



Colorado Historic Opera Houses Circuit Celebrates One-Year Anniversary *Opera Houses Mark Additional Anniversaries*

(LEADVILLE, COLO, June 6, 2023) – The Colorado Historic Opera Houses Circuit, which connects five mountain opera houses, celebrates its one-year anniversary this month. Circuit visitors can experience a wide variety of live entertainment in historic venues—opera plus live music of all kinds, theater, dance, films, festivals, and more. The Circuit takes visitors to Colorado’s most picturesque mountain towns, with unique shops and delicious dining in historic districts, culture and heritage tours, and world-class outdoor activities.

In addition, Circuit opera houses are celebrating anniversaries of their own this summer.

Central City Opera House (Central City): The nation’s fifth-oldest professional opera company, Central City Opera, celebrates its 91st anniversary this year. Its 2023 Festival, “Brush Up Your Shakespeare,” runs June 24 – Aug. 6, 2023, in the historic Central City Opera House. This season features the classic opera *Romeo & Juliet* by Charles Gounod, the delightful Cole Porter musical *Kiss Me, Kate*, and the exquisite masterpiece *Othello* by Gioachino Rossini.

Sheridan Opera House (Telluride): The Sheridan Arts Foundation hosts the 30th Wild West Fest, hosting 40 youth from Boys and Girls Clubs across the nation to celebrate arts and culture at no cost (June 4-10); the 50th Telluride Bluegrass Festival, an iconic representation of all kinds of music (June 15-18); the 20th Telluride Plein Air Festival, a celebration of outdoor painting (June 28-July 4); and the 50th Telluride Film Festival featuring more than 50 programs (Sept. 1-4).

Tabor Opera House (Leadville): The Tabor Opera House is celebrating its inaugural year of partnership with Lyric Theatre of Leadville, which is presenting these summer performances: Hazel Miller & The Collective (June 17), 101st Army Band (June 23), Old Friends: An Evening With Broadway’s Christiane Noll & Richard Carsey (July 8), The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee (The Musical!) (July 20-22), Comedy at The Tabor with Vinnie Montez With John Novosad Opening (Aug. 26), and more.

Wheeler Opera House (Aspen): The 15th Annual Aspen Fringe Festival’s JUNEFEEST 2023 presents Enter the Guardsman (June 9) and Musical Salon Night (June 10). The Aspen Music Festival and School celebrates 74 years and presents Opera Encounters and Vocal Arts Showcases at the Wheeler Opera House on Saturday mornings and select Thursday evenings from July through mid-August. A student showcase, JAS Big Band led by Christian McBride, takes place on July 29.

Wright Opera House (Ouray): The Ouray International Film Festival launched in 2020 and returns this year for a weekend of jury-selected film screenings, conversations, parties, and awards (June 22-25).

Guests can also take historic tours of Circuit opera houses, and many are available to rent for weddings and other special occasions. Trip planning information is available at ColoradoOperaHouses.com. The website gives information about the opera houses, a calendar of events, a Circuit map, and nearby attractions so that visitors can plan a full and rewarding trip.

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For more information about the Colorado Historic Opera Houses Circuit, please visit ColoradoOperaHouses.com.

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About the Circuit



The Colorado Historic Opera Houses Circuit connects five opera houses in the Colorado mountains. There, visitors can see a world-class performance in an elegant historic setting that still carries the mystique of Colorado's early mining boom days and explore some of Colorado's most picturesque mountain towns.

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