa & Pat Nicholson.

### **Cast**

Catherine Martin | Santuzza

Catherine Cook | Lucia

Malcolm McKenzie | Alfio

Roberto de Biasio\* | Turiddu

Kira Dills-Desurra | Lola

### **Creative Team**

Conductor | Ari Pelto

Director | David Lefkovich

Lighting Design | Joe Beumer

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## **Artist in Residence Showcase**

### **Friday, September 30 at 7:00 p.m.**

The Studio Loft at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House

### **Price**

\$40 General Public; \$34 Subscriber

Meet the 2022-23 Opera Colorado Artists in Residence during a program in the Studio Loft at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House. These artists are the face of Opera Colorado throughout the season and featured in our many education and community programs and our mainstage productions. This exciting season kick-off features operatic classics, musical theatre, and more.

Director | Cherity Koepke

The Opera Colorado Artist in Residence Program is sponsored by Ken & Donna Barrow, with additional support from Patrick Spieles, and Dr. Stephen L. Dilts.

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## **Inside OC Season Kick-Off**

**Thursday, October 27 at 6:00 p.m.**

The Ellie Caulkins Opera House

**Price**

\$20 General Public; Free for Inside OC Subscribers

Calling all current and future members of Inside OC! Join Opera Colorado's subscriber club for arts-loving folks ages 21-45 for a behind-the-scenes kick-off to our 40th Anniversary Season. You'll enjoy a performance by the 2022-23 Artists in Residence and happy hour treats while seated on stage at the Ellie, followed by an exclusive backstage tour. Each ticket includes one drink on us.

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## **Michelle DeYoung in Recital**

**Thursday, March 30 at 7:30 p.m.**

Gates Concert Hall

Co-presented by The Newman Center for the Performing Arts

**Price**

\$37-\$62

Join multi-Grammy award winning artist Michelle DeYoung for a vocal recital with pianist Cody Guy Garrison featuring a wide-ranging repertoire, including the work of Korngold. DeYoung has performed with the most prestigious orchestras and operas including the Metropolitan Opera and the London Symphony Orchestra.

Visit [newmancenterpresents.com](http://newmancenterpresents.com) to purchase tickets.

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# Opera Colorado 40th Anniversary Gala

**Featuring Mezzo-Soprano Joyce DiDonato**

**Joy & Chris Dinsdale, Chairs**

**Saturday, May 13**

Ellie Caulkins Opera House

Seawell Ballroom

## **Price**

Individual Tickets start at \$400; Sponsorships start at \$3,000

Opera Colorado marks its 40th Anniversary Season with a spectacular gala celebration in two parts. This magnificent evening begins with a performance from the luminous, internationally-renowned mezzo-soprano Joyce DiDonato at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House, and continues with a glittering dinner and after-party at the Seawell Ballroom, featuring the high-energy funk band, Funkiphino.

Please join us in saluting four incredible decades of grand storytelling at Opera Colorado—this will truly be a night to remember! All proceeds from the gala support Opera Colorado's mission to connect our Colorado community to the emotions and stories of the world through traditional and innovative opera and educational programming that is accessible to all.

Visit [operacolorado.org/gala](http://operacolorado.org/gala) to learn more about gala ticket and package benefits.

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## **ABOUT OPERA COLORADO**

Opera Colorado has served as a cornerstone of Denver's cultural community since 1983. In addition to its mainstage performances at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House each season, the company affirms its commitment to the future of the art form by annually presenting new works; with its nationally recognized Artist in Residence Program that trains the next generation of opera performers; and by each year reaching more than 45,000 students and adults through its many education and community engagement programs throughout the Rocky Mountain region. For more information, visit [operacolorado.org](http://operacolorado.org).