



**Get Ready for Opening Night Philadelphia!
The Opera Company of Philadelphia Presents: Carmen Live Simulcast**

Think opera requires a gown or tuxedo to attend? Think again! How about jeans, sweaters, your picnic baskets, blankets and even your best canine pal instead?

The Opera Company of Philadelphia invites you to join the community for Opening Night Philadelphia!, a FREE, public simulcast of the opening night of Bizet's Carmen on September 30, 2011 at 8:00 p.m. on Independence Mall.

Amidst the backdrop of our historic city, experience opera's ultimate temptress in this classic production that transports you to sultry Seville. The story of a beguiling gypsy who sets her sights on a naïve but passionate young corporal, Carmen traces a tale of seduction, obsession, and deadly betrayal. Bizet's masterpiece features many of opera's most powerful melodies, from the bewitching "Habañera," to the passionate "Seguidilla," and the bravura of the "Toreador" song, capturing the imagination from the first notes of its renowned overture.

This first-ever live simulcast to a vast HD screen at one of Philadelphia's most iconic public spaces was chosen for a generous \$150,000 inaugural gift from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation's Knight Arts Challenge, a three-year, \$9 million program to support art ideas that enrich and engage Philadelphia.

Tickets are FREE, but reservations are required. Members should submit a [live arts ticket request form](#) to reserve your tickets. All other Art-Reach constituents should click [here](#).

What you need to know

- This event is appropriate for all ages
- All seating will be on the lawn and concrete. Please bring your blankets and beach chairs (low-slung preferred, so as not to block your neighbor's view!)
- Dogs must be on leashes at all times and curbed
- Picnic dinners are encouraged! Please note that alcohol is prohibited onsite by the National

Park Service. The Independence Visitor Center, located on the north side of 6th and Market Streets will offer a snack bar.

- In the event of inclement weather, visit operaphila.org/CARMEN for updates. The rain date is the following evening, Saturday, October 1, 2011, at 8:00 pm, with the gates opening at 7:00 pm.
- Run time for the show is 3 Hours 20 Minutes with 2 intermissions
- Performance address is 5th and Chestnut St., Philadelphia, PA 19106
- [Get Directions](#)