

VOLUNTEER

Berkshire Opera Festival offers a wide variety of opportunities to volunteer. Donating your time helps BOF keep our promise of fiscal responsibility while giving you the chance to interact with our exceptional artists and patrons – and have a great time doing it! The volunteer opportunities listed below are not mutually exclusive; you can choose one, two, or as many as you would like.

Artist Liaison. A good option if you have a very flexible schedule. This is an amazing way to become closely acquainted with some of the greatest artists, singers, designers, and musicians in the country. The most important responsibility of our artist liaisons will be driving our principal cast members to and from rehearsal, the airport, the grocery store, and similar places. Since most of our cast members will be arriving without their own transportation, you will be providing an extremely valuable service, as well as being able to make long-lasting friendships. Other ways to help out include:

- Housing a singer from August 4 - September 1. This saves the opera company thousands of dollars and helps our singers feel like they have a “home away from home.” There are shorter and longer opportunities, please inquire.
- Providing coffee, snacks, and bottled water for daily **room** rehearsals at the rehearsal venue in Pittsfield (address provided upon request to perform volunteer duties), August 5 – August 18.
- Provide coffee, snacks, and bottled water for daily **stage** rehearsals in Pittsfield (address provided upon request to perform volunteer duties), August 20 – August 23.

Office Assistance. Volunteer in the BOF office 352 Main Street, Great Barrington and take a hands-on role in BOF’s daily activities. Duties might include:

- Answering telephones and directing phone calls; answering ticketing questions (short tutorial will be given)
- Photocopying
- Preparing mailings or assisting with phone-athons (thanking donors over the phone)

- Helping with office maintenance and various other tasks, i.e., filing, etc

Community Outreach Assistance

- Distribution of marketing materials (Postcards, posters, etc) in your local neighborhood/community
- Connecting us with your local media for free advertising, interviews, general press

Usher. Help BOF by volunteering as an usher for summer recital series:

- **Wednesday, August 15, 7:30pm – MEET JOE GREEN**
 - **Saint James Place** (352 Main Street, Great Barrington)

Arrive at 6:30pm, one hour before recital time, and help us with any remaining set-up. Check in audience members, distribute programs, and help people to their seats if they need assistance. Seating is general admission. You would also help us set-up for post-performance receptions, if applicable.

Private Event Assistance. Support us at private fundraising events, patron events, and other functions. You could be involved with:

- Helping set up for events in private homes or commercial spaces. This might include assembling food trays, table settings, beverage set-up, and things of a similar nature
 - Welcoming and checking in guests
 - Helping serve food and drinks during the event and assisting with clean-up after the event.
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