

**YOUNG FRIENDS  
OF OPERA  
PARTICIPATING CITIES**

Boston, MA  
 Central City, CO  
 Charlotte, NC  
 Cleveland, OH  
 Dallas, TX  
 Detroit, MI  
 Edmonton, AB  
 Fort Worth, TX  
 Houston, TX  
 Kansas City, MO  
 Los Angeles, CA  
 Memphis, TN  
 Miami, FL  
 Minneapolis, MN  
 Mobile, AL  
 New York City, NY  
 Norfolk, VA  
 Orlando, FL  
 Pittsburgh, PA  
 Saint Louis, MO  
 Salt Lake City, UT  
 Santa Fe, NM  
 Seattle, WA  
 West Palm Beach, FL

**PARTICIPATING  
COMPANIES**

Boston Lyric Opera  
 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  
 Michigan Opera Theatre  
 The Minnesota Opera  
 Mobile Opera  
 New York City Opera  
 Opera Carolina  
 Opera Cleveland  
 Opera Memphis  
 Opera Theatre of Saint Louis  
 Orlando Opera  
 Palm Beach Opera  
 Pittsburgh Opera  
 The Santa Fe Opera  
 Seattle Opera  
 Utah Symphony & Opera  
 Virginia opera



Pamela Armstrong and David Pomeroy in Michigan Opera Theatre's 2008 production of Puccini's *La Rondine*. Photo by John Grigaitis.



Heidi Stober and David Cushing in Boston Lyric Opera's 2007 production of Verdi's *Un ballo in maschera*. Photo by Jeffrey Dunn.



**SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER**

**September 15, 2008**

Dear Young Friends of Opera Member:

We are pleased to send your September issue of the Young Friends of Opera e-newsletter. As a member of your company's young professionals group, 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/Content/Audiences/yfo.aspx> for a complete list of and links to all companies participating in OPERA America's Young Friends of Opera.

We are delighted to welcome four opera companies into OPERA America's Young Friends of Opera Program: Michigan Opera Theatre Young Professionals, Mobile Opera *Vivace!*, Opera Cleveland and Friends of Virginia Opera, FoFV.



**YOUNG FRIENDS OF OPERA PARTICIPATING COMPANY OFFERS**

**Boston Lyric Opera**

**BRAVO!** is a group of young professionals in their 20's and 30's dedicated to developing Boston's next generation of opera lovers. BRAVO! offers newcomers and enthusiasts alike a wide variety of educational, social and networking activities, discounted performance tickets, and invitations to special opera-related events throughout the year. [http://www.blo.org/bravo\\_about.html](http://www.blo.org/bravo_about.html).

Young friends of the opera can call the BLO box office for tickets at a 10% discount. 617.542.6772 M-F, 10am – 5pm

### **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. [www.HoustonGrandOpera.org/ON](http://www.HoustonGrandOpera.org/ON)

### **MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE**

Michigan Opera Theatre Young Professionals Wednesday Nights are the can't-be-missed entertainment destination during the week. Michigan Opera Theatre's upcoming 2008 fall season begins with the triumphant return of *Margaret Garner*, October 18-25. When it made its world premiere in Detroit in 2005, all five performances sold out – now it's back in a limited five-performance engagement. Also this season, Michigan Opera Theatre presents one of the most famous operas of all time – *Madame Butterfly*, November 15-23. Members of Opera America's Young Friends are eligible for a special ticket offer on the Wednesday night performances of all of our operas. For only \$20, young professionals can receive a main-floor ticket to the Wednesday performance of the opera, and a drink ticket for a beverage of their choice in the Cadillac Café at the Detroit Opera House after the show to mingle with the cast and other young professionals. Call Felicia Burgess at (313) 961-3500 x3200 and mention "Young Friends" to purchase your tickets.

### **THE MINNESOTA OPERA**

Tempo is a membership program for both new and veteran opera-goers in their 20s and 30s. Membership in Tempo gets you into fun, exclusive social and opera-related events, plus gives you a steep discount on the hottest ticket in the Twin Cities-The Minnesota Opera! Tempo, The Minnesota Opera's young professionals group, invites you to join us for our Opera Night Out celebration. YFO members receive up to two tickets at \$30 each for any Opening Night production during the 2008-2009 season (discount applies in areas C-E). You also receive an invitation to our post party with the cast! For more details on Tempo and The Minnesota Opera or to order tickets visit [mnopera.org](http://mnopera.org) and enter promo code **YF030**.

### **MOBILE OPERA**

Mobile Opera's *Vivace!* is a group of young adults (ages 21-45) who support the Opera and have fun by attending performances together and holding social events and other outings around town. Whether these events further an understanding and appreciation of the opera, or purely social, we always have a great time. In addition, *Vivace!* ticket packages are available at a special price to our members. The upcoming season is sure to be an exciting one and we look forward to the beauty of the Opera and a great time with our new friends. For more information, visit [www.mobileopera.org](http://www.mobileopera.org) or email Stacey Driskell at [stacey@mobileopera.org](mailto:stacey@mobileopera.org).

### **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 [www.nycOpera.com](http://www.nycOpera.com).

### 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 receive a 15% single ticket discount for both Saturday night performances. To order, call 704-372-1000. Join us at Blue Restaurant & Bar after the Saturday night performances for appetizers and drink specials, featuring the operaTINI! For more information, visit [http://www.operacarolina.org/about\\_bravo.php](http://www.operacarolina.org/about_bravo.php).

New for 2008/2009, the Bravo! Society for young donors 35 years old and younger who donate \$100 or more to the Opera annually. In addition to Bravo! membership, Bravo! Society donors will receive an invitation for a VIP backstage tour, and many other benefits. All new members between October and December 31, 2008 will also receive a pair of "Operatini" glasses! For information email [jaimee@operacarolina.org](mailto:jaimee@operacarolina.org).

### 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.



Carlos Carbonell, Erin Oatis, Sarah Stead and Chris McCullion. Photo courtesy of Orlando Opera.

### ORLANDO OPERA COMPANY

The Orlando Opera Bohemians are a group of young professionals who support the Opera and have fun by attending performances together, holding social events, and organizing other outings around town. These gatherings further an understanding and appreciation of the opera. There is no fee to join the Bohemians and there is no cover at Happy Hour held each month at The Beacon. With friends new and old, Bohemians look forward to enjoying the beauty and extravagance of Orlando Opera's 2008-2009 season of beloved, "all Italian" Opera including *Il Trovatore*, *La Cenerentola*, and *Suor Angelica/Cavalleria Rusticana*. For more information or questions about the Orlando Opera Bohemians visit [www.orlandooperabohemians.com](http://www.orlandooperabohemians.com). For additional information, contact Andy Howard, Director of Education and Community Relations: [andy@orlandoopera.org](mailto:andy@orlandoopera.org) or 407-426-1717 ext. 102.



Palm Beach Opera *Overtures* co-chairs Carla Canedo and Victoria Pollingue. Photo courtesy of Palm Beach Opera.

### PALM BEACH OPERA

*Overtures*, Young Friends of Palm Beach Opera is pleased to announce their first annual fundraiser to support Palm Beach Opera's Resident Artist Program in a Family Opera Performance. *Bohemian Rhapsody*, Dinner and Silent Auction will be held on Friday, January 30, 2008 at PGA National Resort and Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida from 6-11PM. Guests will enjoy entertainment from Resident Artists and house band in a bohemian chic atmosphere. Carla Canedo and Victoria Pollingue are co-chairs with Huntley Miller as auction chair. Tickets are \$95 for members and \$115 for non-members. For more information please contact Julia Blewitt at [youngfriends@pbopera.org](mailto:youngfriends@pbopera.org).

## 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, 600+ 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

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!

## VIRGINIA OPERA

Friends of Virginia Opera (FoVO) is a group for people between the ages 21 to 41, from all walks of life, who are interested in opera and culture in Virginia. Joining FoVO gives members unlimited access to special events that are great for networking, being social, experiencing the cultural arts, and much more. Additionally, FoVO provides networking opportunities, a chance to make lifelong friends, and the connections to become the future business leaders of Hampton Roads. Joining FoVO is as easy as visiting [www.vaopera.org/fovo](http://www.vaopera.org/fovo), and requires only a small membership fee in addition to a subscription to Virginia Opera's season.

Virginia Opera offers a special subscription rate and subscription benefits to FoVO members. Benefits include invitations to members-only cocktail parties on Second Friday performances in Norfolk, discounts on subscriptions, access to the benefactor's room during Second Friday performances in Norfolk, access to special events and activities throughout the season, an invitation to the Virginia Opera annual gala, and a complimentary subscription to the company's Opera Voice newsletter. Additionally, FoVO has a presence on MySpace at <http://www.myspace.com/friendsofvirginiaopera>. During the 2008-2009 season, FoVO members and their friends are invited to a backstage tour of *Il Trovatore* at Norfolk's Harrison Opera House. They are also invited to attend a pre-performance reception and Student Night at the Opera final dress rehearsal of *The Elixir of Love*.



**WE HOPE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE OFFERS  
IN YOUR TRAVELS AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE OPERA!**