



Glimmerglass Opera: Candide

Monday, August 7

7:45 am – Arrive at the Museums’ State Street parking lot located directly across the street from the Springfield City Library. Park in the lot and board the bus at the curbside.

Depart at 8 am sharp.

12:30 pm – Estimated arrival at the Glimmerglass Festival. En route, enjoy an enlightening lecture on the music and artistry of this opera with Walter Carrol. We will have a group lunch in Cooperstown before the performance. Menu and restaurant to be announced.

1 pm – Enjoy a performance of Leonard Bernstein’s *Candide* at the Alice Busch Opera Theater located on the shore of Otsego Lake - the “Glimmerglass” of James Fenimore Cooper’s Leatherstocking Tales.

Francesca Zambello’s spectacular production of this great American musical comes roaring back to life. Voltaire’s biting wit, Bernstein’s toe-tapping, heart-warming melodies, and a barrel-load of laughs make for a wild ride across the “best of all possible worlds.” Yet from Montevideo to El Dorado, calamity seems to follow poor Candide and Cunegonde everywhere they go; what’s the use of optimism when the odds seem stacked against you? We have *category II* orchestra seating.

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 situated on farmland donated by the late Glimmerglass Board Chairman Emeritus Tom Goodyear and his mother, Jeanette Bissell Goodyear.

Following the concert, return to Springfield with an estimated return by 7 pm.

What to bring: water and snacks for the bus; wear layers as temperatures vary on the bus and the concert hall. Water is provided on the return home.

Cost: \$229, Members, \$270 nonmembers; includes reserved orchestra seating, lunch, bus transportation and gratuities