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Family Day at the Opera a Huge Success

Over 300 People Attend Family Day at the Opera

Denver, CO — (March 25, 2014) Opera Colorado announces the success of Family Day at the Opera, which took place in the lobby of the Ellie Caulkins Opera House on Saturday, March 22, 2014. In partnership with Denver Arts & Venues, Opera Colorado presented *The Barber of Seville*, the company's Touring Production, which they take into school and community venues throughout the State.

The performance was free to the public. An RSVP was required due to space limitations in the lobby of the Ellie Caulkins Opera House. The 10:00 a.m. performance sold out in less than 24 hours, and a second performance – added by popular demand at 1:00 p.m. – also sold out in less than 24 hours. Over 300 people (kids, parents and grandparents) attended the two performances.

The Barber of Seville featured Opera Colorado's 2014 Young Artists, starring Jared Guest as Figaro, Brett Sprague as Count Almaviva, Louise Rogan as Rosina, Benjamin Sieverding as Dr. Bartolo and Colleen Jackson as Berta. The production was directed by Cherity Koepke (Director of Education and Community Engagement & Young Artists), and Taylor Baldwin served as accompanist.

The hour-long performance featured an abridged version of the opera, with the plot unchanged and sung in English.

"Just wanted to say thank you so much for putting together Family Day at the Opera! I took my 4-year old and she loved it! Thank you so much for thinking of our youth and putting together such a great production." - Amy Moore

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A cornerstone of Denver's cultural community, Opera Colorado presents an annual season at its downtown Denver home, the Ellie Caulkins Opera House. The Company presents new works alongside standard repertoire, and reaches more than 35,500 students and community members throughout the Rocky Mountain region through a variety of education and outreach programming. Opera Colorado Young Artists, a five-month residency for singers at the beginning stages of their careers, provides training for the next generation of American opera performers. Founded in 1983, the Company celebrated its 30th anniversary in the 2013 season. www.operacolorado.org.

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