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Family Day at the Opera

March 22, 2014 | Ellie Caulkins Opera House Lobby

Denver, CO — (February 17, 2014) In collaboration with and sponsored by Arts & Venues Denver, Opera Colorado presents **Family Day at the Opera** on March 22 at **10:00 a.m.** in the lobby of the Ellie Caulkins Opera House. This free family performance will feature an abridged production of *The Barber of Seville* sung in English. Performed by Opera Colorado's 2014 Young Artists, **Family Day at the Opera** features the professional production of *The Barber of Seville* that Opera Colorado takes directly into schools and community venues across the state of Colorado.

Kevin Taylor at the Opera House will offer family-friendly refreshments and snacks available for purchase in the lobby of the Opera House. **Family Day at the Opera** includes a short Q&A session after the 50 minute performance, along with hands-on crafts and entertainment. Don't miss this opportunity to bring your whole family to the Opera and experience the joy of live performance in a fun setting.

About The Barber of Seville

Figaro, Figaro, Fiiiiigaro!!

Barber by day, matchmaker by night, Figaro puts his charm to work as he helps Count Almaviva woo the beautiful Rosina. She's such a catch that her greedy guardian Bartolo keeps her under lock and key with the intent of marrying her himself. Crazy antics abound and even Berta the maid gets involved. But, no challenge is too great for Figaro's madcap schemes! Filled with some of opera's most famous tunes, this is a comedy not to miss!



Jared Guest.....Figaro

Brett Sprague.....Count Almaviva

Louise Rogan.....Rosina

Ben Sieverding.....Dr. Bartolo

Colleen Jackson.....Berta

Directed by Cherity Koepke | Accompanied by Taylor Baldwin

For more information about Opera Colorado's Young Artists visit OperaColorado.org.

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: The Ellie Caulkins Opera House is located at 1101 13th Street Denver, CO 80204, at the corner of 14th and Champa Streets. Entrance to the Opera House is at Curtis and 14th Street.

Tickets: This performance is free to the public, however space is limited and an RSVP is required. To print out your free tickets and RSVP, please visit Eventbrite at the link below. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/opera-colorado-presents-family-day-at-the-opera-tickets-10008819649>. You can also make your reservation by calling Opera Colorado's Box Office at 303.468.2030. Find out more at OperaColorado.org. **Age Recommendation: K – 12**

Opera Colorado's Young Artist Benjamin Sieverding is sponsored by Marlis and Shirley Smith, and Karen Brody and Mike Hughes, and Young Artist Brett Sprague is sponsored by Patrick Spieles and Carol McMurry. Opera Colorado's 2014 season is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth T. Barrow, the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD), Magnolia Hotels, The Westin Hotel, The Edge Restaurant & Bar, The Four Seasons Hotel and Rassman Design, and media sponsors *The Denver Post*, *5280 Magazine*, *Yellow Scene Magazine* and *Luxe Magazine*.

About Arts & Venues Denver Denver Arts & Venues' mission is to enhance Denver's quality of life and economic vitality through premier public venues, arts and entertainment opportunities. We exist to make Denver the greatest city in the country to live in and visit. And why shouldn't it be? With our mild sunny weather, parks and trails, arts and culture scene, growing culinary community, a healthy and youthful attitude, all set to a Rocky Mountain backdrop, Denver is the place to call home.

About Opera Colorado A cornerstone of Denver's cultural community, Opera Colorado presents operas annually at its downtown Denver home, the Ellie Caulkins Opera House. The Company presents new works alongside standard repertoire, and reaches more than 35,000 students and community members throughout the Rocky Mountain region through a variety of education and community engagement programs. 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. The 2014 Season features performances of Verdi's *Rigoletto* (March 15-23) and Bizet's *Carmen* (May 3-11).

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