

## SPEIGHT JENKINS CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY WITH SEATTLE OPERA



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Since 1983, Speight Jenkins, General Director of Seattle Opera, has thrilled audiences by bringing extraordinary and compelling productions to Seattle Opera's stage. In celebration of his 25th anniversary as general director this year, Seattle Opera's Board of Directors has dedicated the 2008/09 season to Jenkins.

"In almost 25 years of producing opera," Mr. Jenkins commented, "my greatest satisfaction is the loyalty of the audience, my board, and the many artists who have done some of their best work here. I feel most blessed with all three and with a remarkable staff that manages to carry out the mission of Seattle Opera, as I see it, in an ideal manner."

During Speight's tenure as General Director, Seattle Opera has become synonymous with excellence. Dedicated to staging opera productions of the highest quality, creating a financially stable company, and fostering valuable relationships with donors and patrons, Seattle Opera has flourished under Speight's direction. He has led the company with passion and a fierce devotion to being the best.



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## ENCORE SOCIETY HONORS SPEIGHT'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS WITH LEGACY INITIATIVE

Legacy gifts from Seattle Opera supporters will play an important role in sustaining the level of achievement reached through Speight's leadership. To honor Speight and the remarkable accomplishments of his 25 years leading Seattle Opera, the Board of Trustees has created the Speight Jenkins 25th Anniversary Encore Society Initiative. Our goal is to add 25 new members to the Encore Society during 2009.

The Encore Society, Seattle Opera's legacy giving group, recognizes donors who have included Seattle Opera in their estate plans or made other deferred giving arrangements. Most legacy gifts are directed to the Seattle Opera Foundation, a separate entity created to hold endowment funds for Seattle Opera, ensuring that these gifts have an impact far into the future.

**You are cordially invited to join The Encore Society in honor of Speight Jenkins' accomplishments over the past 25 years.**



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## THE ENCORE SOCIETY—RECOGNITION FOR LEGACY GIVING

In appreciation for their legacy support, members of Seattle Opera's Encore Society receive recognition and benefits, as follows:

- Invitation for two to the annual Encore Society Recognition Event
- Priority ticket exchange service
- Special recognition in Encore performance programs
- Invitation to the Annual Meeting
- Subscription to Seattle Opera Magazine
- Individualized estate planning assistance for charitable gifts to Seattle Opera

## WAYS TO JOIN THIS LEGACY INITIATIVE

Some of the most frequently considered options include:

- Bequests
- Charitable trusts—charitable lead trusts and charitable remainder trusts
- Charitable gift annuities
- Beneficiary designations—retirement plans, insurance policies, IRAs, bank and brokerage accounts

## HOW YOUR LEGACY GIFT CAN BE DESIGNATED

Your legacy gift to Seattle Opera can be directed to endowment or can be given to current programs.

As an endowment supporter, you may designate your gift as follows:

- Unrestricted – General Endowment Fund
- Mainstage Production Endowment Fund
- Wagner Repertoire Endowment Fund
- Education Endowment Fund
- Artistic Development Endowment Fund

If you prefer that your legacy support be used for current needs, you may make an unrestricted gift or specify the gift's purpose.

## JOIN US

Seattle Opera would be glad to provide you and your financial advisors with more information on legacy giving. We work with PG Calc, a planned giving consulting firm serving clients in the U.S. and Canada, whose consultants are available to meet with you. **Please join us in honoring Speight's accomplishments with a legacy gift to Seattle Opera.**



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