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THE ATLANTA OPERA *Extras*

The Atlanta Opera Extras are community outreach initiatives that entertain and educate audiences about opera. A complete listing of upcoming fall events is below. For more information on The Atlanta Opera Extras, visit www.atlantaopera.org or call 404-881-8801.

The Atlanta Opera @ the Decatur Book Festival

Sunday, September 4, 2011 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

[Decatur High School Auditorium](#)

310 N. McDonough St.

Decatur, GA 30030

Free and open to the public

The Atlanta Opera has commissioned a one-hour children's opera called [Rabbit Tales](#), based on the famed Br'er Rabbit stories, popularized by Joel Chandler Harris. The AJC Decatur Book Festival will host a special presentation called "[From the Briar Patch to the Big Stage: Adapting Br'er Rabbit for Opera](#)," in which composer, [Nicole Chamberlain](#); librettist, [Madeleine St. Romain](#); director, [Park Cofield](#); and Executive Director of The Wren's Nest, [Lain Shakespeare](#) will discuss its development and creation. There also will be singers giving a sneak peak of some of the arias!

The Atlanta Opera @ Cocktails in the Garden

Thursday, September 15, 2011 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

[Atlanta Botanical Garden](#)

1345 Piedmont Ave. NE

Atlanta, GA 30309

Cost: \$18.95 | Garden Members free | Full cash bar

Join The Atlanta Opera at the [Atlanta Botanical Garden](#) for [Cocktails in the Garden](#), an evening of mixing, mingling, and music. Sample complimentary light bites from a top restaurant, groove to sounds from Lethal Rhythms and watch for performances of your favorite opera arias. In addition to full cash bars, monthly themes pair a specialty cocktail with a plant or garden feature. The month of September features "Skylines & Spirits."

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The Atlanta Opera Ball: *Indulge Your Senses*

Saturday, September 17, 2011 @ 6:30 p.m.

[St. Regis Atlanta](#)

88 W. Paces Ferry Road

Atlanta, GA 30305

\$300

Reservations: Amanda Wilborn at amandaw@atlantaopera.org or 404.591.2928

RSVP deadline is September 8, 2011

To kick-off Atlanta's fall social season, The Atlanta Opera will hold [The Atlanta Opera Ball: *Indulge Your Senses*](#) on Saturday, September 17, 2011 at The [St. Regis Atlanta](#) in Buckhead. *The Atlanta Opera Ball*, chaired by Merry Carlos and Cathy Cooper, and honoring Walter Huff and The Atlanta Opera Chorus, includes a luxury silent and live auction, an elegant dinner, dancing to the music of "The American Flyers," and a special opera performance. Patron tickets start at \$1,500, and individual tickets are \$300 per person. Funds generated from *The Atlanta Opera Ball* will be used to maintain the exceptional artistic quality of The Atlanta Opera, one of this city's cultural gems. Event design by [Tony Brewer and Company](#).

The Atlanta Opera @ the Sandy Springs Farmers Market

Saturday, October 1, 2011 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

[Sandy Springs Farmers Market](#)

235 Sandy Springs Circle NW

Sandy Springs, GA 30328

Free and open to the public

Join Atlanta Opera Chorus Members as they perform some of your favorite arias from the 2011-2012 season outside at the Sandy Springs Farmers Market. Come enjoy the beautiful day, peruse an assortment of local and seasonal products, and hear beautiful music.

The Atlanta Opera @ Scarecrows in the Garden

Saturday, October 1 to October 31, 2011

[Atlanta Botanical Garden](#)

1345 Piedmont Ave. NE

Atlanta, GA 30309

Free with admission

"Scarecrows in the Garden," Atlanta's favorite fall tradition, returns for another season of spooky, kooky fun. Every October, the Garden is stuffed with more than 100 scarecrows handcrafted by businesses, individuals, schools and organizations. If you post your picture with the Atlanta Opera's scarecrow to our [Facebook](#) page, you will be entered to win two free tickets to [The Golden Ticket!](#)

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The Atlanta Opera @ Little Five Points Halloween Festival Parade

Saturday, October 22, 2011 @ 12 p.m.

[Little Five Points](#)

Intersection of Moreland, McLendon and Euclid Avenues

Atlanta, GA

Free and open to the public

Come watch Atlanta Opera staff and chorus members at the Little Five Points Halloween Festival & Parade, as we transform into “bloody Lucias” and re-enact the mad scene in Donizetti’s classic opera, [Lucia di Lammermoor](#). This signature Halloween festival is one of the top ten Halloween events in the country, and is staged in Little Five Points. Each October, over 35,000 people enjoy great food and drink, live entertainment, and the best Halloween parade in the South!

Opera Chat

Tuesday, October 25, 2011 @ 7 p.m.

[Barnes & Noble Buckhead](#)

2900 Peachtree Rd. NE

Suite 310

Atlanta, GA 30305

Free and open to the public

Select members of the cast, artistic and production crews will discuss the multi-faceted roles they play in mounting the Atlanta Opera’s upcoming production of [Lucia di Lammermoor](#).

Evening at Emory

[The Atlanta Opera: The Life of Donizetti: Joy, Tragedy and Madness](#)

Tuesdays, October 25 – November 15 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

[Emory University Center for Lifelong Learning](#)

Emory Briarcliff Campus

1256 Briarcliff Rd.

Atlanta, GA 30306

Tuition: \$200 (includes performance tickets)

Carter Joseph’s popular [Evening at Emory](#) class will explore the tragic life of composer Gaetano Donizetti, and examine whether the mad scene in [Lucia di Lammermoor](#) was a case of art imitating life. On November 15, the class will attend the Atlanta Opera's production of this masterpiece.

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Premiere of *Rabbit Tales* @ The Wren's Nest

Saturday, October 29, 2011 from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Rabbit Tales premiere @ 1 p.m.

[The Wren's Nest](#)

1050 Ralph David Abernathy SW

Atlanta, GA 30310

Free and open to the public

Join us for family-friendly activities from 11a.m. to 2:30 p.m. including storytelling, museum tours, craft activities and face painting. At 1 p.m., audiences will be enchanted with the world premiere performance of the Atlanta Opera's first-ever opera commission, *Rabbit Tales*, on the outdoor stage in the natural grass amphitheatre. Stick around after the performance for a talk-back session with the composer, librettist, director and designer. Bring your lawn chair or blanket and enjoy your picnic or snack on the lawn!

Opera with an Edge – Free Season Preview

Sunday, November 6, 2011 @ 7:30 p.m.

[Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre](#)

2800 Cobb Galleria Parkway

Atlanta, GA 30339

Free and open to the public

In conjunction with [National Opera Week](#), The Atlanta Opera will offer a live sneak preview of the 2011-2012 season. "Opera with an Edge" features opera aficionado and long-time Atlanta Opera supporter Bob Edge, providing brief overviews of each of the season's titles. Mr. Edge's witty commentary will be interspersed with performances by Atlanta Opera singers of some of the memorable musical moments in *Lucia di Lammermoor*, *The Golden Ticket*, and *Don Giovanni*.

Opera 101

Monday, November 7, 2011 @ 7 p.m.

[The Atlanta Opera Center](#)

1575 Northside Drive, NW

Bldg. 300, Suite 350

Atlanta, GA 30318

Free and open to the public

In this multi-media presentation by opera aficionado and Atlanta Opera Board Member Carter Joseph, audiences learn about the history, background, and story line of *Lucia di Lammermoor*. Reservations are requested. Call 404-881-8801 or info@atlantaopera.org.

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Pre-Opera Talk for *Lucia di Lammermoor*

Saturday, November 12, 2011 @ 7 p.m.

Tuesday, November 15, 2011 @ 6:30 p.m.

Friday, November 18, 2011 @ 7 p.m.

Sunday, November 20, 2011 @ 2 p.m.

[Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre](#)

Free to ticketholders

Pre-Opera Talks are held one hour prior to each performance inside the John A. Williams Theatre at the Cobb Energy Centre and provide opera attendees a free sneak peek into the opera they are about to see.

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