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Seattle Opera's *Elektra*-fying Halloween Special

Come to the Opera in Costume for a Buy One-Get One Ticket Deal

Seattle—Seattle Opera is offering treats, not tricks, this Halloween with an *Elektra*-fying Halloween ticket special. Operagoers who arrive in costume for the Friday, October 31, performance of *Elektra* can receive one free ticket to the evening's performance, with the purchase of a full-priced ticket.

Richard Strauss's *Elektra*, a riveting tale of murder, madness, and revenge, is a fitting prelude to any Halloween celebration—and with a running time of only 100 minutes, trick-or-treating and costume parties don't have to be sacrificed for an evening at the opera. Based on Sophocles' ancient tragedy of Agamemnon's daughter Elektra and her all-consuming obsession with avenging his murder, *Elektra* is full of haunting melodies, unearthly sounds, and powerful vocals.

The offer is valid only for the Friday, October 31, performance. To receive a free ticket, one ticket must be purchased at full price, and at least one member of the pair must be in costume. Even those who arrive without a costume can take advantage of the special—operagoers will receive a \$5 discount on all

seasonal wear at the Amusements Gift Shop, located on the Kreielsheimer Promenade at McCaw Hall, to create an impromptu costume.

Costumed diners who make reservations to visit McCaw Hall's Prelude restaurant before the Halloween performance will also receive an extra "treat": one free small plate with the purchase of an entrée. Prelude offers an assortment of entrées, desserts, and wines, all featuring local ingredients. The restaurant will be open for pre-show dining starting at 5:00 p.m. Reservations can be made at opentable.com or by calling 206.651.0404.

Seattle Opera's production of *Elektra* opened Saturday, October 18, and runs for eight performances through November 1. The 7:30 p.m. performance on October 31 will feature Janice Baird in the title role, with Carolyn Betty as her sister Chrysothemis, and Luretta Bybee as their mother, Klytämnestra. Also performing that evening will be Thomas Harper as Aegisth and Alfred Walker as Orest.

The Halloween discount is applicable to seats starting at \$43 through \$101. To receive the Halloween discount, tickets must be purchased on October 31 at the McCaw Hall Box Office, which opens at 5:30 p.m. for all evening performances. Tickets are still available for all other performances of *Elektra* through seattleopera.org, by calling the Box Office, 206.389.7676 or 800.426.1619, or by mobile phone at mobile.seattleopera.org.

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Founded in 1963, Seattle Opera is one of the leading opera companies in the United States. The company is recognized internationally for its theatrically compelling and musically accomplished performances, especially the Opera's interpretations of the works of Richard Wagner. Since 1975, Seattle Opera has presented 35 cycles of the *Ring* (three different productions), in addition to acclaimed productions of all the other major operas in the Wagner canon. Seattle Opera has achieved the highest per capita attendance of any major opera company in the United States, and draws operagoers from four continents and fifty states.