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## Opera Colorado Young Artists Welcome

**Sunday, October 19, 2014 | 2PM – 3:30PM**  
**The Studio Loft at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House**

Denver, CO — (September 15, 2014) Opera Colorado announces the Young Artists Welcome Recital & Reception at The Studio Loft in the Ellie Caulkins Opera House on Sunday, October 19 from 2PM to 3:30PM.

Join Opera Colorado to welcome the 2014-2015 Young Artists. This event features an intimate recital followed by a reception with refreshments, light nibbles and a cash bar. Hear the Young Artists sing a program of opera favorites and have the opportunity to meet them following the performance.

Opera Colorado's Young Artists are emerging professional opera singers taking steps to transition from students to performing artists. Young Artists play a vital role as the voice and face of Opera Colorado in the community. They perform throughout the season in school and community centers across the State.

This event sets the stage for the season ahead, "It's a fun, informal event, but so much more under the surface," explains Program Director Cherity Koepke. "The Young Artist Welcome is really the official debut for the Young Artists. It's their first opportunity to perform for the public and it's our first opportunity, as a company, to showcase their incredible talents. Having the public there to welcome them to Colorado and cheer them on sets the stage for the next seven-months and creates a sense of community."



This season's Young Artists are Soprano Leah Bobby, Mezzo-Soprano Katherine Sanford, Tenor Brett Sprague, Baritone Andrew Paulson, Bass-Baritone Leo Rado. Visit [operacolorado.org/education/young-artists/](http://operacolorado.org/education/young-artists/) for more information.

This event is a part of the Diva Circle and above Donor Packages. General admission for the performance is \$10 and seating is limited to 100 people. Tickets can be purchased online for this fundraising event at [youngartistswelcome.eventbrite.com](http://youngartistswelcome.eventbrite.com)

**Parking:** Street parking is free downtown on Sundays. Or you can park in the Denver Performing Arts Complex or Colorado Convention Center Parking Garages.

**Date:** Sunday, October 19, 2014

**Time:** 2PM – 3:30PM

**Location:** The Studio Loft at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House. Located at 909 14th St, Denver, CO 80202. Entrance to the Studio Loft is on 14<sup>th</sup> Street at 14<sup>th</sup> and Champa.

**Tickets:** This event is free to Opera Colorado Diva Circle and above donors. General admission is \$10. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit [youngartistswelcome.eventbrite.com](http://youngartistswelcome.eventbrite.com) or [operacolorado.org](http://operacolorado.org).

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**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 35,500 students and community members throughout the Rocky Mountain region through a variety of education and community engagement programs. Opera Colorado Young Artists, an eight-month residency for singers at the beginning stages of their careers, provides training for the next generation of American opera performers. The 2014-2015 Season features performances of *Madama Butterfly* (November 15-23, 2014) and *The Magic Flute* (May 2-10, 2015)

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