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## **Update: Opera Colorado and COVID-19**

**Denver, CO (March 13, 2020)**—Opera Colorado has closely monitored the advice of the health authorities regarding COVID-19 and is in direct contact with city and state officials. Mayor Hancock and Governor Polis have declared a state of emergency for the city of Denver and the state of Colorado. Both have strongly advised social distancing measures to prevent the spread of illness. The situation continues to develop rapidly.

The health and well-being of our patrons, artists, staff, and volunteers is our top priority. Therefore, we have decided to cancel all activities, effective immediately, including: rehearsals, events, and performances through April 5, 2020.

Opera Colorado's Gala scheduled for this Saturday, March 14 at the Four Seasons Hotel Denver has been cancelled. The upcoming *Afternoon of American Song* on Saturday, March 28 at the Opera Colorado Opera Center is postponed. Patrons with tickets to this event will be contacted to discuss their options.

To protect public health and safety, we are closing our administrative offices and asking our employees to work remotely March 16 - April 5. Our team remains available for phone, internet and mail communications.

At this time, we continue to plan and prepare for our May 2020 performances of Puccini's *Tosca*.

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### **ABOUT OPERA COLORADO**

Opera Colorado has served as a cornerstone of Denver's cultural community since 1981. 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. The 2019-20 Season features Rossini's *The Barber of Seville* (November 2019), Leoncavallo's *Pagliacci* (February/March 2020), and Puccini's *Tosca* (May 2020), all at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House. The 2020-21 Season features Paul Moravec's *The Shining* (November 2020), Mascagni's *Cavalleria Rusticana* (February/March 2021), and Bizet's *Carmen* (May 2021). For more information, visit [www.operacolorado.org](http://www.operacolorado.org).