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## **Come explore the Opera Center**

**Enjoy a family-friendly open house and get to know Seattle Opera's new leader Christina Scheppelmann**

**2 -5 p.m. on Sept. 28  
363 Mercer St.**

SEATTLE—Come one, come all: Bring the whole family to the [Open House at the Opera Center](#) from 2 -5 p.m. on Sept. 28. Admission is free! Attendees can spend the afternoon at the newest venue on the Seattle Center campus, the only space in the city dedicated to creating opera. The event will include performances by a Seattle Opera artist, a sing-along of popular opera choruses, and a peek into the world of costumes, makeup, and wig-making. Children's activities will include crafts and costume try-on. The company's new [General Director Christina Scheppelmann](#) will offer Q&A sessions throughout the day at 2:15 p.m., 3:15 p.m., and 4:15 p.m. as a way to get to know the operagoers of Seattle.

"Seattle Opera opens its doors to all on Sept. 28, and we hope to see you here in our unique Opera Center," said Scheppelmann, who officially became the company's leader on Aug. 5. "At long last, I am very excited to finally have arrived in the Pacific Northwest, so that together with my great Seattle Opera colleagues, I can get to work for you—our audiences and community."

All are welcome to come and go as they please during the 2-5 p.m. open house, which will include ongoing performances and activities. A live broadcast from

[Seattle Opera's soon-to-be-neighbor, Classical KING FM 98.1](#), and a working rehearsal of Rossini's *Cinderella*, which opens Oct. 19 at McCaw Hall, are also planned.

RSVPs in advance help Seattle Opera plan out the day but are not required. To RSVP, and for more information, go to [seattleopera.org/openhouse](http://seattleopera.org/openhouse).

### **About Seattle Opera**

Established in 1963, Seattle Opera is committed to serving the people of the Pacific Northwest with performances of the highest caliber and through innovative educational and engagement programs for all. Each year, more than 95,000 people attend Seattle Opera performances, and more than 400,000 people of all ages are served through school performances, radio broadcasts, and more. By drawing our communities together, and by offering opera's unique fusion of music and drama, we create life-enhancing experiences that speak deeply to people's hearts and minds. Connect with Seattle Opera on Facebook, Twitter, SoundCloud, and on 98.1 Classical KING FM.

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