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Welcome to Opera North's

Opera North is proud to present this summer's operas, **Rossini's *Cinderella*** and **Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro***, two delightful works full of love, humor, and some of the most effervescent music ever written (pages 4 & 5). Our casts include returning favorites, Arthur Espiritu, last seen as Count Almaviva in Rossini's *The Barber of Seville* in 2009, and Levi Hernandez, who sang Marcello in last summer's *La bohème*. To purchase tickets online, go to www.operanorth.org or call the Lebanon Opera House Box Office: 603-448-0400.



We open the season with a **Gala Evening: Stars ON Stage**. This is an opportunity to enjoy fabulous singing, indulge in an Italian banquet, and bid at the live and silent auctions.

Opera North continues its successful collaborations with the Hood Museum and Colby-Sawyer College featuring our **Young Artist Scene Programs** (page 8). This summer we are

Stars ON Stage Gala Evening

Join us on June 26th for a wonderful evening of Italian epicurean delights, silent and live auctions, and phenomenal operatic entertainment! Opera North presents: Stars ON Stage, a fund raising gala to benefit our outreach and education programs and summer operas.

The stars of this gala have received standing ovations in Opera North's recent productions and sing on the stages of the New York City Opera and the Metropolitan Opera.



29th Summer Season!

also performing at the Catamount Arts Center in St. Johnsbury and our **Young Artist Showcase** will be presented at the beautifully renovated Wilder Center in Vermont (page 10).

ON promotes travel to the Upper Valley through our **Destination Packages**, partnering with select local hotels and inns (pages 10 & back cover).

For those of you who may not be familiar with this summer's operas, Opera North offers short 1½ hour introductory **ON Opera** classes at the AVA Gallery (page 9).

And, of course, Opera North preserves its tradition of **Night for the Opera**, where our patrons can enjoy a concert of excerpts from this summer's operas followed by a lovely dinner at the home of one of our gracious hosts.

We hope to see you at the many events, performances, and the operas!

Pamela A. Pantos, Executive Director

Starring: Soprano Kara Shay Thomson and Tenor Hugo Vera



A Night of Delights

We will celebrate this gala at the beautiful Wilder Center in Wilder, Vermont, where guests will be treated to the fabulous Italian cuisine of Maple Street Catering.



Tickets to this operatic extravaganza are \$150 per person which include a \$100 tax-deductible donation to Opera North.

Space is limited, so order now. Reservations are processed in the order they are received.

Cinderella



Music: Gioachino Rossini
 Libretto: Jacopo Ferretti
 Artistic Director: Louis Burkot
 Stage Director: Helena Binder
 Set Designer: Ken Goldstein
 Costume Designer:
 Rachel Kurland

FRIDAY, AUG 12

**SUNDAY, AUG 14
 MATINEE**

THURSDAY, AUG 18

SATURDAY, AUG 20

All performances at 7:30 PM
 except matinee at 2:00 PM



Blythe Gaissert
 Cinderella



Arthur Espiritu
 Prince Ramiro



Levi Hernandez
 Dandini



Todd Robinson
 Don Magnifico

Cinderella is an irrepressible take on the traditional fairy tale we all know and love. Rossini conjures up a handsome prince, a nasty stepfather, ugly stepsisters, a beautiful heroine — and sheer magic in the music. True love, goodness, and forgiveness win out with an unabashedly happy ending! *Cinderella* brims with Rossini's most brilliant coloratura writing and exuberant ensemble pieces. With its effervescent music and irresistible tunes, this zany romp is as much fun as opera can possibly be.

Revel in absolute enchantment as you fall under the spell of this sparkling masterpiece!



Louis Burkot
 Artistic Director

The Marriage of Figaro

Music: W.A. Mozart
Libretto: Lorenzo da Ponte
Artistic Director: Louis Burkot
Stage Director: Michael Shell
Set Designer: Ken Goldstein
Costume Designer:
Rachel Kurland

SATURDAY, AUG 6

THURSDAY, AUG 11

SATURDAY, AUG 13

WEDNESDAY, AUG 17

FRIDAY, AUG 19

All performances at 7:30 PM



David Cushing
Figaro



Anne-Carolyn Bird
Susanna



Grant Youngblood
Count Almaviva



Veronica Mitina
Countess Almaviva

Mozart's funniest opera is among the top ten favorites of all time and contains some of the most beautiful music ever written.

It's Figaro and Susanna's wedding day, but everything seems to be preventing their happy union. Figaro needs his parents' consent to get married, but has no idea of their identities. Marcellina (the housekeeper) dreams about marrying Figaro, the Count lusts after Susanna, while Cherubino (the page) fantasizes about the Countess. Confusion, chaos, and commotion ensue. In the final act, happiness prevails.

Both operas are sung in Italian with English supertitles.
Casts are subject to change.

Opera North offers many free and low cost presentations to the community, including our **Master Class** on July 24th. Go to: www.operanorth.org for more details and join our email list to be informed of all upcoming events.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
19 June	20	21 ON Opera Presentation: Cinderella AVA Gallery 6:00 PM
26 Stars ON Stage Gala Evening Wilder Center 6:00 PM	27	28 ON Opera Presentation: Figaro AVA Gallery 6:00 PM

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
3 July	4	5	6
10	11	12	13
17	18	19 <i>Night for the Opera Dinner</i> 6:00 PM	20
24 Master Class Artist-in-Residence Danielle Orlando 2:00 PM	25	26	27

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<p>Major Donor Events Gifts of \$500+ Dress Rehearsals: <i>Cinderella & Marriage of Figaro</i></p> <p>Major Donors are invited to a buffet dinner at 6:00 PM immediately preceding the orchestra dress rehearsal of each opera. During intermission, there is an onstage and backstage tour and a chance to chat with the artists.</p>	31 ON Live at Catamount Arts St. Johnsbury, VT 6:00 PM	1 August	2
	7	8	9
	14 <i>Cinderella</i> Matinee 2:00 PM	15	16

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
22	23 ON Opera Presentation: Cinderella AVA Gallery 6:00 PM	24	25
29	30 ON Opera Presentation: Figaro AVA Gallery 6:00 PM	1	2

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
7 Leadership Donor Event: Young Artist Angels Dinner	8	9 Young Artist Showcase Wilder Center 7:00 PM	Leadership Donor Event Gifts of \$1500+ Young Artist Angels Dinner The Angels Program provides patrons with the exclusive opportunity to gain insight into the lives and careers of ON's Young Artists. Through sponsorship of individual singers, Angels are personally involved with the success of their Young Artist, both during the summer and beyond.
14 <i>Night for the Opera Dinner</i> 6:00 PM	15 An Evening of American Opera & Art Hood Museum 5:30 PM	16 An Evening of American Opera & Art Hood Museum 5:30 PM	
21	22	23 Summer Fare in New London Colby-Sawyer College – New London, 7:00 PM	
28	29	30 <i>Night for the Opera Dinner</i> 6:00 PM	

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 ist	4 Major Donor Event: Dress Rehearsal: Marriage of Figaro 6:00 PM	5	6 OPENING NIGHT <i>The Marriage of Figaro</i> 7:30 PM Après Opera Reception
10 Major Donor Event: Dress Rehearsal Cinderella 6:00 PM	11 <i>The Marriage of Figaro</i> 7:30 PM	12 OPENING NIGHT <i>Cinderella</i> 7:30 PM Après Opera Reception	13 <i>The Marriage of Figaro</i> 7:30 PM
17 <i>The Marriage of Figaro</i> 7:30 PM	18 <i>Cinderella</i> 7:30 PM	19 FINAL PERFORMANCE <i>The Marriage of Figaro</i> 7:30 PM	20 FINAL PERFORMANCE <i>Cinderella</i> 7:30 PM

Night for the Opera Dinners

Join us as we mix and mingle with friends old and new at our three evenings of **Night for the Opera**. Opera North's talented Young Artists perform excerpts from this season's operas at an opening concert. Then proceed ONwards to the exclusive dinner of your choice in one of our gracious hosts' homes. Enjoy the pleasurable company of fellow opera lovers and our charming Young Artists.



This event sells out quickly, so be on the lookout for the upcoming brochure for details.

An Evening of American Opera & Art



1935 Portrait of Baby Doe Tabor – Courtesy of LegendsOfAmerica.com

The Hood partners with Opera North to present delightful excerpts from American composer Douglas Moore's *The Ballad of Baby Doe*. This English-language opera tells the fascinating and true story of one of the richest men in America's history, silver king Horace Tabor, his first wife, Augusta, and his second wife, Baby Doe. During the ten years of their marriage, Baby Doe and Horace lived a life of excess and squandered over twelve million dollars before Horace's death in 1893.

There will be two free performances, on Friday, July 15 and Saturday, July 16 at 5:30 PM. Please note that reservations are required, with seats confirmed on a first-come, first-served basis. Hood curator of American Art Barbara MacAdam will begin the program with a brief introduction of the summer exhibition *Embracing Elegance: American Art from the Huber Family Collection, 1885-1920*.

For reservations, please email events@operanorth.org

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Master Class

SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2:00 PM. FREE. LOCATION TBA.



Danielle Orlando
Artist-in-Residence

Opera North is proud to present, **Danielle Orlando**, our Artist-in-Residence this season. Ms. Orlando is currently the Principal Opera Coach at the Curtis Institute of Music and collaborated for many years with the late tenor Luciano Pavarotti as accompanist, judge, and artistic coordinator for all of the Luciano Pavarotti International Voice Competitions. Experience first-hand how this great artist approaches her craft and teaches up-and-coming singers.

ON Opera at the AVA Gallery

Join ON's Dramaturge Ron Luchsinger for an in-depth discussion of this summer's two operas. Our lively discussions will be illustrated with vocal and visual examples and feature exciting musical and dramatic highlights.

CINDERELLA – Tuesday, June 21 or Thursday, June 23

MARRIAGE OF FIGARO – Tuesday, June 28 or Thursday, June 30

All lectures at 6:00 PM at the AVA Gallery in Lebanon, NH
\$20 fee per lecture – See the Reservations Form



Ron Luchsinger

Opera North Live at Catamount Arts

SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2011, 6:00 PM

ST. JOHNSBURY, VERMONT

A performance of selected scenes from English and Italian operas will be followed by a light meal, refreshments, and dessert. Please contact Catamount Arts for further information: 802-748-2600.

Summer Fare in New London



SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2011, 7:00 PM

COLBY-SAWYER COLLEGE, NEW LONDON, NH

TICKETS \$25 EACH – See the Reservations Form

Join us on July 23rd for a Gala Evening with ON at Colby-Sawyer College. This is a joint benefit performance with net proceeds going to Opera North and the Adventures in Learning scholarship fund. ON Young Artists will sing arias and bring beloved opera scenes to life during this wonderful event. The performance will be followed by a summer dessert reception and an opportunity to meet the Young Artists.



Young Artist Showcase

SATURDAY, JULY 9, 2011

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

WILDER CENTER, WILDER, VT

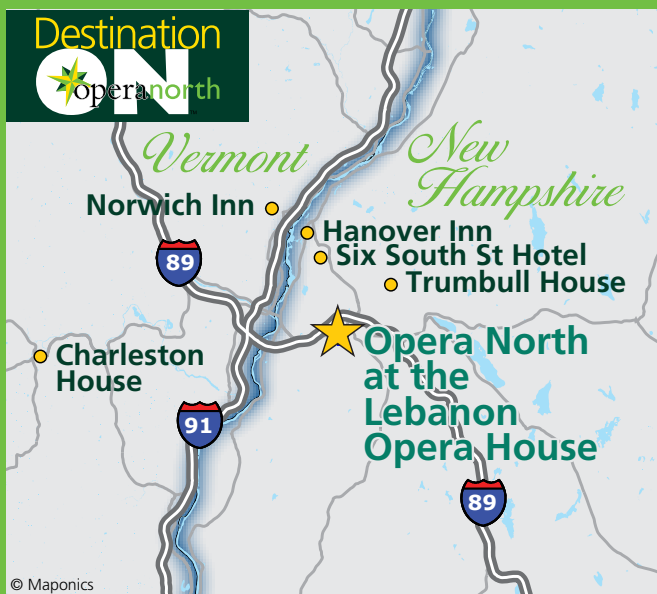
Our annual Young Artist Showcase is a unique opportunity to experience the future stars of opera.

Join us on Saturday, July 9th at 7:00 PM at the beautifully restored Wilder Center for a program of arias highlighting the exceptional talent of these singers.

Tickets for the Showcase are \$10 and you are invited to mingle with the artists at a dessert reception immediately following the program.

Tickets are available at the door or may be reserved in advance by using the Reservations Form.

Pictured above: returning Young Artists Lauren Ashleigh Lyles, Omar Najmi, and Dee Donasco, and new Young Artists Nicholas Nelson and Amedee Moore.



Opera North has partnered with five beautiful hotels and inns to create packages that include discounts on accommodations and ON tickets. (See list on back cover.) Visit our DestinationON page, www.operanorth.org, for complete descriptions of these special offers.

Reservations Form

YES! Please register me for these events:

EVENT	# OF PEOPLE	TOTAL
STARS ON STAGE GALA EVENING Sunday, June 26th – Wilder Center	_____	x \$150 = \$_____
ON OPERA LECTURE: CINDERELLA Tuesday, June 21 – AVA Gallery	_____	x \$20 = \$_____
ON OPERA LECTURE: CINDERELLA Thursday, June 23 – AVA Gallery	_____	x \$20 = \$_____
ON OPERA LECTURE: FIGARO Tuesday, June 28th – AVA Gallery	_____	x \$20 = \$_____
ON OPERA LECTURE: FIGARO Thursday, June 30th – AVA Gallery	_____	x \$20 = \$_____
YOUNG ARTIST SHOWCASE Saturday, July 9th – Wilder Center	_____	x \$10 = \$_____
SUMMER FARE IN NEW LONDON Saturday, July 23rd – Colby-Sawyer College	_____	x \$25 = \$_____

I cannot attend, but would like to be an underwriter for the Stars ON Stage Gala Evening. Enclosed is my donation of \$100 to Opera North.

I would like to make a donation of \$_____ to support ON programs in the community.

To purchase opera tickets, go to www.operanorth.org or call the Lebanon Opera House Box Office at 603-448-0400.

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Puccini's *La bohème* – Opera North August 2010



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