



BOULDER OPERA

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BOULDER OPERA PRESENTS THE HAPPY SONGS PROJECT!

A series of offerings and events to uplift and move you during these uncertain times.

Online from Boulder, CO - During these strange times, Boulder Opera has *Happy Songs* to the rescue. The *Happy Songs Project* is a fundraiser with a series of offerings and events that will lift your spirit. All offerings are safely online, from May 23-June 6. Donations to support the opera company and their singers, in any amount, is very much appreciated.

Dianale Acosta, Executive Artistic Director says, "As we are re-organizing and adapting to the new, strange times, we have realized how crucial it is to support our singers. Many of them rely on gigging with local opera companies, like Boulder Opera, for their livelihoods. This ongoing light-hearted event includes smaller, customizable videos done throughout this project, and will culminate in a live online finale performance on June 6th."

The following are the three main offerings:

Happy Songs - Facebook Live Finale

Join the Facebook Live event at 7:30pm on Saturday, June 6th, featuring a series of comedic performances by Soprano Phoenix Gayles and Mezzo Soprano Dianela Acosta about life in quarantine. Registration is free, and donations are very much appreciated.

Registration: To register for the Happy Songs Facebook Live Event and for more information:

<http://www.boulderoperacompany.com/happy-songs-fundraiser>.

Happy Song Bites

Boulder Opera Company is dearly missing you, so they have decided to bring their performances to you. When joining their eNews or Facebook Page, you'll find short, light-hearted Happy Song Bites from some of Boulder Opera's top performers. They hope these Happy Songs will send you some joy and laughter during this turbulent time.

eNews: Subscribe at the bottom of their home page: <http://www.boulderoperacompany.com/>

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/boulderopera>

Happy Songs Singing Telegrams

Do you have a loved one or friend that is celebrating a graduation or other special moment? Boulder Opera can make their day extra special by providing a personalized singing telegram that is sure to be a highlight at their event. Explore some of their existing packages with silly costumes and light-hearted lyrics, or ask for something completely new!

To book and for more information, email them at: info@boulderoperacompany.com

"The passion of opera can make a difference at this time, and we are humbly asking you to help make a difference for Boulder Opera Company and our singers with your donations. Thank you for your continued support of Boulder Opera Company, and we look forward to providing you with top-notch opera and 'seeing' you at the Happy Songs Fundraiser events," says Acosta.

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In addition, Boulder Opera has teamed up with the Dairy Arts Center for a quarantine event also called *Happy Song*. Boulder Opera presents a Virtual Comedic show for your quarantine meditation. Soprano Phoenix Gayles and mezzo Dianela Acosta seek to bring some laughter and happiness as they reflect and sing about the time and effects of isolation with Duets and Arias by Mozart, Doinizetti, Barber, Strauss and Massenet.

Join them with a cocktail in hand for a quick performance and a talk back with the singers on Zoom. 25 minute duration.

Video available from May 23rd to June 8th.

Tickets: <https://tickets.thedairy.org/Online/PussinBoots>

Photos and Bios are available online at: <http://www.boulderoperacompany.com/media-kit>

About the Boulder Opera Company

Founded in 2012 by Artistic Director/Executive Director Dianela Acosta, the Boulder Opera is immersed in it's eighth season with a fresh, vibrant approach to the ancient art of Opera. With the intention of developing new audiences, Boulder Opera operatic interpretations are modern, eclectic and fun!

The Boulder Opera is committed to making opera accessible, inspiring and engaging to the community. Our goal is to develop new audiences for this old art form, enrich the lives of our community, and provide opportunity to local musicians. Through our Family Series, we explore repertoire in reduced versions with a narrator and an ensemble orchestra. Our full-length productions, which include standard, contemporary, and rarely performed works, are experimental in nature, seeking to reach and entertain new audiences and delight the old. In addition, our outreach program is designed to inspire and educate the young generation about opera and to make connections to other disciplines through our study guides and workshops.

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