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**TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL OPERA WEEK,  
OPERA BOSTON PRESENTS FREE OPERA BOSTON UNDERGROUND  
AT THE LIZARD LOUNGE**

(BOSTON—Oct. 22, 2009) Opera Boston celebrates National Opera Week (Nov. 13—22) along with opera companies all over the country, by presenting a FREE installment of the popular Opera Boston Underground cabaret series on Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2009. This special National Opera Week program is called "Operatic Acrobatics: Opera Without a Net", will be presented at the intimate 125-seat Lizard Lounge (1667 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge). This FREE show is 21+, and reservations are not accepted. Doors open at 7 p.m., and the 45-minute show starts at 7:30.

Ten young Opera Boston singers, including Opera Boston Underground crowd favorites Sol Kim Bentley, Brenna Wells and Julia Mintzer, will perform difficult, high-wire repertoire from the operatic canon, complete with death-defying feats. According to director Adrienne Boris, "We're not shying away from doing real opera in a bar setting. These singers have big voices and are in total technical command of some really exciting material".

Opera Boston Underground will be hosted by Opera Boston Music Director Gil Rose.

Opera Boston seeks to extend its reach by providing non-traditional venues for opera performance. Not only will it demystify opera for new audience, but it also gives young Opera Boston singers the chance to try out different repertoire in a fun, informal setting.

For more information about Opera Boston Underground, call (617) 451-3388.

Opera Boston joins over 90 opera companies in 32 states in producing innovation, accessible, free programming during National Opera Week. For more information about National Opera Week, visit [www.operaamerica.org/now](http://www.operaamerica.org/now)

**About Opera Boston**

Opera Boston is Boston's most innovative opera company. Founded in 1980, the company has presented more than 70 operas, including 34 regional and two world premieres. In addition to its critically acclaimed, award-winning mainstage productions, Opera Boston offers a range of programs, including an occasional chamber opera festival, a popular informal cabaret series and an extensive educational program in Boston's schools. For more information, visit [www.operaboston.org](http://www.operaboston.org).