



Yunah Lee soared as
Butterfly in 2009's
Madama Butterfly

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Newsletter

Much Ado About Mozart

Eighth Annual Fall Concert
Spa Little Theater

November 8th • 3:30pm

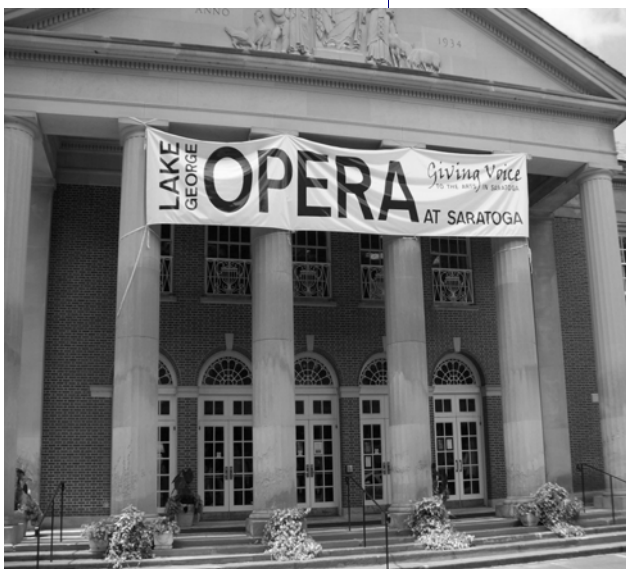
Followed by Meet the Artists Dinner
at The Gideon Putnam Resort

LGOpera at Saratoga announces "Much Ado About Mozart," its annual Fall Concert, featuring a variety of selections from Mozart operas and concert works. Artistic Director Curtis Tucker will lead the program, with performances by sopranos Kirsten Chambers and Deborah Rocco, mezzo soprano Kara Cornell, baritone Jonathan Michie, bass Yong Li, and pianist Michael Clement. The program will highlight the breadth of Mozart's vocal works, from well-known operas such as *The Marriage of Figaro*, *The Magic Flute*, and *Don Giovanni*, as well as songs and concert pieces, and a semi-staged performance of *The Impresario*. According to Tucker, "think of it as a Mozart variety show, from the silly to the sublime. Few composers could entertain like Mozart; that's the spirit we hope to create."



**Please see the back page for reservation
information. See you at the Concert!**

*The Spa Little Theater –
The Opera's home for the
past twelve years.*



Lake George Opera at Saratoga's 48th Summer Season

Thank you to all the wonderful patrons and donors who attended the 2009 summer season. The Company enjoyed another successful season that featured *Madama Butterfly*, *Don Pasquale* and the developmental premiere of *Eleanor Roosevelt*. Audiences and critics alike praised the productions, especially *Madama Butterfly* and Yunah Lee's amazing portrayal of Cio Cio San. We Look forward to having Yunah sing with the Opera again in the future.

The Apprentice Artists shined once again this season and performed at numerous venues throughout the region. These "Stars of Tomorrow" were highlighted in *Eleanor Roosevelt* and sang supporting roles in all the Spa Little Theater productions. The application process has just begun for the 2010 Apprentice Artists and auditions take place beginning in December in New York City and Philadelphia. Good Luck Applicants!

Stay tuned for information on the 2010 Summer Season and check out the new design of the Opera's website at www.lakegeorgeopera.org

Opera Education Corner

Lake George Opera at Saratoga presented its sixth annual Summer Opera Camp from July 6 ~ July 17. Past performances have included An Evening of Operatic & Musical Theater Favorites, *Trial by Jury*, *Dido and Aeneas*, *The Little Prince* and *The Pirates of Penzance*. It was a great summer!! We were thrilled that Paul Sigrist and David Macaluso were back again after performing with the New York Gilbert and Sullivan Players. The staff also included Patte Hadfield as pianist from Skidmore College and LGOpera at Saratoga Director of Education Deborah Rocco, served as vocal coach. We were excited to put together a rarely done gem of a show and one of Gilbert and Sullivan's least known and craziest comic operas, *Ruddigore*. Where else on the same stage can you find two wicked baronets, a wild woman in the woods, a gaggle of unemployed professional bridesmaids, a horn piping sailor, a clueless maiden obsessed with her etiquette book and an army of spooky evil ancestors raised from the dead? It was laugh-out-loud funny and one of Sullivan's best musical scores coupled with Gilbert's hilarious words. Campers attended sessions at the wonderful camp venue at the United Methodist Church in Saratoga Springs. Our students ranged in age from 10 ~ 18. They received training and coaching in singing and acting techniques and attended an unforgettable performance of Puccini's *Madama Butterfly* by Lake George Opera at Saratoga. There were eleven extraordinary young singers this summer who worked extremely hard to learn their music and remember their dialogue, blocking and choreography. The camp culminated with a fully staged and costumed performance of Gilbert & Sullivan's *Ruddigore* or the *Witches*

Curse, which was presented at the Church on July 17th. The performance was free and open to the public. We were very excited to be joined by the talents of renowned organist Todd Sisley and percussionist Christopher Thrombly. The addition of these two fantastic musicians added a great deal to our little orchestra. The performance was well attended and the singers sang their way into the hearts of all who were in attendance. Friends of Lake George Opera board member Carolyn Fellows said the following, "The show was delightfully entertaining, and enjoyed as much by the audience as the kids who were in it. Their enthusiasm bounced right off the walls. The experience in the two week camp could easily have been life changing for any one of them". Lake George Opera at Saratoga's 2009 Opera Camp was a fun time of merry music making mixed with hard work and dedication and was enjoyed by all! Until next summer!

The Evil Lord Ruddigore and a bevy of Bridesmaids



Met Live in HD Partnership Continues!

For the third year in a row, Lake George Opera at Saratoga is proud to again partner with The Metropolitan Opera in presenting the 2009-10 Live in High-Definition Series. The live HD broadcasts, beginning with Puccini's *Tosca* on October 10th, will again take place at

Crossgates Regal Mall Cinema and will run from October until early May (see adjoining schedule). Tickets can be purchased at the Crossgates Mall box office, through the Fandango website at www.fandango.com, online at www.metopera.org/hd or by calling 1-800-Met-Opera (1-800-638-6737). For additional information about this partnership, call the LGOpera at Saratoga administrative office at 518-584-6018.

Met Live in HD Schedule
Crossgates Mall, Albany

Tosca –
Giacomo Puccini
October 10, 2009

Aida –
Giuseppe Verdi
October 24, 2009

Turandot –
Giacomo Puccini
November 7, 2009

*Les Contes
d'Hoffmann* –
Jacques Offenbach
December 19, 2009

*Der
Rosenkavalier* –
Richard Strauss
January 9, 2010

Carmen –
Georges Bizet
January 16, 2010

*Simon
Boccanegra* –
Giuseppe Verdi
February 6, 2010

Hamlet –
Ambroise Thomas
March 27, 2010

Armida –
Gioachino Rossini
May 1, 2010

Opera Ball Auction
Co-Chair Judy Killeen,
browses the auction
items with her in-laws
Dick & Pat Killeen

There's A Song in The Air Saratoga Opera Ball

There was truly "A Song in the Air" when Lake George Opera at Saratoga held their 7th annual Opera Ball on Wednesday, July 1st. Each year this extraordinary gala helps to raise funds to underwrite the Company's Educational Fund and Apprentice Artist Program. Gala guests danced all night to the wonderful entertainment provided by Peter Duchin and his orchestra, after bidding on the fabulous live and silent auction items. The Gideon Putnam Resort had an elegant Venetian feel thanks to the décor provided by Opera Ball Chair Nancy Smith and her associate Dan Czech of Saratoga Signatures. Auction co-chairs Judy Killeen and Valerie Anderson found unique and colorful items for guests to bid on including a trip to Spain and a gourmet luncheon or "floatable feast" at the Lake George homes of various LGOpera at Saratoga Board members.

Chairperson Nancy Smith and Ted & Carol Newlin (Opera Ball honorary Chairs) wanted the evening to have a magical feel as guests enjoyed listening to various arias sung by the talented members of Lake George Opera at Saratoga's Young Artist Apprentice Program. The eight young singers who made appearances in LGOpera at Saratoga's mainstage productions, wowed guests with beautiful serenades. Opera Board member Sam Palazzole acted as the event's auctioneer. Highlights of the evening included the auctioning off of an on-stage cameo appearance in a 2010 LGOpera at Saratoga production. Two Ball guests bid back & forth until it was decided two cameo appearances could be had. The winners were Michael Fieldman and Joyce Rice. Look for them on stage in 2010!

The success of the annual Saratoga Opera Ball helps to ensure the future of the Educational Fund and the Apprentice Artist Program, which is the second oldest young artist program in the country. Once again, this stand-alone event raised not only funds for the opera, but reminded guests that support for the arts is imperative, necessary, entertaining and enjoyable. "A Song in the Air" was truly a wonderful event.

Watch for future announcements about the 2010 Saratoga Opera Ball!



Much Ado About Mozart Order Form

Sunday, November 8, 2009 · Spa Little Theater · 3:30 p.m.

General Seating Tickets \$30

Gideon Putnam Resort Dinner Tickets \$45

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