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## **Seattle Opera Kicks Off 2009/10 Young Artists Program**

### **Fall Tour Dates Announced:**

#### **Young Artists to Perform in Bellingham, Kirkland, Leavenworth, Seattle, and Walla Walla**

Seattle—Seattle Opera's 2009/10 Young Artists arrived in Seattle today to begin their season. The singers will promptly start preparing for their fall touring production of Mozart's *Così fan tutte*, which they will present in venues across Washington state.

*Così fan tutte* is a joy-filled roller-coaster ride that chronicles the follies and foibles of four young lovers who get more than they bargained for when they wager on love. After an eventful day full of disguises, mistaken identities, and dangerous flirtations, the couples learn a thing or two about their partners—and themselves—in this delightful romantic comedy. This family-friendly production will be sung in Italian with English subtitles, and will feature piano accompaniment.

The Young Artists launch their fall tour on November 11 at the Performing Arts Auditorium at **Walla Walla Community College**. They then travel to **Western Washington University's** Performing Arts Center in Bellingham on November 13, the **Kirkland Performance Center** on November 15, and the Illsley Ball Nordstrom Recital Hall at Seattle's **Benaroya Hall** on November 20, before concluding the tour at the Chapel Theater at the **Sleeping Lady Resort** in Leavenworth on November 22. Venue and ticket information is listed below.

This year's ten Young Artists are Erik Anstine, Jenni Bank, Megan Hart, Michael Krzankowski, Maya Lahyani, Alex Mansoori, Eric Neuville, Vira Slywotzky, Marcy Stonikas, and Bray Wilkins. Former Young Artist Sarah Heltzel will perform with the singers in *Così*. For more information on the Young Artists program, including cast lists, artist biographies, and details about their fully staged April production of Richard Strauss's *Ariadne auf Naxos* at Bellevue's Theatre at Meydenbauer Center, visit [seattleopera.org/yap](http://seattleopera.org/yap).

## **Fall 2009 Seattle Opera Young Artists' Regional Performances**

Mozart's *Così fan tutte*

Ticket and price information is available through each venue.

### **Performing Arts Auditorium at Walla Walla Community College**

500 Tausick Way

Walla Walla, WA

Wednesday, November 11, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Ticket information: 509.527.4575

### **Western Washington University Performing Arts Center**

516 High Street

Bellingham, WA

Friday, November 13, 2009, 7:30 p.m.

Ticket information: 360.650.6146

### **Kirkland Performance Center**

350 Kirkland Ave

Kirkland, WA

Sunday, November 15, 2009, 8:00 p.m.

Ticket information: 425.893.9900

### **Illsley Ball Nordstrom Recital Hall at Benaroya Hall**

200 University Street

Seattle, WA

Friday, November 20, 2009, 8:00 p.m.

Ticket information: 206.389.7676 or [www.seattleopera.org](http://www.seattleopera.org)

### **The Chapel Theater at Sleeping Lady Mountain Resort\***

7375 Icicle Road

Leavenworth, WA

Sunday, November 22, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Ticket information: 509.548.6347

\*Presented by the Icicle Creek Music Center

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## **About Seattle Opera**

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 38 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.