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The Metropolitan Opera
National Council Auditions
ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION

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The Rocky Mountain Regional Auditions move to the Newman Center on the DU campus next February



The Robert and Judi Newman Center for the Performing Arts is located on the University of Denver campus at the southwest corner of Iliff and University. The Newmans were asked by former Chancellor Daniel L. Ritchie to spearhead the fundraising effort for the building. They also

made a substantial donation. The Newman Center officially opened in the fall of 2002 with the commencement of classes, and the three main performance venues officially opened in spring 2003. The auditions will be held in Gates Concert Hall, the largest and most widely used of the Center's performance spaces. It is known for its superb acoustics which were designed by Kirkegaard Associates. Tiered seating accommodates from 849 to 971 people depending on the configuration of the pits. Gates Concert Hall includes multiple 9-foot New York Steinway pianos, the newest one acquired in the fall of 2013 through the generous support of the University of Denver/Newman Center, the Newman Family Foundation, and the Denver Friends of Chamber Music. We're excited to present the auditions in this beautiful, comfortable and acoustically acclaimed hall. We hope you'll join us

on Saturday, February 7 and/or Sunday, February 8th! A suggested donation of \$10 will help defray the cost of making this fabulous facility available to you and the wonderful young singers whose dreams we help make come true!



Rocky Mountain Regional Winner Updates



2009 winner and Cherry Creek High School grad tenor **Mark Van Arsdale** sings Federico Mascagni's *L'Amico Fritz*

with L'Opéra National du Rhin in Strasbourg, France. The libretto is based on a novel about love in the Alsace region of France, where L'Opéra du Rhin is based and where Van Arsdale maintains an apartment. He performs the role of Le Brésilien in Offenbach's *La Vie Parisienne* for L'Opéra National du Rhin during December and January.

Soprano **Rebecca Pedersen**, who at 21 was the youngest singer to compete in the national Met auditions, returned to her studies at Brigham Young University after her 2013 New York win. Earlier this year, she won the Licia Albanese Puccini Vocal Competition in New York. Her first place award included a cash prize and the opportunity to perform in Alice Tully Hall.



Bass-baritone **Ryan Speedo Green** won the auditions in 2011 and went on to the Met's Lindemann Young Artist Development program. He has been awarded grants by the



Richard Tucker, George London, and Annenberg Foundations. He joins the Vienna State Opera for the 2014-15 season and appeared at the Met this month as Rambo in John Adams's *The Death of Klinghoffer* (above).

2015 ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL AUDITIONS

Utah District Finals
Saturday,
November 15, 11am
Libby Gardner Concert
Hall, University of Utah
campus

Nevada District Finals
Saturday, January 10, 11am
Beam Music Center
University of Nevada,
Las Vegas

**Colorado-Wyoming
District Finals**
Saturday, February 7,
9:30am
Gates Concert Hall
Newman Center
University of Denver

**Rocky Mountain Regional
Finals**
Sunday, February 8, 1:30pm
Gates Concert Hall
Newman Center
University of Denver

National Grand Finals
Sunday, March 22, 3:00pm
Metropolitan Opera House
New York, NY

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The RISING STARS SOCIETY helps guarantee our expenses and awards of \$29,000 per year. The Met auditions rely exclusively on local support and offer young singers a unique opportunity to advance their careers. If you saw Michelle DeYoung at the Ellie last June and were inspired by her story and singing, you know how important the auditions are to aspiring performers. If you have not already made a pledge to the Society and would like to do so, please fill out this card and include it with your Patron Membership card. You may pay by check or credit card. If you're already a Rising Stars Society member, please consider upgrading or purchasing a holiday gift membership for your spouse, family member or friend. We hope you will want to join the Rising Stars Society or become a Patron and help young singers' dreams come true. We have over 30 Rising Stars Society members at this time; 20 more members this year will take us to our goal!

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**Save the Date and Note
New Location!
Rocky Mountain
Regional Finals
Sunday, February 8, 1:30pm
Gates Concert Hall
Newman Center
University of Denver**

Metropolitan Opera 2014-15 HD Calendar

Rossini: The Barber of Seville
November 22, 2014, 10:55am

Wagner: Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg
December 13, 2014, 10:00am

Lehar: The Merry Widow
January 17, 2015, 10:55am

Offenbach: The Tales of Hoffmann
January 31, 2015, 10:55am

Tchaikovsky: Iolanta/Bartok: Bluebeard's Castle
February 14, 2015, 10:30am

Rossini: La Donna del Lago
March 14, 2015, 10:55am

Mascagni: Cavalleria Rusticana

Leoncavallo: Pagliacci
April 25, 10:30am

Encore screenings are on Wednesdays following the live transmissions at 6:30pm.
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