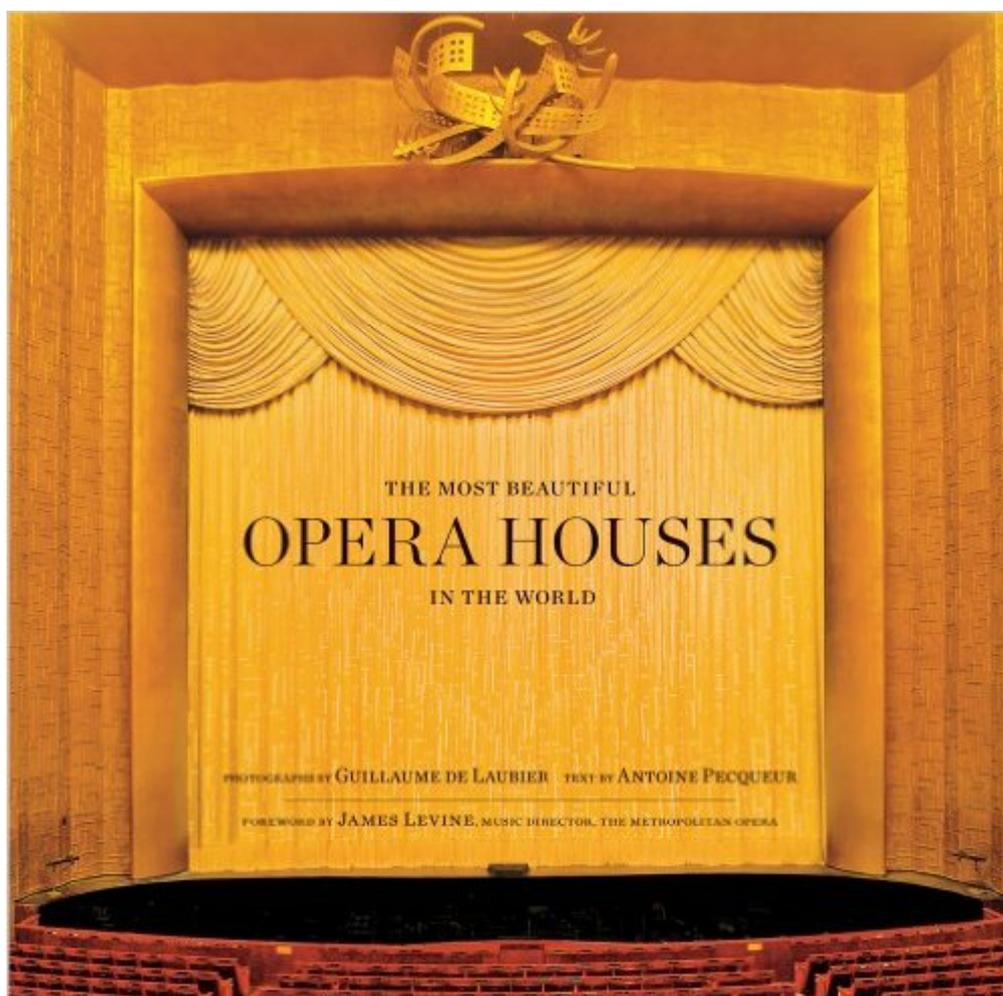


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# The Most Beautiful Opera Houses In The World



## Synopsis

Opera houses&#151;temples to the art of Mozart, Verdi, Tchaikovsky, and more&#151;have been created by some of the most talented architects and designers of their generations, inspiring centuries of veneration from audiences, filled with royalty and commoners alike. In this sumptuous book, photographer Guillaume de Laubier and journalist Antoine Pecqueur explore more than 25 of the worldâ™s most beautiful opera houses, from Tokyo to Covent Garden, from Oslo to Chicago, from Milan to New York. The buildings are described in their historical contexts, while stunning photography reveals the theatersâ™ most captivating spaces. In addition to offering sweeping views of ornate auditoriums and facades, the book opens doors normally closed to the public, entering the artistsâ™ dressing rooms, rehearsal halls, scenery workshops, and more, presenting a wide-ranging and compelling look into a spectacular world. Praise for *The Most Beautiful Opera Houses in the World*: &#147;Performance spaces take the spotlight in *The Most Beautiful Opera Houses in the World* and you donâ™t need to be a music buff to appreciate their range. The photographs by Guillaume de Laubier capture 32 theaters across the globe in rich detail . . . Who knew empty stages made for such good theater?â • &#151;Wall Street Journal Â &#147;With the growing popularity of massive arenas, it is often difficult to think back to a time when going out for a night of music was synonymous with elegance. But a new book has rediscovered the high art of these exquisite theater spaces. *The Most Beautiful Opera Houses in the World* contains hundreds of photographs showing the exteriors and auditoriums of these cultural treasures&#151;and is a reminder why these architectural wonders are worth a visit.â • &#151;FOXNews.com

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This is a must have if you love beautiful books about your favorite things. Opera houses are a interest of mine. You will not be disappointed with this purchase. This book would make an excellent gift for someone who is interested in opera or architecture.

My first quibble is that I bought the book for \$60 and days later noticed it was now \$40. A hint, , people don't like that. As far as the book goes, it is beautifully produced and photographed and very nostalgic if you have been to a house in question, exciting if you haven't (yet). Never having realised my life ambition of visiting Bayreuth and Salzburg, those were keenly interesting. There were some odd omissions, the Colon in Buenos Aires, Mexico City, the San Carlos in Lisbon etc. Others were given very short shrift even though gorgeous and famous. There are some arty angles and views which are pretty but then one sacrifices any real view of what it looks like. My main complaint, and the reason for 3 stars instead of 4, is the endless procession of modern, boring opera houses which most resemble parking garages. I remember being in Oslo a few years ago and passing the opera house. One of my companions said' "well you'll never see THAT in a coffee table book!" We all laughed, but here it is and more than one photo. Still, if you love opera and, like me, have some dream houses you will probably now never visit, get this book.

Extraordinary! Drop-dead beautiful photos of magnificent opera houses in an elegant format -- weighty, but wonderful  
Len Lamensdorf  
Westlake Village, CA

I recently received a copy of this for my birthday. As an opera coach and author myself I'm always looking for interesting new books. I was so delighted to received Laubier's The Most Beautiful Opera houses in the World. The book not only covers the history of major opera houses around the globe, but the photos, presentation are just outstanding. You feel immersed in the elegant world of grand opera. Not only a must for all opera lovers, but a really interesting historical guide into the history of opera. You can tell this was a labor of of love for the author. The book is infused with elegance, and passion. I have it sitting on my coffee table, and it has been truly magical to see parents of of my vocal students look through this and say. "WOW I think I need to take the kids to their first opera." Laubier captures the magic of the world of opera. BRAVO Signore. J. R. is the author of: An Historical Study of Kurt Weill's Der Silbersee: Ein Wintermarchen

This book contains gorgeous photography and is a steal at \$38. My only complaint is there are a few too many minimalist Eurotrash opera houses included. The best, is the one by Calatrava - 2 or 3 others are cold, stark and boring. . Most readers want to see lavish, classic opera houses like La Fenice - the pictures of the restored Venetian opera house are spectacular! Don't hesitate to buy this lavish book, just know what to expect.

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