

Lyric

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#LyricTours

Due to popular demand, additional dates for public backstage tours are now available for Lyric Opera of Chicago's Civic Opera House!



Chicago – In October, for the first time in its history, **Lyric Opera** opened its doors to host a series of regularly scheduled backstage tours. Visiting tourists, architecture buffs and music fans alike are now able to experience a compelling behind-the-scenes look at the storied 1929 theater during a one-hour interactive tour. To accommodate growing requests for additional backstage tours, more dates have been added in March, April, and June.

Tour patrons begin their experience in the elegant “front-of-house” Rice Grand Foyer. From there, they are led by a Lyric docent who provides an up-close-and-personal view of theater highlights such as the orchestra pit where the acclaimed Lyric Orchestra plays, and a series of unique backstage destinations where skilled professionals bring operatic stagecraft to life. Before or after the tour, visitors can enjoy a visit to the lower-level Opera Club to see the exhibition *Ten: A Season of Creative Women at Lyric*, which celebrates ten award-winning directors and designers who play key roles in Lyric’s highly-acclaimed 61st season.

Upcoming Lyric backstage tours begin at 10am on the following dates:

- March 2
- March 7
- April 8
- April 19
- June 13
- June 24
- June 27

Tour tickets are \$15 and can be purchased online at lyricopera.org/backstagetours or at the Civic Opera House's Box Office at 9:30am on tour dates. Group tours may be arranged on these or additional dates by contacting our group sales department at 312-827-5927 or groupsales@lyricopera.org. These new weekday public backstage tours are in addition to [student educational tours](#) and the extended and premium [weekend backstage tours](#) offered each spring by Lyric's Guild Board.

About Lyric Unlimited

Lyric Unlimited is a long-term, evolving initiative that encompasses company activities that are not part of Lyric's mainstage opera season. Its mission is to provide a relevant cultural service to communities throughout the Chicago area and to advance the development of opera by exploring how opera as an art form can resonate more powerfully with people of multiple backgrounds, ethnicities, and interests. It also leads the development of innovative partnerships with a wide range of cultural, community, and educational organizations to create a breadth of programming through which Chicagoans of all ages can connect with Lyric. In the 2014/15 season, more than 126,000 children, students, and adults participated in Lyric Unlimited activities. For more information about Lyric Unlimited program offerings, visit lyricopera.org/lyricunlimited.

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Lyric Opera of Chicago's mission is to express and promote the life-changing, transformational, revelatory power of great opera. Lyric exists to provide a broad, deep, and relevant cultural service to Chicago and the nation, and to advance the development of the art form.

Founded in 1954, Lyric is dedicated to producing and performing consistently thrilling, entertaining, and thought-provoking opera with a balanced repertoire of core classics, lesser-known masterpieces, and new works; to creating an innovative and wide-ranging program of community engagement and educational activities; and to developing exceptional emerging operatic talent.

Under the leadership of general director Anthony Freud, music director Sir Andrew Davis, and creative consultant Renée Fleming, Lyric strives to become The Great North American Opera Company for the 21st century: a globally significant arts organization embodying the core values of excellence, relevance, and fiscal responsibility.

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