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Opera Colorado joins resident companies of the Denver Performing Arts Complex to require vaccines and masks for indoor public performances starting Oct. 1

Denver, CO (August 25, 2021)—Effective October 1, 2021, the resident companies of the Denver Performing Arts Complex—Colorado Ballet, Colorado Symphony, Denver Center for the Performing Arts, and Opera Colorado—will require COVID-19 vaccinations and face coverings for indoor, public performances. The new policy states:

- **All patrons 12+ must be fully vaccinated** before attending performances.
- **Children under the age of 12 must instead provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test.** PCR tests must be taken within seventy-two hours of the performance start time. Negative COVID-19 antigen tests must be taken within six hours of the performance start time.
- **All audience members ages 2 and over must wear masks** unless actively enjoying refreshments in designated areas. Food and beverages will not be permitted inside the theatre.

This announcement is made following months of audience surveys wherein over 90% of patrons report being vaccinated. Additionally, a significant number of patrons said they would be more likely to attend performances if a vaccination requirement is implemented.

“We are thrilled to be presenting a full season of grand opera at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House, beginning this November after a twenty-month interruption,” says Greg Carpenter, General & Artistic Director. “Our priority continues to be creating the safest possible environment for our patrons and the safest working conditions for our staff and everyone involved in our productions. We look forward to welcoming audiences back for a season of opera worth waiting for.”

The new policy applies to all ticketed, public performances taking place in Boettcher Concert Hall, the Ellie Caulkins Opera House, as well as the Buell, Garner Galleria, Wolf, Kilstrom, Singleton, and Jones theatres.

Find the full policy and the most up-to-date information at operacolorado.org/welcomeback. Information about the vaccination verification process is forthcoming; visit our website for regular updates.

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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. For more information, visit operacolorado.org.