



Opera is for everyone





Who We Are

The mission of **Golden Gate Opera** is to enrich the community through providing professional opera to the Bay Area, specifically focusing on Marin County.

GGO's objective is to improve the quality of life of the public at large through performing school-time programs, providing programs for seniors, and staging gala full opera productions for the general public. Our goal is to be a repertory opera company that presents a variety of operas each season.



Achievements



Since 2005 GGO has presented fully staged operas such as Madame Butterfly, Carmen, Puccini's Suor Angelica and Gianni Schicchi at the 2000-seat Marin Veterans' Memorial Auditorium in San Rafael.





Achievements



In 2008 GGO presented the famous Italian operas Mascagni's *Cavalleria Rusticana* and Leoncavallo's *Pagliacci*, produced by Teatro Lirico d'Europa. Our Artistic Staff of international standing and experience, are key to GGO's delivery of high quality opera.





Services to the Community



PROVIDING VITAL ARTS ENRICHMENT FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN:

GGO's Outreach OPERA-tunities programs have enriched children in schools and in the theatre, more than 50,000.

REACHING THE WHOLE COMMUNITY FREE:

GGO enriches the whole community with free opera performances available to all. Golden Gate Opera performed at the Sausalito Art Festival for an audience of thousands, at the Tiburon Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony in the streets and stores of Tiburon free to the public.





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SCHOOLS AND SENIORS

ENRICHMENT: GGO's

Outreach OPERA-tunities In-School programs have enriched more than 50,000 school children.

GGO provides seniors with college level courses in opera appreciation at Kentfield's College of Marin or San Rafael's Dominican University, helping them learn about as well as enjoy this classic art form, some for the first time.



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ARIA PARTIES: Opera singers up close in intimate home settings, or restaurants, take place at various times throughout the year, with delicious hors'douvres, wines and selected GGO opera singers. 2009's first one is February 15th, 2009 sponsored in part by Ondine's in Sausalito.



Why Sponsor GGO?

WONDERFUL SPONSORS

CREATE THE MAGIC like the Marin County Board of Supervisors, Bank of Marin, The Bernard Osher Foundation, Marin Community Foundation, Marin Independent Journal, Kiwanis, individuals, companies and foundations. Still we need additional support. Like all professional opera companies, we are solely dependent on tax-deductible community contributions for all our projects, whether full-staged opera, or outreach to schools or seniors. Sets, costumes, theatre rental, marketing all require funding far in advance of the curtain rising.

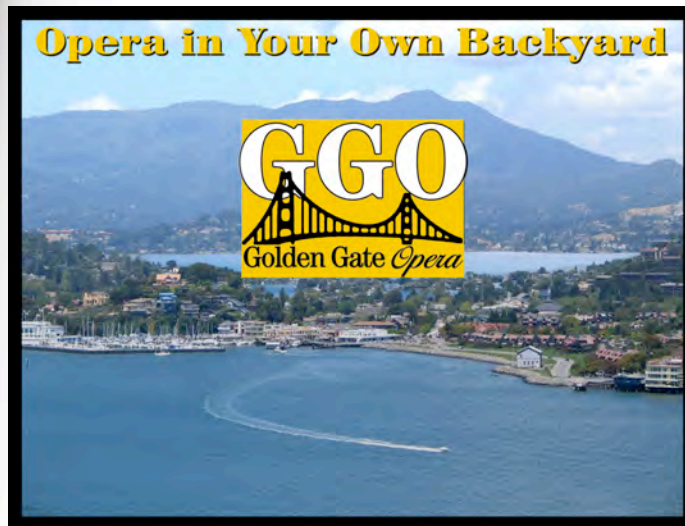


Why Sponsor GGO?

GGO needs donations to meet costs occurring over a one year period before the curtain rises, to plan and begin work on an opera. Schools cannot afford the full cost of our outreach and tax-deductible support is vital to complete the costs of any outreach.



Sponsor Recognition



GGO's TV show, *Opera In Your Own Back Yard* started in August 2007 on the Novato Public Access TV Channel 26, as a way to thank our sponsors publicly and bring into the public's living rooms, opera performers, designers, conductors, directors, opera fans and volunteers too. Novato has a population of 90,000.



Sponsor Recognition



GGO's E-newsletter has a circulation of 2000, a mailing list of 5000 Marin County and Bay Area fans and supporters. Marin County has a population of over 250,000 people including many very low income residents who have received sponsored tickets to the opera. Companies that sponsor GGO receive VIP tickets and provide their employees with exposure to opera.



2009-2010 Program

For October 2009 GGO has planned Englebert Humperdinck's colorful fairy tale opera Hansel and Gretel. Dates for this performance at the Marin Center are October 24th and 25th.



With this performance we will achieve an audience full of families and children. We will sponsor Big Brothers and Big Sisters in the audience, offer school students, children of all ages, teachers and parents greatly reduced ticket prices so they can attend. Low income groups will receive free tickets.



2009-2010 Program



School enrichment through In-School opera assemblies of the most famous scenes will be offered starting in January 2009, for fall 2009 presentations in schools. This production costs approximately \$100,000. Dedicated marketing efforts in 2009 and beyond, are vital.



2009-2010 Program

GGO's 2009-10 opera season includes Verdi's popular Italian opera, *La Traviata*, once again bringing the European touring opera company, Teatro Lirico d'Europa at an estimated cost cost of \$65,000.



Community Enrichment



Hansel and Gretel- the opera, is an outstanding opportunity to enrich and inspire through the arts. The production includes not only professional opera singers, colorful original design storybook sets and fairy tale costumes, full orchestra, but also children's chorus and children's ballet. Local performing arts companies will be selected to participate. Children attending with their families or class groups, can feel, "I can do that too!" It's a fabulous opera for giving self esteem to children and families.



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Opera is a wonderful art form, and all people can be enriched by our success as a regional opera company. We are completely dependent on tax-deductible support to produce opera or the outreach that goes with an opera company in 2009-2010. Join in as a distinguished sponsor of Golden Gate Opera 2009-2010, and contact us for details of sponsor benefits and rewards.



You are essential!

Please consider providing essential tax-deductible support to Golden Gate Opera so that we can continue to achieve our mission, a legacy of providing the arts to the community through professional opera.

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All donations are tax deductible



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Diamond Circle Impresario (\$25,000+)

All of the below, plus - 15 Gold Circle tickets to the Opera and Gala Reception, Company LOGO on the program cover, spotlight bio on GGO Website and in the program, and Named Recognition on all PR materials.

Platinum Circle Benefactor (\$10,000+)

12 VIP and 4 general tickets to the Opera and Reception. Invitation to a cast-only staging rehearsal, Honorary Board Trustee Status, Company Name announced from the stage, full-age ad in the program, Company Logo on the program title page, Featured Website link on GGO's website so our supporters can click and learn about you, and Spotlight Bio in the program.

Sponsors 1,000 children to a schooltime performance

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Gold Soprano (\$5,000+)

10 VIP and 4 general tickets to the opera and reception, Company Name announced from the stage, full-page ad in the program. Company Logo on the program title page. Website link on GGO's website so our supporters can click and learn about you, and a complimentary voice lesson.

Sponsors 750 children to a schooltime performance.

Silver Tenor (2,500+)

10 VIP tickets to the opera and reception event, Company Name announced from the stage, 1/2 page ad in the program, 8 tickets to an exclusive Dress Rehearsal, and Company Logo on the program title page. *Sponsor 250 children to a schooltime performance.*

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Featured Aria (\$1,000+)

6 VIP + 2 general tickets to the Opera, 1/4 page ad in the program, LOGO in the opera program, 6 tickets to an exclusive Dress Rehearsal, invitation to a VIP Meet-the-Artists reception event and a special lapel flower identifying you as an Opera donor. *Sponsors 150 children to a schooltime performance.*

Orchestra Maestro (\$500+)

4 VIP + 2 general tickets to the opera, Featured Name listings in the opera program, 6 tickets to an exclusive Dress Rehearsal, invitation to a VIP Meet-the-Artists reception event, and a special lapel flower identifying you as an Opera donor. *Sponsors 30 children to a schooltime performance.*

Diva Role (\$250+)

2 VIP + 2 general tickets to the opera, invitation to a VIP Meet-the-Artists reception event, and a special lapel flower identifying you as an Opera donor.

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Thank you!



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