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The joke's on *Falstaff*

Opera Cleveland presents Verdi's comic masterpiece



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Friday, June 19 at 8 pm
Sunday, June 21 at 2 pm
Saturday, June 27 at 8 pm

at The State Theatre in
PlayhouseSquare

TICKETS: Call 216.241.6000
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English class may have introduced you to Sir John Falstaff--the portly, bawdy knight in Shakespeare's plays. But Giuseppe Verdi gives the jovial would-be lothario the title role in his comic opera *Falstaff*. Opera Cleveland presents a highly acclaimed production of *Falstaff* on June 19, 21 and 27 at the State Theatre in PlayhouseSquare.

Falstaff's Shakespearean roots are emphasized in a Globe Theatre-like production. A true ensemble piece, the opera features Gaetan Laperriere as Falstaff, Caitlyn Lynch as Alice Ford, Anya Matanovic as Nannetta, Victor Ryan Robertson as Fenton, David Won as Ford, Fenlon Lamb as Meg Page, and Melissa Parks as Mistress Quickly.

Performances on Friday and Saturday nights begin at 8 pm, with the Sunday matinee beginning at 2 pm. Performances will last approximately 3 hours, including one 20-minute intermission. All ticket holders are welcome to attend the free pre-performance lecture, one hour prior to each curtain.

Ticket prices are \$25, \$55, \$75, \$110 and \$130, respectively. Purchase online through operacleveland.org, by phone at 216.241.6000, or at the State Theatre box office, 1519 Euclid Avenue. Discounts for groups of 10 or more are available by calling 216.575.0903, ext. 250. *Falstaff* will be sung in Italian with projected English surtitles.

THE ARTISTS



Gaetan Laperriere
Falstaff



Caitlyn Lynch
Alice Ford



Anya Matanovic
Nannetta



**Victor Ryan
Robertson**
Fenton



Fenlon Lamb
Meg Page



Melissa Parks
Mistress Quickly



Timothy Culver
Dr. Caius



Peter Kazaras
Director



Dean Williamson
Conductor