

KANSAS CITY  
**LYRIC OPERA GUILD**

Placido Domingo 🎵 Anna Netrebko 🎵 Eric Owens 🎵 Angel Blue  
*New York in September with the Lyric Opera Guild!*

**September 24-28, 2019**

*Reservation deadline: June 15, 2019*

What better way to kick off the fall opera season than taking in three performances at the New York Metropolitan Opera? On this trip, you will have an opportunity to see several of today's great stars, including the ageless **Placido Domingo**, soprano **Anna Netrebko** and baritone **Eric Owens**. Also on tap, should you choose one of our options, is the great German dramatic soprano **Nina Stemme** in concert with the New York Philharmonic. Here is our plan:



*Lisette Oropesa and Michael Fabiano star in Massenet's Manon at the Met.*



evening we meet for dinner at our favorite Italian restaurant near Lincoln Center, Gabriel's. In the evening we visit the Metropolitan Opera for a performance of a Verdi masterpiece, *Macbeth*, starring **Placido Domingo** in the title role (baritone) and the great soprano **Anna Netrebko** as Lady Macbeth. Also in the cast are tenor **Matthew Polenzani** and bass **Ildar Abdrazakov**. The conductor is **Marco Armiliato**.

*Thursday, September*

*26.* You have another free day in New York. There is no Metropolitan Opera performance this evening, but we have three difference performance options, or perhaps you will want to do something else on your own. The performance options are to attend (1) the **Orpheus**

**Tuesday, September 24.** We depart for New York and after arrival, transfer by bus to the Empire Hotel located just across the street from Lincoln Center where the performances will take place. That evening, we will stroll to the Metropolitan Opera for a performance of the Massenet classic *Manon*, not seen here in Kansas City since 1981. The performance features the outstanding tenor **Michael Fabiano** with the renowned soprano **Lisette Oropesa**, conducted by **Mauricio Benini**.

**Wednesday, September 25.** The day is free for you to enjoy New York. Perhaps you will take a walk through nearby Central Park or visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art or the Frick Museum or the Museum of Modern Art. This



*Placido Domingo and Anna Netrebko sing Macbeth and Lady Macbeth at the Metropolitan Opera (photo from Covent Garden, London production).*

**RESERVATIONS - New York Trip - September 2019** (please print legibly) 

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

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

On Thursday evening do you choose [check one] the  Orpheus Chamber Orchestra concert at Carnegie Hall (extra charge undetermined at this date), or  New York Philharmonic concert featuring Nina Stemme in *Bluebird's Castle* and *Erwartung* (extra charge \$59) or  a Broadway play (play and cost to be determined) or  no performance (free evening).

[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 **\$1,000 per person by June 15, 2019**. The remainder of your payment will be due on **July 15, 2019**. Please make your check payable to **Lyric Opera Guild Trips** and mail it to Evan Luskin, 7600 West 100th Street, Overland Park KS 66212. If you wish to make your own air arrangements, let us know and deduct the air fare cost from your final payment (see trip cost summary on reverse side).



*Eric Owens and Angel Blue star in Gershwin's Porgy and Bess at the Metropolitan Opera.*

**Chamber Orchestra** in concert at Carnegie Hall, (2) a **New York Philharmonic** concert featuring the German soprano **Nina Stemme** singing two unusual one-act operas in concert, Bartok's *Bluebeard's Castle* and Schoenberg's *Erwartung*, or (3) a Broadway play (to be determined later by you and our trip leader). If you join us, please note your choice on the reservation coupon when sending in your reservation.

**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.

**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.

**Friday, September 27.** You have a third free day in New York. This evening we will go to the Met once again for a performance of Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess*, a work not seen in Kansas City for many years (and never at the Lyric Opera). The great baritone **Eric Owens** plays Porgy and the spectacular new soprano **Angel Blue** is Bess. Also in the cast are **Latonia Moore**, **Denyce Graves** and **Ryan Speedo Green**. If there was ever an all-star *Porgy*, this is it! The conductor is **David Robertson**.

**Saturday, September 28.** Today we return to Kansas City with the sounds of Massenet, Verdi and Gershwin ringing in your ears!

*If you have any questions please call our tour guide, Evan Luskin, 913-642-3753, or e-mail him at [evanluskin@gmail.com](mailto:evanluskin@gmail.com). Thanks!*

**Tour Cost:**

Land Arrangements .....	\$2,125
Airfare from and to Kansas City .....	\$400
Total .....	\$2,525
Added single supplement (if you want a single room at the hotel).....	\$725

**This trip includes:**

- ♪ Round trip air fare between Kansas City and New York.
- ♪ Bus transportation to and from the airport and the Empire Hotel.
- ♪ Accommodations at the Empire Hotel for four nights.
- ♪ Orchestra section seats to *Manon*, *Macbeth* and *Porgy and Bess*. All operas are at the Metropolitan Opera. As always, you can drop a performance or substitute another available performance if you like; just let us know.
- ♪ Group meal at Gabriel's Restaurant.
- ♪ 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, the exact amount of which will be calculated at the conclusion of the trip when we have reconciled all trip costs.