

**Junior Committee of the Women's Guild
New Orleans Opera Association
Membership Application 2009 – 2010**

Category (Please check one)

- Junior** (\$25.00)
- Associate** (\$15.00 – requires Women's Guild membership, or \$50.00, of which \$35.00 will be forwarded to the Women's Guild for your membership)
- Supporter** – Please indicate your donation amount \$ _____

Please make your check payable to JUNIOR COMMITTEE and send with your completed form to: Ms. Charlotte Livingston, 500 Jefferson Avenue, Metairie, Louisiana 70001.

To pay by credit card, please provide:

Card Type (circle one): VISA MasterCard Discover American Express

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Contact Information

Name: Last _____ First _____ Middle Initial _____

For social invitations, please select your desired title (Miss, Ms., Dr., etc.): _____

Name as you would like it to appear in the roster: _____

Street address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Email: _____

Membership Activities (please indicate those which you may be interested in participating)

- Hospitality** – This committee coordinates the venue and refreshments for three *General Membership Socials* held in the fall, winter and spring.
- Performer Appreciation** – As a goodwill gesture toward our operas' stars, directors, chorus and orchestra, we create gift bags to welcome out-of-town artists. We also cater receptions for the first orchestral rehearsal of each opera.
- Opera Orientations** – A lecture with reception is held prior to each opera. The series is designed to educate patrons on various aspects of the upcoming opera. Our speakers have covered topics including the opera's composer, librettist, performance history, story and music.
- Student Productions** – Students in area schools, including junior high, high school and college, are invited to attend the final dress rehearsal for each production. The Juniors provide general assistance with logistics, welcome the students, take tickets, distribute programs and usher.
- Theatre Sales** – Juniors are responsible for merchandising, marketing and selling opera-related items at the boutique.
- Opening Night Socials** – Juniors, Associates and Supporters are invited to mix and mingle on the opening night of each opera.
- Wine Auction** – This is the Junior Committee's largest single-event fundraiser, which requires the support of numerous volunteers for solicitations, decorations, publicity, favors, invitations, reservations, catering, entertainment and the auction.
- Summer Party** – Held as the kick-off to each season, this event allows members and their guests an opportunity to meet and get to know one another in a relaxed but festive setting.
- Hansel & Gretel** – This now-annual performance provides children with an introduction to opera.
- Membership Luncheon** – A luncheon, to which friends and family are invited, is held annually at the Fairgrounds as an opportunity to increase membership and to welcome new members.
- Mardi Gras Fete** – Members and their guests enjoy a casual party held near a parade route.
- Children's Party** – This party, held in the spring, is designed to entertain and educate children, and includes a short musical performance, an egg hunt and a visit by the Easter Bunny.
- Opera Ball** – The annual glamorous ball is the Women's Guild's largest fundraiser. Junior Committee members provide assistance with all aspects of the ball.