



**We hope the following guidelines and information are helpful  
in planning your night at the Opera!**

### **PARKING AREA RULES**

- The parking lot is available starting three hours before the performance begins.
- Parking spaces are first come, first served. Donors at various levels receive special parking privileges. *(For complete [donor benefit information](#), call 505-986-5913.)*
- For the safety of all, everyone must follow the instructions of Parking Crew personnel.
- Picnic tables adjacent to the parking lot are available on a first-come, first-served basis. *(Please be considerate of others waiting to use the picnic facilities. In order to provide access to as many as possible, patrons are encouraged to share tables.)*
- Most tailgate setups are accommodated directly in front or back of your vehicle. Parties with more than one vehicle must arrive together *(no parking spaces may be saved)*.
- Setups must allow for emergency vehicle access in all rows of the parking lot.
- All attendees must be ticketed for that evening's performance.
- No electrical service is available and electric generators are not permitted.
- No charcoal fires are allowed.
- No pets are allowed.
- Vehicle alarms which activate during a performance will be disconnected.

### **SPECIAL PARTIES**

- A limited number of large spaces located along the east side of the upper parking lot may be booked in advance. Each space measures approximately 20' x 20' and can accommodate up to 30 people. For party booking, call 800-280-4654 or 505-986-5900.
- A \$500 deposit is required for each space; \$200 represents a usage fee and \$300 as a security deposit. Earlier setup access is available at the hourly rate of \$25. *(Cancellation deadline is 72 hours before the event.)*
- The reserved space must be left in the same condition received. Staking is not permitted.
- Caterers and other service providers should cease serving one hour before performance time. **ALL set ups, including tents, must be broken down and off-site no later than 30 minutes before performance time.**
- If all guidelines have been observed and no repairs are pending from use of the reserved space, remaining deposits will be returned within 15 days of the event.

### **Additional pre-performance options at the Opera include:**

#### **PREVIEW BUFFETS**

Enjoy dinner, including wine and dessert, at our open-air cantina on the beautifully landscaped rehearsal grounds. A guest speaker offers an informative talk about the evening's opera during the dessert course. Space is limited for this popular event offered before each performance beginning June 30, 2012. Reservations are taken at 800-280-4654 or 505-986-5900. Cost: \$55 per person.

#### **TAILGATE PICNICS**

The Santa Fe Opera provides tailgate picnic suppers for \$29 each plus handling fee, which may be picked up in the Opera's parking lot near the Box Office. Orders must be made at least 48 hours in advance. For more information or to place an order, please call 800-280-4654 or 505-986-5900.

*Light fare (such as sandwiches or dessert) is available beginning one hour prior to the performance at the bar concessions located throughout the Opera theater patios.*