

KANSAS CITY
LYRIC OPERA GUILD

Join the Lyric Opera Guild for a weekend trip to Chicago for operas by Verdi and Massenet and an **Anna Netrebko** recital!

November 30-December 2, 2018

Reservation deadline: July 1, 2018

Have you ever been tempted by one of our Lyric Opera Guild trips, but they seem a little long for your schedule or too expensive for your budget? Or do you just think that a short weekend trip to Chicago for two excellent operas and a recital by a world-famous star sounds like fun?

Either way, here is a chance to try out a Lyric Opera Guild trip and enjoy a great musical weekend not far from home.

The Lyric Opera of Chicago is performing Verdi's classic *Il Trovatore* this year with an excellent cast, and also Massenet's rarely performed *Cendrillon* (the Cinderella story). Both are entertaining and beautiful works.



Tamara Wilson and Russell Thomas (above) star in Verdi's Il Trovatore at the Lyric Opera of Chicago. Alice Coote and Sioghan Stagg (below) sing in Massenet's Cendrillon (Cinderella).



On top of that, the Lyric Opera of Chicago is bringing famed soprano Anna Netrebko to town for a sure-to-be-sold-out recital. We can catch them all in a short weekend trip with just two hotel nights.

Here is our plan:

Anna Netrebko sings a recital in Chicago.



Friday, November 30. We head to Chicago and arrive in time to transfer to our hotel, the La Quinta Inn which is a short walking distance from the historic Civic Opera House. A number of us have stayed there and it is a perfectly fine hotel, beautifully situated and it has a free breakfast!

That night we enjoy a group dinner at the exclusive Pedersen Room in the Lyric Opera House, then head for our orchestra seats for the evening performance of Verdi's classic *Il Trovatore*. Appearing

in the cast are the outstanding dramatic soprano **Tamara Wilson**, mezzo soprano **Jamie Barton** and the ringing tenor **Russell Thomas**.

Saturday, December 1. The day is free to explore Chicago on your own -- maybe some holiday shopping on Michigan Avenue or a visit to the famous open-air Christmas Market which will be open downtown. There is a free trolley ride to the Field Museum, Navy Pier, and Macy's Marshall Fields. The hotel is just a few blocks from the Loop trains which will take you almost anywhere in town.

That evening, we will return to the Civic Opera

RESERVATIONS - Chicago Trip November 30-December 2, 2018 (please print legibly)

Full Names (as on driver's licenses): _____
 Date(s) of birth (required by the airline): _____
 Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____ E-mail address: _____
 [check one] Single Room Double Room, sharing with _____

Any special dietary restrictions? _____

To reserve your spot on this trip, please send this form and a deposit of **\$500 per person** by **July 1, 2018**. The remainder of your payment will be due on **September 1, 2018**. Please make your check payable to **Lyric Opera Guild Trips** and mail it to Wilma Wilcox, 16314 W. Saddletree Lane, Olathe, Kansas 66062. If you wish to make your own air arrangements, let us know and deduct the air fare from your final payment (see trip cost summary on reverse side).



Right: Scene from the Laurent Pelly production of Massenet's *Cendrillon*.

House for Massenet's romantic opera *Cendrillon*. This is famed director Laurent Pelly's imaginative storybook production.

Sunday, December 2.

After a morning on your own (maybe a Sunday brunch at a nearby restaurant?) you will join the group for a 3:00 p.m. recital by the world-renowned soprano **Anna Netrebko**. This will be the only recital performance by this remarkable artist in the United States in 2018.

Following the Netrebko recital, we will head for the airport for the return flight to Kansas City.

We hope you can join us for a musical weekend in Chicago!



If you have any questions please call our tour guide, Wilma Wilcox, at 913-302-9789, or e-mail her at wilmawilcox@yahoo.com. Thanks!

Cancellation Policy

Your deposit and reservation constitute a contract for you to go on this trip. Upon receiving your deposit we will expend substantial sums to pay for your costs of this trip. If you must cancel, you will still owe the balance of the trip charge, but we will return whatever portion of your trip costs we are able to recover. *We strongly recommend trip cancellation insurance to protect your investment in this trip.* Please call your travel agent or check with trip insurance providers online.

Tour Cost:

Land Arrangements	\$1,275
Airfare from and to Kansas City	\$175
Total	\$1,450
Added single supplement (if you want a single room at the hotel).....	\$200

Change Policy

We are happy to accommodate any changes you want to make for this trip, but all change requests must be made in writing at the time of the reservation and are subject to availability and price adjustments. The tour leader must acknowledge all changes in writing for the requested changes to be confirmed.

This trip includes:

- ♪ Round trip air fare between Kansas City and Chicago.
- ♪ Ground transportation to and from the airport and the La Quinta Inn.
- ♪ Accommodations at the La Quinta Inn for two nights (breakfast included).
- ♪ Orchestra section seats to *Il Trovatore* and *Cendrillon* and the best seats available (may not be in the orchestra) for the Anna Netrebko recital.
- ♪ Group meal at the Pedersen Room at the Civic Opera House in Chicago.
- ♪ All baggage and portorage fees, except for any baggage fees the airline charges, which you must pay on your own.
- ♪ Tax deductible contribution to the Kansas City Lyric Opera Guild.



Pedersen Room restaurant in the Civic Opera House in Chicago.