



## Atlanta Opera Excursion - *Porgy and Bess* March 13, 2020

Ellen and David Abell and Kathleen and Te Turner, of Christ Church Frederica, are organizing a trip to the Atlanta Opera to see *Porgy and Bess* on Friday, March 13, 2020. The performance is being conducted by the Abells' son David Charles Abell, a conductor of opera, symphony and music theater. He lives in London and Provincetown MA, and performs all over the world.

The performance is at 8:00 pm on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>, at the Cobb Center in Atlanta. The following additional events are being planned, and participants can attend any or all of them:

- A 45 minute private chat with the conductor about the show before the performance
- A pre-concert dinner on the mezzanine of the theater
- Group tickets at a 20% discount (and veterans and active military are free!). We've blocked off 30 seats retailing at \$65 each in the rear of the Mezzanine (net price of \$53 each), but people will be able to select their own seats and have them included in the group discount if booked through me.
- A brunch with the conductor on Saturday morning

Since it's a long drive from St. Simons Island to Atlanta, it's anticipated that we'll drive up earlier on Friday and stay overnight, returning on Saturday. If enough people want to come, we'll charter a bus. We can also look into accommodations if there is interest. Currently, we know that at least a dozen people are coming.

See the following link for full information on the performances:  
<https://www.atlantaopera.org/performance/porgy-and-bess/>

See the following link for information about the conductor, David Charles Abell:  
<https://www.davidcharlesabell.com>  
(where there's a link to the Atlanta performances on the Calendar tab).

You can also follow DCA\_Conductor on Facebook and Twitter. He became known for his television appearances worldwide as conductor of the 10th and 25th Anniversary concerts of *Les Miserables*, which were used as PBS fund-raisers for several years and can be found on YouTube.

If you're interested, please contact David Abell at [davidrabell@icloud.com](mailto:davidrabell@icloud.com) or Roy "Te" Turner at [royteturner@gmail.com](mailto:royteturner@gmail.com). We'd like to know about your interest so we can plan further. We'll create a group email list and provide further information and sign-ups for the events. No firm commitments will be needed until mid-February when we will need better numbers.