Seattle Opera Facts

Status:
   Not-for-profit

Date founded:
   1963

Chairman of the Board:
   John F. Nesholm

President of the Board:
   Brian Marks

General Director:
   Aidan Lang

Programs and Services:
   Production of mainstage operas
   Set and costume building
   Set and costume rental
   English captions
   Education and Community Engagement Programs

During our 2015/16 Season, Seattle Opera:
- Served 68,885 people through education and engagement programs, as well as community events and appearances.
- Served 25,460 students through colleges and 65 K-12 schools, 35 schools of which were Title I schools.
- Increased the number of students served by 69% since the 2011/2012 Season. Increased the number of K-12 schools served by 82%.

- Had 53 participants in our Youth Opera Chorus and 63 participants in opera camps. The Seattle Opera youth chorus and camp participants sang at 18 performances and community events for a total of 17,080 audience members.

- Served 2,261 seniors during 47 program events at senior community centers.

- Served 35,546 participants with our adult community programs.

Full-Time Regular Staff:
80, approximately

Part-Time Employees:
569, 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, 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: 51 members
Advisory Board: 14 members
Seattle Opera Foundation Board: 10 members
Seattle Opera BRAVO! Club: 613 members (operagoers in their 20s and 30s)
2015/16 Season: 38 mainstage performances
Administrative Offices: Seattle, WA
Rehearsal Studios: Seattle, WA
Costume Shop: Seattle, WA
Scenic Studios: Renton, WA
Costume Shop: John Street building
Warehouse: Kent, WA