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## Anchorage Opera Announces 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2011-2012 Season

### *The Golden Age – The Encore*

Anchorage Opera (AO) is pleased to announce the legendary line-up for the highly-anticipated 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary season in 2011-2012. AO celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary by bringing 2 Alaskan premieres to Anchorage: Ricky Ian Gordon's *The Grapes of Wrath* and Verdi's *Macbeth*. AO is finishing its festive season with the popular Rodgers & Hammerstein's family favorite, *The Sound of Music*.

### **Ricky Ian Gordon's *The Grapes of Wrath***

**Date:** One Night Only! Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup> 2011

**Location:** Atwood Concert Hall, Alaska Center for the Performing Arts  
Sung in English

Described as "one of the best operatic achievements of the twenty-first century," Ricky Ian Gordon's *The Grapes of Wrath* is irresistibly beautiful music, majestic songs and grand choruses that masterfully capture the spirit of John Steinbeck's Nobel-winning epic. This rousing multi-media concert production will feature a powerful cast of world-class performers. ***Alaskan and Pacific Northwest Premiere!***

## Giuseppe Verdi's *Macbeth*

**Dates:** February 18<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>  
**Location:** Discovery Theatre, Alaska Center for the Performing Arts  
Sung in Italian with English supertitles

Shakespeare's legendary tale of the doomed Scottish general **Macbeth** is set to grand operatic music by one of the greatest composers of all time, Giuseppe Verdi. AO's fully-staged classical production of this bone-chilling drama will leave Alaskans filled with awe! ***Alaskan Premiere!***

## Rodgers & Hammerstein's *The Sound of Music*

**Dates:** March 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>th</sup>, April 1<sup>st</sup> (2pm & 8pm)  
April 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> (2pm & 8pm)  
**Location:** Discovery Theatre, Alaska Center for the Performing Arts  
Sung in English

One of the most beloved musicals of all time, the first Alaskan production of ***The Sound of Music*** was presented by AO in Anchorage in 1965. AO will celebrate the conclusion of its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary season with an exquisite not-to-be-missed production of this heartwarming story.

## Important Dates

**June 6, 2011** - Season ticket renewal deadline  
*After this date, all ticket sales, including season subscriptions, will be handled through the CenterTix box office.*  
**June 6, 2011** - Season Subscriptions and Opening Night Party Tickets go on sale at the CenterTix box office. Call 907.262.2787 or visit [www.centertix.net](http://www.centertix.net).  
**August 1, 2011** - Single tickets go on sale at the CenterTix box office.

## Ticket Information

Season Subscriptions, \$75 - \$230 per person  
Single Tickets, \$35 - \$105  
30% off Youth/Senior and Student/Military discounts available on single tickets.  
See **Important Dates** for ticket on-sale dates.

## Special Events

### Opening Night Party

**Date: Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

Location: Atwood Concert Hall Lobby, Alaska Center for the Performing Arts

Immediately following the Opening Night performance

Tickets - \$25

Available June 6, 2011 via Centertix 907-263-ARTS or [www.centertix.net](http://www.centertix.net)

### Atwood Gala

**Date: February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

Location: The Atwood Mansion

Tickets - \$250 per person

Tickets and information, Eva Aigner at [eaigner@anchorageopera.org](mailto:eaigner@anchorageopera.org) or 907-279-2570

## AO Information

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Anchorage Opera continues its commitment to educating the community about opera and reaching out to people who are new to the world of opera. There will be several opportunities to learn more about each opera. *AO's website*, [www.anchorageopera.org](http://www.anchorageopera.org), has a wide range of information about the company and its productions. *Brown Bag Opera* is a behind-the-scenes look at the main-stage performances, co-sponsored with Anchorage Public Library. Brown Bag Opera presentations are held the Friday before the shows open, at 12 noon in the Assembly Chambers at the Loussac Library. *Before the Opera Chat* is a 30-minute talk filled with insights about the productions and answers to your questions. *Before the Opera Chat* starts an hour before specific performances at the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts.

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