



Lyric Opera of Kansas City

A resident company of the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, the Lyric Opera of Kansas City performs in Muriel Kauffman Theatre.

Founded in 1958, Lyric Opera of Kansas City is now one of the nation's premier regional opera companies and reaches approximately 40,000 people annually through our artistic programming and our education and community engagement activities. In the Fall of 2011, the Lyric Opera became one of resident companies at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, where it stages four mainstage productions a season. In addition, the Lyric Opera offers a second stage performance series, *Explorations*, which features eclectic programs in intimate spaces, with programming that crosses musical borders and experiments with a wide range of lyrical expression.

In July of 2012, the Lyric Opera moved into the Richard J. Stern Opera Center in Kansas City's Crossroads District, a move that has greatly enhanced the Lyric Opera's production, educational, and administrative capabilities, enabling the Lyric Opera to make the most of the state-of-the-art resources at the Kauffman Center. Our mission is to make the Lyric Opera indispensable to the public through transformational opera experiences and broad service which captures the hearts and minds of our communities.

The Lyric Opera's educational programs for area students (elementary through graduate school) make opera accessible to young people in our community, offering both introductory experiences and more intensive programs. The Lyric is also helping to develop the next generation of opera performers, as the talented young singers in its *Resident Artists Program* add a new dimension to the Lyric's work on stage and strengthen its presence in the community.

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