



## CALENDAR INFORMATION

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### **Cincinnati Opera Presents “A Celebration of Cincinnati Opera” an Opera Rap with Charles Parsons**

*Parsons’s new book on the history of Cincinnati Opera  
available for purchase December 13*

**CINCINNATI** – Cincinnati Opera and the Cincinnati Opera Guild are pleased to present “A Celebration of Cincinnati Opera,” an Opera Rap with author and opera critic Charles Parsons on **Thursday, December 13, at 7:00 PM in the Corbett Opera Center**. The Opera Rap will be the official introduction of Parsons’s new book celebrating the fascinating history of the second oldest opera company in the U.S.

### **A Celebration of Cincinnati Opera**

**Featuring Charles Parsons**

**Thursday, December 13, 2007**

Join opera expert and Cincinnati Opera historian Charles Parsons as he shares enlightening and hilarious excerpts from his new book, *A Celebration of Cincinnati Opera*. Drawing from years of research and his 55-year history as a Cincinnati Opera patron, Parsons tells stories ranging from artists’s fond memories of Cincinnati to accounts of unexpected zoo animal participation in opera productions during the Zoo Opera years. Books will be available for purchase at the event.

**WHEN:** Thursday, December 13, 7:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** The Corbett Opera Center in Music Hall, 4<sup>th</sup> floor President’s Garret  
1243 Elm Street

**ADMISSION:** Free. Please call (513) 241-2742 for reservations.



#### **About Charles Parsons**

Charles H. Parsons, a well-known opera scholar, critic, and performer, has been involved in almost every facet of opera research and production. He is author of the *Mellen Opera Reference Index*—an ongoing series on many aspects of opera (35 volumes now published)—and is a music critic for *American Record Guide*, *Opera (London)*, and

*Opera News*. His latest book, *A Celebration of Cincinnati Opera*, will be published this December. Mr. Parsons is frequently engaged as a lecturer for Cincinnati Opera and many other arts organizations as well as the University of Cincinnati's College of Continuing Education and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.

**About the book**

*A Celebration of Cincinnati Opera* by Charles Parsons offers a unique personal reflection on the 87-year history of Cincinnati Opera. The 600-page book offers little-known, behind-the-scenes stories about Cincinnati Opera from its beginning in 1920 at the Cincinnati Zoo through the Opera's 2007 season. Also featured in the book are rarely-seen photos of artists and productions. *A Celebration of Cincinnati Opera* will be available for purchase beginning December 13. For more information, call (513) 768-5500 or visit [www.cincinnatiopera.org](http://www.cincinnatiopera.org).

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