Glimmerglass Festival
2019 Summer Theater
In Cooperstown

Francesca Zambello
Artistic and General Director
Glimmerglass Festival
DEAR YALE TRAVELER

The legacy of great performances is alive and well at Yale where a passion for drama is in our DNA. I invite you to renew and indulge your own love of the theater with Yale Alumni College this August, on a four-day excursion to the Glimmerglass Festival in Cooperstown, New York. Glimmerglass is dedicated to innovating new, little known and familiar operas and musical theater productions. We’ll be seeing mainstage productions of Kern and Hammerstein’s Show Boat, Verdi and Piave’s La Traviata and Corigliano and Hoffman’s The Ghosts of Versailles. This season will also include the world premiere of Blue, a new opera by Jeanine Tesori and Tazewell Thompson.

Francesca Zambello, artistic and general director of the Glimmerglass Festival, among other key festival speakers, will offer in-depth discussions to the group. Take an exclusive behind the scenes tour of the opera house and enjoy the open-air design and magnificent acoustics of the theater which allows for each opera to be heard crisp, clear, and unamplified--as it was intended.

Come for the Opera, but also enjoy the many treasures that Cooperstown has to offer. Our accommodations will be at the Otesaga Resort, overlooking Lake Otsego. The picturesque views and exquisite amenities leave nothing to be desired. We’ll kick-off the weekend with a welcome reception at the theater, followed by an elegant dinner at the resort. Our program will also include complimentary passes to local museums and attractions and much more.

I’m delighted to extend this invitation to join us for Yale Alumni College’s very first theater program, operated in association with Yale Educational Travel. You may secure your spot now by visiting, yaleedtravel.org/glimmer19 or by calling us at (203) 432-1952.

Lauren Summers
Senior Director, Lifelong Learning and Travel

WHAT TO EXPECT

Stimulating group discussions with Francesca Zambello and other theater experts

Tickets to 4 classic and modern operas/plays

World Premiere viewing of “Blue”

Lively commentary on the plays from members of your group

Reception/meals at the festival

Transportation to and from the theater

Gracious accommodations including breakfast at the Otesaga Resort Hotel

Passes to 3 local museums
UPCOMING THEATER

Best of Ontario featuring the Shaw and Stratford Festivals
August 8 - 16, 2019

Behind the Lights
London Fall Theater
October 9 - 17, 2019

Critics’ Pick
New York Theater
October 18 - 20, 2019
October 25 - 27, 2019

FRANCESCA ZAMBELLO

An internationally recognized director of opera and theater, Francesca Zambello, has been the General Director of The Glimmerglass Festival since 2010, and the Artistic Director of The Washington National Opera at the Kennedy Center since 2012.

In her current roles at the Kennedy Center and the Glimmerglass Festival, she is responsible for producing 12 productions annually. She has begun major commissioning programs for new works in both companies that have resulted in productions of many large and small-scaled new works. Francesca has recently been awarded the Chevalier des Arts et des Lettres by the French government for her contribution to French culture and the Russian Federation’s medal for Service to Culture. Other honors for her work include three Olivier Awards from the London Society of Theaters and two Evening Standard Awards for Best Musical and Best Opera. She has also received the award for Best Company Achievement.

Francesca most recently developed and directed the world premiere of Christopher Theofanidis’ Heart of a Soldier for the San Francisco Opera. For a complete list of Francesca’s productions, please visit francescazambello.com

Ms. Zambello has also served as a guest professor at Yale University and The Juilliard School. Francesca Zambello lives in New York and London.
ARRIVE COOPERSTOWN
Thursday, August 1

Independent arrival at the Otesaga Resort Hotel in Cooperstown. After settling into your room, the group will head to the Glimmerglass Festival via group transportation. Enjoy a welcome reception, dinner, and an in-depth talk with Artistic and General Director, Francesca Zambello. Evening performance of *Show Boat*, by Jerome Kern and Oscar Hammerstein II. The musical follows the lives of the performers, stagehands and dock workers on the Cotton Blossom, a Mississippi River show boat, over 40 years from 1887 to 1927. Its themes include racial prejudice and tragic, enduring love. Directed by Francesca Zambello. 

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Friday, August 2

Morning breakfast provided at the resort. Take in the luxury of the resort and enjoy Lake Otsego during a leisurely morning. Jump on the local trolleys to experience the many attractions in Cooperstown including the National Baseball Hall of Fame, The Farmers’ Museum, and The Fenimore Art Museum. The group will travel to the theater at 4:30 p.m. for an exclusive backstage tour. Following the tour, take some time to enjoy the festival grounds before taking part in a pre-production discussion with Yale alum, Faith Gay. This evening, witness the World Premiere of Jeanine Tesori and Tazewell Thompson’s production, *Blue*. Taking place in Harlem, “*Blue* centers on the hopes and fears of a young black couple as they raise a son in 21st-century America.”

(B)

Saturday, August 3

Morning breakfast provided at the resort. Take a few hours to yourselves this morning. At 11, head to the festival pavilion for a private catered lunch and a talk with a dramaturg, Kelley Rourke, before enjoying the matinee production of *The Ghosts of Versailles*. Corigliano’s *Ghosts of Versailles* takes its story in part from Beaumarchais’ play *La Mère coupable*, the final installment in the trilogy that includes *The Barber of Seville* and *The Marriage of Figaro*. After the production, return to the resort to relax before you are treated to a delightful 4-course meal overlooking the lake. End the night by mingling with your fellow group members by the fire table and sharing thoughts on the weekend experiences.

(B,L,D)

Sunday, August 4

Your last day will start with a bountiful hot breakfast and time to pack your things. Arrive at the theater around noon for lunch and a pre-production talk with Music Director, Joseph Colenari before the matinee production of one of the most beloved works in the operatic canon, *La Traviata*. Directed by Francesca Zambello. Conducted by Joseph Colenari. After the production, you are free to depart or fill the rest of your day in Cooperstown and around the Glimmerglass Festival.

(B,L)

Note: Itinerary subject to change

Included meals indicated each day as B/L/D = Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner
PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

- Tickets to four theater productions
- Series of lectures and discussions with Francesca Zambello and fellow theater experts
- Selected readings in advance of the productions
- Three nights at the Otesaga Resort in Cooperstown, including breakfast
- Free Parking and WiFi at the hotel
- Passes for three museums including; The National Baseball Hall of Fame, The Farmers Museum, and The Fenimore Art Museum
- Welcome reception and dinner at the Glimmerglass Pavilion
- Catered private lunch on the festival grounds (Saturday)
- Picnic-style box lunch (Sunday)
- An exclusive guided backstage tour of the Alice Busch Opera Theater
- 4-course dinner with wine at The Otesaga Resort
- Transportation to and from each performance from the resort

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PROGRAM EXCLUSIONS

- Round trip transportation;
- accident and baggage insurance;
- trip cancellation insurance;
- meals/alcohol except as specified above;
- personal expenses such as laundry and telephone calls;
- airport transportation.

PROGRAM TIPS

During the program, you may need to walk up to a mile to and from locations. If you are unable or feel uncomfortable walking such distance, you may book your own taxi transportation. Coach transportation will be provided for locations not within walking distance.

CANCELLATION POLICY

The deposit minus a $300 per person administrative fee is refundable until May 1, 2019, upon receipt of a written cancellation at Yale Educational Travel. There are no refunds after May 1, 2019. We strongly urge participants to purchase travel insurance.
Traditional Room

Program cost: $2,495*

*Based on double occupancy

$2,000 without accommodations
no single supplement

Single supplement: $800

Amenities

Complimentary Wi-Fi
Complimentary Self/Valet Parking
Plush Robes
Tennis Courts
Outdoor Heated Swimming Pool
In-Room Safe
24-hour Fitness Room
First Class Dining Options

Activities Within Walking Distance

Leatherstocking Golf Course
Hawkeye Spa
National Baseball Hall of Fame
The Village of Cooperstown
Lake Otsego
Fenimore Art Museum/ Farmers’ Museum
Canoe and Row Boat Rentals
Bike Rentals

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HEALTH All participants must be in good health. This program involves extensive walking over uneven surfaces, climbing stairs at monuments and other locations not handicapped accessible, and climbing in and out of various conveyances. Any condition that may require assistance or special medical attention must be reported at the time of your reservation.

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To register, return this form with your deposit of $500 per person to YET. Final payment is due May 1, 2019.

Payment Options

☐ pay by check made out to “Yale University”

Please charge the deposit of $500 per person to:

☐ amex  ☐ visa  ☐ mastercard  ☐ discover card

Card number

Expiration date  Security code

Accommodations

☐ I wish to have a single (limited availability – please call)

☐ I will share accommodations with:

Contact Information

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date of birth  yale connection

passport origin  relationship to other guest

2) name as on passport

date of birth  yale connection

passport origin  relationship to other guest

Address

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Primary phone

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