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The Dallas Opera Announces Free Community Events This Fall



(DALLAS, September 6, 2023) [The Dallas Opera](#) announces the Fall 2023 lineup of free events designed to offer its community both enjoyment and insights into the 2023/2024 Season schedule of programs.

On Saturday, September 23 at 2pm, Dallas Opera presents the first TDO Connections event of the season, focused on responding to conflict. The first panel discussion of the series, *The Brain and the Heart*, brings together a panel of voices, co-hosted by Quodesia D. Johnson and Kristian Roberts, who will facilitate this exploration of conflict in the operas presented this season. The discussion will delve into the impact that the opera's conflicts may have on audiences, and offer insights into ways we can respond to conflict in our own professional, social, and artistic lives. This event takes place at the Winspear Opera House in Hamon Hall. Admission is free and open to the public; reservations required. Reserve [online](#). The discussion will also be livestreamed on the [Dallas Opera's YouTube channel](#).

On Thursday, September 28, at 7:30pm, members of the Dallas Opera Orchestra perform a free concert in **Klyde Warren Park**, with a cast of seven singers: sopranos Sarah E. Navy, Cherisse Williams, and Yuhui Yang; mezzo-soprano Sabatina Mauro; tenor Nathan Bowles; baritone Malcolm Payne, Jr.; and bass Travis Wiley McGuire, and conducted by Stephanie Rhodes Russell. Music from operas by Handel, Mozart, Gluck, Offenbach, Gershwin and others are featured. This concert is free and open to the public and tickets are not required; seating is first come, first served. Rain date is September 30; check [dallasopera.org](#) for updates.

The annual People's Choice concert takes place on **Saturday, October 7 at 7:30pm**, and features some of opera's most famous tunes. Hear music from *Pagliacci*, *Porgy and Bess*, *La forza del destino*, and more, including a sneak preview of music from TDO's upcoming season-opening production, *Tosca*. As always, the audience will vote for the encore. Internationally celebrated singers, who also appear in *Tosca*, are soprano Ewa Płonka, tenor Joseph Calleja, and baritone Gihoon Kim. The Dallas Opera's Eugene McDermott Music Director Emmanuel Villaume leads The Dallas Opera Orchestra while The Kern Wildenthal General Director and CEO Ian Derrer hosts. This free performance takes place at the Winspear Opera House. Reservations are required; registration opens September 15 [online](#). Limit 4 tickets per household. All seating is general admission. Concert is approximately one hour with no intermission.

Dallas Opera's iconic OperaTruck—an 18-wheel flatbed, outdoor mobile stage—hits the road again this fall, bringing opera for all ages to East Dallas Christian Church, 629 N Peak St., Dallas, on **Saturday, October 28 at 11am**, as part of EDCC's Community Carnival, which runs from 10am -12 pm. The free "pop-up" performance from The Dallas Opera's education team feature a cast of rising stars in a fun, family friendly 30-minute production of *The Billy Goats Gruff*. Free and open to the public. Details on The Dallas Opera [website](#).

About The Dallas Opera

One of the leading opera companies in the country, [The Dallas Opera](#) (TDO) has an extraordinary legacy of world-class productions and thrilling premieres featuring the greatest operatic artists of our time. Inaugurated in 1957 with a concert featuring the incomparable Maria Callas, TDO is known for the notable U.S. debuts of a host of legendary artists including Plácido Domingo, Dame Joan Sutherland, Jon Vickers, Franco Zeffirelli, and Sir David McVicar. The company has long been an industry leader and innovator through groundbreaking initiatives including the Hart Institute for Women Conductors, free and low-cost digital streaming, public simulcasts, acclaimed art song recitals, the national vocal competition, special concerts, and outstanding family and award-winning education programs. TDO's home is the Margot and Bill Winspear Opera House in the Dallas Arts District. As one of the largest performing arts employers in North Texas, TDO is proudly committed to diversity, both onstage and off, and is a major contributor to the economic vitality and international cultural reputation of this region.

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