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Opera Cleveland Announces 2008 Season

Opera Cleveland's 2008 season is your ticket to first class opera. The State Theatre at Playhouse Square will be host to a season of classic operas, each of which will be conducted by Opera Cleveland's new artistic director, Dean Williamson.

Explore the lives and loves of bohemian Paris in the 1830s when Giacomo Puccini's *La bohème* launches the season on April 18, with additional performances on April 20 and 26. *Le nozze di Figaro* (*The Marriage of Figaro*) by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart turns 18th century court life upside down with amorous folly on Sept. 26, 28 and Oct. 4. The Brothers Grimm tale *Hansel and Gretel* receives a spooky, operatic makeover through the music of Humperdinck, closing the season on Halloween, Oct. 31, with additional performances on Nov. 2 and Nov. 8.

"This season embraces some of opera's exemplary productions," says Williamson. "We will do justice to the captivating music of Puccini, Mozart and Humperdinck by selecting the finest singers, musicians and directors."

Full-season subscriptions start as low as \$60. Subscribers save as much as 20% off of single ticket prices and also receive exclusive exchange privileges through the Opera Cleveland Box Office. Many of Opera Cleveland's 2007 productions were sold out, and only subscribers are guaranteed the best seats for each production.

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