



Glimmerglass Opera: La Bohème

Tuesday, August 9

8 am - Depart from the Museums State Street lot located across the street from the Springfield Main Library. Park in the lot and meet the bus at the curbside. Please arrive by **7:45 am**. We will make one rest stop on the way.

En route, Guy McLain, Director of the Wood History Museum, will lecture on the music and artistry of this opera.

11:30 am - Lunch at the Otesaga Resort on the shore of beautiful Lake Otsego in Cooperstown, NY. The signature buffet lunch at the resort provides a delightful culinary experience with magnificent views of the lake.

Immediately following lunch, depart for Glimmerglass Festival. We have reserved *category II* orchestra seating for a 1:30 pm performance.

La Bohème - A new Belle Époque production follows a tightly knit group of young artists through high-spirited hijinks, tender romance and heartbreaking loss. Presented in Italian with projected English text.

“We've chosen the colorful backdrop of Belle Époque Paris, a milieu teeming with artists and throbbing with romance, for our new production of Puccini's beloved masterpiece. The youthful, passionate artists at the center of the story will capture your hearts as they struggle to survive; their pockets may be empty, but they are determined to experience the fullness of the world.” -- E. Loren Meeker, director.

Glimmerglass Opera came into being through the efforts of Cooperstown residents – musicians, artists, educators and lovers of the art form – who hoped to bring opera to their community. The company presented its first season in the Nicholas J. Sterling Auditorium of the Cooperstown High School in the summer of 1975 and opened its current Alice Busch Opera Theater in June 1987.

Since its opening in 1987, the Alice Busch Opera Theater has been home to more than 100 productions, many of which have been world premieres. The theater is located on the shore of Otsego Lake, the “Glimmerglass” of James Fenimore Cooper’s Leatherstocking Tales. The theater is situated on farmland donated by the late Glimmerglass Board Chairman Emeritus Tom Goodyear and his mother, Jeanette Bissell Goodyear.

4:30 pm - Return to Springfield with one rest stop along the way with an estimated return by 7:30 pm.

Please note: No smoking, drink/food, photography, recording devices, or cell phones in the theater.

What to bring: Camera (please see photo policy above), water and snacks for the bus. Items may be left on the bus.

