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# Greensboro Opera

At center stage in full voice

**I**s Greensboro a large enough city to support and sustain a quality opera company? The answer is a resounding yes!

providing opportunities for talented young people, Greensboro Opera engages internationally known artists in its main-stage productions. Operatic icons such as soprano June Anderson, baritone Thomas Allen, and soprano Kathleen Battle have performed on Greensboro Opera's stage.

Interaction with the local community is a key component of Greensboro Opera's mission. Programs include Opera After School, which features show-and-tell opera demonstrations for local middle-school students. Collaborations with Guilford County Schools and UNC-Greensboro Opera Theatre bring the opera experience to 6,000 fifth-graders annually. Greensboro

Greensboro Opera celebrates its 30th anniversary this year. The community-based company stages professional operas and opera education programs that reach out not only to Greensboro but also to other towns and counties in the Piedmont Triad. In collaboration with the Greensboro Symphony, Greensboro Opera produces a main-stage performance from the standard operatic repertoire every fall. For 2011, Greensboro

Opera collaborates with the Greensboro Symphony in Puccini's *La Bohème* on November 5.

In addition to showcasing local talent and



From left: *The Face on the Barroom Floor* and Write Your Own Opera contest winner *Chicks*



**GO HERE:** Greensboro Opera is located at 200 N. Davie Street, Suite 315, Box 17, Greensboro, NC 27401. For more details on performances and programs, visit [greensboroopera.org](http://greensboroopera.org).

Opera sponsors an annual Write Your Own Opera! contest to Guilford County fourth-graders. The winning entry is premiered alongside a pocket-sized version of a standard opera in Greensboro's downtown Carolina Theatre. Also, young people's artwork depicting Greensboro Opera's annual main-stage production is displayed opening night in the lobby of Greensboro's War Memorial Auditorium.

A Speaker's Bureau brings opera and opera-related topics to Greensboro's civic organizations in lively presentations by opera professionals, and Greensboro Opera is proud to partner with The Metropolitan Opera to bring all of the Met's Live HD Broadcast transmissions to Greensboro.

Another local music-performance endeavor that draws national attention is the renowned Eastern Musical Festival, an annual Greensboro event that spans six weeks every June through July. Greensboro Opera collaborates annually with Eastern Music Festival to present cabaret-style performances that draw from the popular American songbook.

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Clockwise from top left: *Le nozze di Figaro*, *Madama Butterfly*, and *L'elisir d'amore*