

Seattle Opera Facts

Status: Not-for-profit

Date founded: 1963

Chairman of the Board: John F. Nesholm

President of the Board: William T. Weyerhaueser

General Director: Speight Jenkins Executive Director: Kelly Tweeddale

Programs and Services: Production of mainstage operas

Opera education and outreach

Young Artists Program
Set and costume building
Set and costume rental

English captions (for all performances)

Full-Time Regular Staff: 80, approximately Part-Time Employees: 700, approximately

(includes musicians, crews, and administrative staff)

Chorus: Seattle Opera Chorus
Orchestra: Composed of members of

the Seattle Symphony and Opera Players' Organization

Unions: American Guild of Musical Artists

(singers, directors, stage management); AFL-CIO;

I.A.T.S.E., Local #15

(stage crew and scenic carpenters);

I.A.T.S.E., Local #488

(hair/makeup artists and scenic artists);

T.W.U., Local #887

(costume technicians and wardrobe crew)

Seattle Symphony and Opera Players' Organization

Board of Trustees: 60 members Advisory Board: 27 members Seattle Opera Foundation Board: 9 members

BRAVO! Club: 414 members (for operagoers in their 20s and 30s)

Wagner and More (WAM): 185 members

2012/13 Season: 38 mainstage performances

Scenic Studios: Renton, WA

Costume Shop: John Street building

Warehouse: Kent, WA (10/2012)