

# Introducing Central City Orchestra

Each month, Louie Lee of The Lee team uses this space to shine the spotlight on a nonprofit organization that's making our community a better place to be in with the hope of generating support from the people who live here. Louie is proud to highlight Central City Opera this month. If you have a nonprofit you would like highlighted in Making a Difference, please contact Louie.

Imagine stepping back in time while enjoying a world-class performance. That's the magic of the Central City Opera, which blends artistry with a commitment to Colorado's heritage. The foundation of the nonprofit organization is its historic

home. The 550-seat Central City Opera House was built in 1878 and still stands today — mostly in its original Victorian-era incarnation.

The easiest way to fall in love with the central City Opera is by securing your seat for the main event. Subscription packages for the summer festival are on sale now, and individual tickets go on sale April 1st. The Summer Opera Festival attracts top talent, including singers who perform at the Metropolitan Opera during the fall and spring. The artists come to the Central City Opera for summer work. "In the opera world, Central City Opera is

highly regarded, especially for its artist training program," said Adam Scurto, the organization's managing director of external affairs. It costs money to bring singers from New York or LA or even Europe." While most widely known for the Summer Opera Festival, which has been running since 1932, the second and third pillars are equally important.

The Central City Opera House Association, formed in the 1930s to preserve the Opera House, manages that building and 27 other historic properties in the National Landmark Historic District, including the Teller House and

the Williams Stables, which is an ancillary performance space. The preservation of the Victorian-era mining structures is essential to the Central City Opera's existence. The education program brings opera and music to schools across the Denver area and retirement communities, promoting engagement and artistic growth. "This differentiates us from a lot of the other performing arts players around town," Scurto said. "The whole existence of the organization is about the buildings themselves. The historic angle of things is really neat."

The Central City Opera welcomes donations to help preserve its portfolio of Colorado history, and purchasing opera tickets is the perfect first step to supporting the cultural organization.

If you miss the festival, you can still support the organization by attending its Theater of Dreams Gala on April 10th at the Denver Art Museum. The RSVP deadline is on March 27th. For more information about Central City Opera, visit [www.centralcityopera.org](http://www.centralcityopera.org). or to buy gala tickets: [www.centralcityopera.org/gala](http://www.centralcityopera.org/gala). Thank you for your generosity in advance!



Barber of Seville performance



The Girl of the Golden West performance

## THE CENTRAL CITY OPERA OPERATES ON THREE INTERCONNECTED PILLARS:

1. Summer Opera Festival
2. Historic Property Management
3. Arts Education



Opera House



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