



**YOUNG FRIENDS  
OF OPERA  
PARTICIPATING CITIES**

Central City, CO  
Charlotte, NC  
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Memphis, TN  
Orlando, FL  
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**PARTICIPATING  
COMPANIES**

Central City Opera  
The Dallas Opera  
Edmonton Opera  
Florida Grand Opera  
Fort Worth Opera  
Houston Grand Opera  
Los Angeles Opera  
Lyric Opera of Kansas City  
The Minnesota Opera  
New York City Opera  
Opera Carolina  
Opera Memphis  
Opera Theatre of Saint Louis  
Orlando Opera  
Palm Beach Opera  
Pittsburgh Opera  
The Santa Fe Opera  
Seattle Opera  
Utah Symphony & Opera



Central City Opera's 2008 production of Bernstein's *West Side Story*.  
Photo by Mark Kiryluk



The Minnesota Opera's 2007 world premiere production of Gordon's *The Grapes of Wrath*. Photo by Michal Daniel.



**JULY NEWSLETTER**

**July 16, 2008**

Dear Young Friends of Opera Member:

We are pleased to send your July issue of the Young Friends of Opera e-newsletter. As a member of your company's young professionals group, we will continue to provide you with an additional ticket benefit for your business and/or pleasure travel. When visiting any of the cities listed on the left, you can enjoy the special ticket and social event offers described below.

Kindly note that admission and purchase restrictions are different with each participating organization, so please contact the company you are visiting prior to making your ticket purchases. Also, remember that all ticket offers and discounts are available at the discretion of the participating company.

Visit <http://www.operaamerica.org/audiences/yfo.html> for a complete list of and links to all companies participating in OPERA America's Young Friends of Opera.



**YOUNG FRIENDS OF OPERA PARTICIPATING COMPANY OFFERS**

**CENTRAL CITY OPERA**

Central City Opera is pleased to be part of OPERA America's Young Friends of Opera program, designed to encourage traveling young professionals to see and hear opera across the country. Central City Opera, located 40 miles west of Denver in the Rocky Mountains, is a great opportunity to experience intimate, innovative opera in a historic opera house. If you are planning a trip to Colorado, we'd love to have you visit Central City Opera. The program includes a buy-one, get-one ticket or a ½ price ticket (if you are traveling alone) plus a free ticket to one

of our *Opera à la Carte* (30-minute staged opera scenes) or *The Face on the Barroom Floor* (30-minute cabaret opera about the legendary painting on the Teller House bar floor), subject to availability. Please call the Central City Opera box office at 303-292-6700 and mention Young Friends of Opera. For more information, visit <http://www.centralcityopera.org>. We look forward to meeting you!

#### **HOUSTON GRAND OPERA**

Houston Grand Opera's Opening Nights for Young Professionals is a group of professionals in their 20s and 30s, who want to meet new people, network and enjoy opera. Member benefits include pre-performance mixers, nationwide opera discounts, young professional special events and wine tastings, discounts to the glamorous Houston Grand Opera Ball, Opening Night Dinner and much more! Subscribe today and become a member of a group that sold out subscriptions for the last two years, bringing over 300 new audience members to the Houston Grand Opera, and raised \$10,000 for the inaugural Houston Grand Opera Art Car, which won first place in the Houston Art Car Parade. Subscriptions start as low as \$69. Subscribe now and receive Orchestra Circle seats for the price of Orchestra.

#### **NEW YORK CITY OPERA**

In fall 2008, New York City Opera will begin an exciting year of transition as the company's home at Lincoln Center, the New York State Theater, undergoes major renovations in preparation for the arrival of new General Manager and Artistic Director Gerard Mortier. During the renovations, City Opera will take to the road, bringing live music and provocative cultural conversation to more than 14 different venues in all five boroughs of New York City. Through concerts, showcases, multi-media presentations, talks, panels and film screenings, City Opera will celebrate opera's surprisingly central role in contemporary culture, and will provide a preview of future seasons. For more information, visit [http://pressroom.nycopera.com/pr/nycopera/news/\\_prv-0809Schedule.aspx](http://pressroom.nycopera.com/pr/nycopera/news/_prv-0809Schedule.aspx).

#### **OPERA CAROLINA**

Experience BRAVO!, Opera Carolina's group for young professionals interested in exploring and enhancing their enjoyment of Charlotte's vibrant performing arts scene. Bravo! Members will receive a 15% single ticket discount for Saturday night performances. To order, call 704-372-1000. Join us at Blue Restaurant & Bar after every Saturday night performance for appetizers and drink specials, featuring the operaTINI! For more information, visit [http://www.operacarolina.org/involved\\_bravo.php](http://www.operacarolina.org/involved_bravo.php).

#### **OPERA MEMPHIS**

Memphis is more than Elvis and Rock and Roll! Come join Opera Memphis in the presentation of great classics, as well as a few Memphis premieres! Young Friends participants receive excellent seats for \$20. Please visit <http://www.operamemphis.org/YFO> for more information.

#### **PALM BEACH OPERA**

*Overtures*, Young Friends of Palm Beach Opera, is ending a lucrative season doubling our membership in just the second year. The past season was full of events that featured performances by Palm Beach Opera Resident Artists at the area's hottest venues. As one of the many *Overtures* benefits, invitations to other exclusive events and networking opportunities have been extended to our group. Palm Beach Opera has recently announced its exciting 2008-2009 season. *Overtures* members, as well as OPERA America's Young Friends of Opera, enjoy the benefit of discounted orchestra seats. Please visit <http://www.pbopera.org> and click on the *Overtures* icon for more information and updates.

#### **SEATTLE OPERA**

Seattle Opera is offering 50% off single tickets (limit two per Young Friends of Opera member) on all BRAVO! Nights during each production. Also available to members are two complimentary tickets to the pre-show lecture, as well as admission to intermission receptions in the BRAVO! lounge. For a full list of benefits and the list of BRAVO! Night dates, visit <http://www.seattleopera.org/affiliates/bravo/yfo.aspx>. To purchase tickets, visit our ticket page at <http://www.seattleopera.org/tickets/index.aspx> and enter promo code FRIENDS50. Tickets will be held at Will Call and can be redeemed upon presenting your Young Friends of Opera membership card.

The BRAVO! Club was founded in 1996 through the collaborative efforts of Seattle Opera and 30 dedicated volunteers. BRAVO! is operated by members with a passionate commitment to creating a community for its members to interact, get involved, learn more and get excited about opera. Through their efforts, BRAVO! has grown into a diverse, 500+ member group of people in their 20s and 30s who share a desire to explore opera and have fun.

#### **UTAH SYMPHONY & OPERA**

##### **Vivace Turns Three with A Little More Cowbell**

It's been a wild ride, and it's gone by way too fast, but Utah Symphony and Opera's (USUO) Vivace turned three over the weekend! If you haven't heard about Vivace yet, it's a funkified bunch of 20-, 30- and 40-somethings — single/partnered/married — who just happen to get their groove on to classical music and opera. Vivace is the largest group of its kind West of the Mississippi, with 1,061 members as of this post. We attend six or so performances a year, sit together, get a sweet discount, receive a funkified version of the program notes and then we follow up the evening with a fabulous after-party. Next year we'll have an event every single month, so no worries you Vivace addicts! Relief is on the way. Vivace is open to the funkified of all ages. It's free to join — just send an e-mail to [vivace@utahsymphonyopera.org](mailto:vivace@utahsymphonyopera.org). Check us out at <http://www.utahsymphonyopera.org/vivace> as well as on MySpace and Facebook. Gotta throw in the self-plug! What's up next for Vivace, you may ask? Well aside from world domination, we're attending opening night of Mozart's *Don Giovanni* aka "The Original Playa" on May 10. We're going to combine the Vivace after-party with the cast opening night party so it will be one event NOT to miss. Tickets are \$30, \$15 for students, and include the after-party. Call 801-533-NOTE (6683) and mention you're a Vivace member or visit <http://www.arttix.org> find the performance and enter promo code Vivace. We hope you'll be able to take advantage of these offers in your travels and look forward to seeing you at the opera!



**WE HOPE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE OFFERS  
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