



McCaw Hall
Rigoletto by Giuseppe Verdi

Verdi's tense and brutal tale of a megalomaniac's bitter minion caught in a web of lechery, betrayal, and revenge runs the emotional gamut in true operatic fashion.

Hugely popular ever since its Venice premiere, the indelible melodrama boasts memorably complex characters and an action-packed plot propelled by a parade of iconic, unflaggingly brilliant music, especially the iconic *La donna è mobile*.

It's Election Night at the Presidential Palace and the Duke of Mantua is holding court. Contrasting the bawdy ostentation of the privileged and powerful with the gritty squalor of Rigoletto's working class struggles, director Lindy Hume pulls no punches drawing comparisons to newsmakers of today.

Special news: this season we will again be attending the **Saturday Gold Cast Performance** on every *Opening Night* for Opera.

Date: Saturday, August 10 **Time:** 7:30 p.m.

Cost: \$112.00 Members and Guests (a \$158 value) ***Tickets are going fast, so don't wait until the last minute!***

Deadline: Thursday, August 1

Location: McCaw Hall, 321 Mercer St., Seattle

Event Coordinator: Mary Haugen, 425-876-9476, mary.a.haugen@boeing.com

Instructions: **Gold Card members** send a check made out to "BLN" to: Mary Haugen, P.O. Box 571, Arlington, WA 98223. ***Please e-mail Mary Haugen when you send the check*** so she can make sure to reserve the tickets for you while waiting for your check.

Please note: Tickets will not be mailed to you.

All tickets will be available at McCaw Hall Will Call on the night of the event.

Please include your e-mail address and phone number.