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Nashville Opera's ever-popular Opera @ series returns May 12th

- Opera @ series presented by Jackson National
- 4 unique events during the Spring and Summer
 - Opera @ Fat Bottom Brewing: Beers & Baritones – May 12
 - Opera @ Dyer Observatory: Opera on the Mountain – June 6
 - Opera @ Franklin Theatre: Wizard of Oz screening – July 19
 - Opera @ Noah Liff Opera Center: Paint Along – August 11
- Information and registration available at www.nashvilleopera.org

April 28, 2015 (NASHVILLE, TN) – What do beautiful music, ice cold beer, ruby red slippers, and a painted masterpiece all have in common? They're all part of Nashville Opera's 2015 Opera @ series of events! This year's line-up includes *Beers and Baritones*, *Opera on the Mountain* at Vanderbilt University's Dyer Observatory, two screenings of *The Wizard of Oz* – with plenty of audience participation – at the historic Franklin Theatre, and a *Turandot*-inspired *Paint-Along* at the Noah Liff Opera Center. Information, registration, and tickets are now available at www.nashvilleopera.org/event-calendar/ or by calling Nashville Opera at (615) 832-5242.

“The Opera @ series is so much fun for us to present to the community.” said Noah Spiegel, Chief Operating Officer of Nashville Opera. “We think each event offers a unique and unexpected way to connect with opera.”

The forecast on Tuesday, May 12 calls for sunny skies and pleasant temperatures on the patio for *Opera @ Fat Bottom Brewing: Beers and Baritones*. This after-work event features the Nashville Opera Ensemble led by Amy Tate Williams serenading you along with some of the best craft beer in the city. Admission is free and \$1 from each beer sold is donated to Nashville Opera. The festivities start at 5:30 PM and continue until all of the drinking songs have been sung. Fat Bottom Brewing is located at 900 Main Street in East Nashville. In addition to series sponsor, Jackson National, *Opera@ Fat Bottom Brewing: Beers and Baritones* is also sponsored by Frost Brown Todd, LLC.

Nashville Opera and Vanderbilt University's Dyer Observatory will present the 5th annual *Opera @ Dyer Observatory: Opera on the Mountain* on Saturday, June 6 starting at 6 PM. Bring your well-stocked picnic basket with your favorite food and beverages to enjoy a concert after sunset under the stars, or, if you prefer, under the tent. After the singing concludes, guests are invited to view a celestial object through the observatory's giant telescope. There are several price options: Carload (up to 6 people) on the grass surrounding the tent for \$70, Concert Seating (\$35 per person) under the tent, Table Seating (\$55 per person) under the tent, and Patron Level (\$85 per person) which includes VIP Parking, a best view table, and private restroom access. For an additional \$10 per person, the Express Telescope Viewing pass will reserve your spot at the front of the line



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(limited availability). Vanderbilt University's Dyer Observatory is located off of Granny White Pike at 1000 Oman Drive in Brentwood. Reserve your seats by calling Nashville Opera (615) 832-5242 or online at www.nashvilleopera.org/event-calendar/. In addition to series sponsor, Jackson National, **Opera @ Dyer Observatory: Opera on the Mountain** is also sponsored by Frost Brown Todd, LLC, and HCA TriStar Health.

There's no place like... the Franklin Theatre on Sunday, July 19 when Nashville Opera presents a rare theater screening of **The Wizard of Oz**. Dress up as your favorite character from the movie and participate in the experience with a goody bag filled with props. **Opera @ Franklin Theatre** starts with an onstage costume contest followed by a vocal warm-up with members of the Nashville Opera Ensemble. Two performances: 1:30 PM and 6:30 PM at the historic Franklin Theatre at 419 Main Street in Franklin. VIP Balcony or up-front Cabaret seats are \$20 and reserved Orchestra tickets are \$15. Reservations are available by calling the Franklin Theatre Box Office at (615) 538-2076 or on-line at <http://bit.ly/1xYmiX6>. Perfect for the whole family! Our **Opera@ Franklin Theatre: The Wizard of Oz** event is sponsored by Jackson National.

If you are an artist or have ever been interested in learning to paint your very own masterpiece, **Opera @ Noah Liff Opera Center: Paint-Along** on Tuesday, August 11 will be the highlight of the summer! The instructors have selected a scene from Puccini's **Turandot** as the subject for the painting which you will create on your own canvas, with instruction from start to grand finale. Free wine and hors d'oeuvres get the creative juices flowing at 6:30 PM, and also includes a discussion of the visual elements which will be seen in Nashville Opera's upcoming grand production of **Turandot** this October. Best of all, you can take your painting home with you that night! The Paint-Along event will be held at the Noah Liff Opera Center at 3622 Redmon Street in the upstairs Studio Theatre. Reserve your spot for \$45 (which includes your canvas, paints, supplies, and refreshments) by calling Nashville Opera at (615) 832-5242 or online at www.nashvilleopera.org/event-calendar/. Paint Along Opera is sponsored by Jackson National.

About Nashville Opera

Nashville Opera, Tennessee's largest professional opera company, is dedicated to creating legendary productions and programs. Among the most successful regional companies in the US, Nashville Opera has presented three different world premieres since its inception in 1981. Main stage performances are presented at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center and the Noah Liff Opera Center, playing to over 13,000 people annually. Nashville Opera's extensive education and outreach touring program reaches over 25,000 students throughout Middle Tennessee. These projects are supported by generous grants from the Metro Nashville Arts Commission, the Tennessee Arts Commission, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Judy and Noah Liff Foundation, the Nashville Opera Guild, and many other corporate and individual supporters.

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