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## Seattle theaters announce massive combined Costume Sale

Featuring items from Seattle Opera, Village Theatre, Seattle Rep, Union Arts Center, Pacific Northwest Ballet, and the 5th Avenue Theatre

## Saturday, September 27 9:30 AM-4:00 PM Opera Center

SEATTLE—Costume collectors, fashion lovers, and textile enthusiasts will soon have the rare opportunity to own a piece of Seattle theater history. On **Saturday, September 27**, Seattle Opera is teaming up with Village Theatre, Seattle Rep, Union Arts Center (formerly ACT and Seattle Shakespeare), Pacific Northwest Ballet, and the 5th Avenue Theatre for a **one-day sale of costumes, accessories, and supplies**. With over 2,500 pieces on sale, there's no better opportunity to score a one-of-a-kind Halloween costume or simply to add some pizzaz to your wardrobe.

"This is the first costume sale we've done in nearly ten years, and the first since we moved into the Opera Center," said **Kathleen Trott, Seattle Opera's Costume Shop Manager**. "Over that time, we've accumulated a trove of items we don't need anymore, and we want them to go to a good home. When combined with the collections of all these other theater companies, you won't find a better collection of unique and well-made costumes anywhere."

Visitors will find a remarkable range of styles to choose from, with everything from the most extravagant gowns and elaborate outfits to basic items like shirts, shoes, and hats. Costumes span time periods from the 1600s to the modern day, as well as the purely fantastical. Some of the most unique pieces include the Witch's costume from Seattle Opera's production of *Hansel and Gretel*, the Saloon Girl outfits from *The Ballad of Baby Doe*, and the ball gowns from *Die Fledermaus*. And for the aspiring fashion designer, a variety of materials and supplies will also be on sale, including fabrics, ribbons, and jewelry.

Admission will be available by time slots, with access 9:30–11:30 AM for \$40, 11:30 AM–1:30 PM for \$25, and 1:30 PM–4:00 PM for \$10. **Tickets go on sale Monday, August 25, at 12pm PDT**. Door tickets will be subject to availability on the day of the sale, so purchasing tickets in advance is highly encouraged.

## **Event Details**

Costume Sale
Saturday, September 27, 9:30 AM-4:00 PM
Opera Center (363 Mercer Street, Seattle, WA 98109)
Tickets:

• \$40 for admission 9:30-11:30 AM

• \$25 for admission 11:30 AM-1:30 PM

\$10 for admission 1:30 PM-4:00 PM

Tickets and information at <u>seattleopera.org/costumesale</u>.

## **About Seattle Opera**

Established in 1963, Seattle Opera is committed to serving the people of the Pacific Northwest through music, storytelling, and programs for people of all ages. Each year, more than 50,000 people attend the company's performances, and more than 100,000 people are served through school performances, radio broadcasts, and more. The organization brings opera to life in a number of different ways, offering artistic excellence through national and international collaborations. Seattle Opera strives to create an environment where artists, staff, behind-the-scenes workers, and members of the community feel a strong connection to the company, and to the art of opera. Follow Seattle Opera on Facebook, Twitter, SoundCloud, and on Classical KING.