2019-20 EDUCATION PROGRAMS
IN-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, FIELD TRIPS, AND MORE

EXPERIENCE OPERA WITH US!
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All charges for programs at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House help offset the required City and County of Denver Seat Tax, as well as other fees incurred.

### WHO WE ARE

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Manager of Education & Community Programs  
Director of Opera Colorado’s Artist in Residence Program

### WE’D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

To inquire about any of Opera Colorado’s education programs, or to make a reservation, please contact education@operacolorado.org or call 303.778.7350.

### MEET THE 2019-20 OPERA COLORADO ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE

Each season’s Artists in Residence are vital to Opera Colorado’s mission of bringing opera to thousands of people across the Rocky Mountain region. They perform in schools, community centers, and other venues across the state; take on select mainstage roles for Opera Colorado; and are the featured performers in the annual Student Matinee and touring productions. Their eight-month residency in Denver includes training and coaching from artistic staff and guest artists.

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

- **LAURA SOTO-BAYOMI**  
Soprano  
Sponsored by Laurence & Cynthia Chan and Agatha Kessler & Curt Fentress

- **ERIC MCCONNELL**  
Bass-Baritone  
Sponsored by Joyce de Roos and Marlis Smith

- **KIRA DILLS-DESURRA**  
Mezzo-Soprano  
Sponsored by Gayle & Gary Landis

- **JOSHDUA SOUTH**  
Bass  
Sponsored by Peyton & Suzanne Bucy and Chris & Joy Murphy

- **THOMAS CILLUFFO**  
Tenor  
Sponsored by David & Elizabeth Budd and Martha & Will Tracey

- **TYLER TUCKER**  
Coach Accompanist  
Sponsored by Dr. Stephen L. Dilts

- **ISAIAH Feken**  
Baritone  
Sponsored by Donald K. Braden and Ken & Barbara Laff
IN-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Follow the trail of breadcrumbs to Opera Colorado’s production of the beloved fairytale Hansel and Gretel. Stranded in the Magic Forest, things look “Grimm” indeed for Gretel and her brother Hansel. What follows is an enchanted odyssey through a magical forest and a house made of gingerbread. The pair encounters everything from a magical Sandman to a witch with a sweet tooth who really likes kids—well-done, that is! Sung in English and staged traditionally, this enchanting performance is sure to entertain. A unique and creative way to incorporate classical literature and fairytales into your curriculum!

IN-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Join us for Bizet’s most famous opera. Carmen, a fiery Spanish rose, unscrupulous in matters of the law and of the heart, uses her siren song to get what she wants—but beware; succumb to her charms and you might get burned. The steadfast young soldier Don José surrenders to her spell and rashly leaves his sweetheart Micaela, risking everything for a life with Carmen. But José’s jealous nature soon wears thin. Carmen grows bored with him and flies into the arms of superstar “Toreador” Escamillo. José’s jealousy erupts, creating an emotional storm that could destroy them all. Our production frames Bizet’s celebrated melodies in a minimalist setting, allowing for the power of the story and the drama of the characters to take center stage. True to the lure of classic Spain, Carmen is a tale of one woman’s quest for freedom and powerfully illustrates the impact of the choices we make on the lives of those around us.

OFFERED: OCTOBER–MAY
GRADE LEVEL: ALL AGES
COST: $600 FOR ONE PERFORMANCE, $700 FOR TWO BACK-TO-BACK PERFORMANCES

OFFERED: FEBRUARY–MAY
GRADE LEVEL: 6TH GRADE AND UP
COST: $600 FOR ONE PERFORMANCE, $700 FOR TWO BACK-TO-BACK PERFORMANCES

QUICK FACTS
- Classic operas abridged to 60 minutes
- In English with live piano accompaniment
- Fully staged with sets, costumes, props, wigs, and makeup
- Includes post-performance Q&A with artists
- Great for any size venue, from a classroom to an auditorium

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STORYTIME SESSIONS

Step inside Bravo Books and watch stories come to life as each character pulls you into the pages of opera’s most beloved tales and tunes. Running at approximately 30-45 minutes in length, this program is perfectly suited for young ones as their first venture into the world of opera.

OFFERED: OCTOBER–MAY
GRADE LEVEL: PRE-K–5TH GRADE
COST: $300

IN-SCHOOL WORKSHOPS

Of all the fine arts, opera is the most collaborative and multi-disciplinary. These in-school workshops offer proof! Led by Opera Colorado’s Teaching Artists, these fun and informative workshops integrate opera into classroom lessons and apply to a wide variety of subjects, including Performing Arts, Communication, Interpersonal Skills, Shakespeare, and much more.

Need a workshop tailored to a specific topic? Just contact Opera Colorado with your request!

OFFERED: SEPTEMBER–MAY, TUESDAY–FRIDAY
GRADE LEVEL: ALL AGES
COST: STARTING AT $150; VARIES DEPENDING ON WORKSHOP LENGTH

QUICK FACTS

› An intimate program, perfect for small spaces or a library
› Tailored to engage younger learners

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› Perfect for a single class
› Can be customized to practically any topic or subject!
Past requests have included:
  - Team building lessons
  - Performance preparation
  - Decoding Shakespeare
JOIN US AND BE A PART OF THE STORY!

OPERA COLORADO'S EDUCATION PROGRAMMING BRINGS OPERA TO MORE THAN 45,000 PEOPLE EACH SEASON.

DID YOU KNOW?
STUDENT DRESS REHEARSALS

The 2019-20 Opera Colorado season includes three of the most beloved operas of all time, performed at the spectacular Ellie Caulkins Opera House. Join us for the final rehearsal before Opening Night, featuring full costume, wigs, and makeup—and a live orchestra!*

Online teacher guidebooks prepare your class for their night at the opera, and you can further enhance the experience with an optional pre-performance discussion or post-performance talk-back. Or, request to add on a free tour of the Ellie Caulkins Opera House!* These dress rehearsals offer a wonderful way to introduce older students to a traditional opera experience.

*Discussions, talk-backs, and tours must be arranged in advance. Please contact education@operacolorado.org for more details.

NEW! OFFERED IN NOVEMBER

Figaro, Figaro, Fiiiiigaro! Barber by day, matchmaker by night, Figaro puts his charm to work as he helps Count Almaviva woo the beautiful Rosina. She’s such a catch that her guardian keeps her under lock and key with the intent of marrying her himself. But no challenge is too great for Figaro’s madcap schemes. Filled with some of opera’s most famous tunes, this is a comedy not to miss!

Stay after the performance for an interactive talk-back with the cast and crew.

ROSSINI’S

The Barber of Seville

THURS., NOV. 7, 2019
10 AM

GRADE LEVEL: K–12TH GRADE

COST: $12 PER K-12TH GRADE STUDENT $15 PER CHAPERONE

CHAPERONE REQUIREMENT: One supervising teacher (admitted free of charge) per 10 students. Opera Colorado reserves the right to limit the number of additional adults in excess of this ratio.

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NEW THIS YEAR:
3 EXCITING MAINSTAGE PERFORMANCES TO CHOOSE FROM

New in November:

Rossini’s Barber of Seville

WED., OCT. 30, 2019 | 7 PM

Leoncavallo’s Pagliacci

TUES., FEB. 25, 2020 | 7 PM

Puccini’s Tosca

THURS., APR. 30, 2020 | 7 PM

Performed in Italian with English and Spanish subtitles
OFFERED:
Monday, November 4, 2019
Friday, November 8, 2019
Wednesday, May 6, 2020
Thursday, May 7, 2020
Friday, May 8, 2020
10 AM–12 PM
GRADE LEVEL:
K–12th Grade
COST:
$10 Per Student
$15 Per Chaperone
CHAPERONE REQUIREMENT:
One supervising teacher (admitted free of charge) per 10 students. Opera Colorado reserves the right to limit the number of additional adults in excess of this ratio.

QUICK FACTS
▶ A weekday morning field trip
▶ Engaging for all ages and grade levels
▶ Learn from the actual professional artists and crew who work on Opera Colorado’s productions!

BACKSTAGE WORKSHOP
Stage craft, professional singing, wigs and makeup, costumes, fight choreography, and more! Explore the world backstage at interactive stations created to provide hands-on learning opportunities. It’s a field trip unlike any other. One of Opera Colorado’s most popular programs, these workshops sell out quickly! Backstage Workshops take place at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House at the Denver Performing Arts Complex.

BUNDLE & SAVE
Want to double your opera experience? Choose one of the pairing options below, and receive special discount pricing! For more information or to reserve a pairing, please contact education@operacolorado.org or call 303.778.7350.

SAVE $50 BY PAIRING...
☐ In-School Workshop + Opera on Tour
☐ In-School Workshop + Student Matinee

OR, SAVE $2 PER STUDENT* BY PAIRING...
☐ Backstage Workshop + Student Matinee
*Discount is applied to each ticket for Student Matinee performance

PLEASE NOTE: Reservations for both events/performances in a pairing must be made at the same time to be eligible for a discount.
TEACHER RESOURCES

SCHOLARSHIPS
Did you know that Opera Colorado offers partial scholarships for ANY of our educational programs? Send inquiries to jguest@operacolorado.org to see how we can assist your school or community! Scholarships are available on a first come, first served basis.

GUIDEBOOKS
Not sure what to expect for your visit to the opera? Let us help! Opera Colorado is pleased to provide FREE downloadable guidebooks filled with activities, games, and discussion topics for each of the season’s mainstage and touring operas, as well as a beginner’s guide for audiences new to opera. Guidebooks can be found at: https://www.operacolorado.org/education/educational-resources/

SCFD EDUCATOR’S NIGHT
SEPTEMBER 23, 2019 | 6-9 PM
Learn more about Opera Colorado’s educational programs at the SCFD Educator’s Night, hosted by the Denver Museum of Nature and Science! Tour the museum while visiting with SCFD organizations, win prizes, watch pop-up performances, and grab a bite to eat. FREE for educators and a guest.
RSVP at www.dmns.org/learn/2019-scfd-educators-night/

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**SCHOLARSHIPS**
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